

October 8, 2017

## Real Life News & Notes

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*



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## Our Gathering Today



### **Feeding on the Word!**

**We are back in Dr. Luke's account of the Gospel this morning.** I have always been fascinated by the Temptation of Jesus. There is so much to think about and consider here. We will unpack the text and see how we might grow and be encouraged by this hugely significant event in Jesus's life. *See you in chapter 4 in a little while!*

**\*\* John Cooper** will preach next Sunday and let us know some of the mission efforts he has been busy with. Thanks John! (Ann and I will be attending a *Marriage Strong* facilitator's training in CA next weekend)

### **Welcome Guests!**

Thank you for being with us this morning!  
**(Please help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts.)**

May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30.

**\*\*View our web site at [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and Face Book page *Church of Christ of Grand Junction* to discover a little more about us.**

### **Friendly Family Reminders:**

- Sign up for a **LIFE group** today!! Lists are in the lobby and on the wall near the kitchen.

- **Ask not, "What can this church do for me, but what can I do for this church?"**

- **"Be strong and courageous and do not be afraid, for the Lord God goes with you and will never forsake you."** - Deuteronomy 31:6

**Love One Another!**

Memory Verse For October— Genesis 1:31

God saw all that He had made and it was very good.



## Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

### **Blame**

Adam was the first: ***"Your fault God. This woman you gave me, she told me to eat the fruit..."***

We start early in life assigning blame, "passing the buck," avoiding responsibility. And, when disaster occurs it's not long before people point an accusing finger heavenward and blame God too.

God is not a cruel cosmic puppeteer jerking us around with pain and suffering. Bad things happen for at least two reasons: We live in a fallen world (our fault) and we make sinful choices (our fault) that have consequences. Humans messed up God's perfect creation and my sin, your sin, our sin, perpetuates the heinous problem with every selfish choice we make; and we make those destructive choices knowing better. **Blaming** may give outlet to our frustration but it is and always has been unproductive.

Christians can help alter the counter-productive dynamic of **blame** by loving God enough to trust him with our sin and other's sin. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). We cast **blame** because we are afraid. We point fingers hoping to avoid responsibility. We accuse, afraid someone will get away with something as if God is napping and needs our help to locate all the culprits. Because of Jesus we need not fear God or feel compelled to **blame** others. **Blame** is an emotional reaction that stifles growth and undermines our trust in God.

Perhaps practicing the lost art of **confessing our sins to each other** (James 5:16) would diminish our desire to **blame**. Confession is the enemy of **blame**. What kind of world would it be if we made it our humble habit to honestly declare, ***"That was my fault. I am so sorry. Please forgive me!"***

I don't know about you but despite the fleeting buzz gained by **blaming** it usually leaves me feeling tainted and hypocritical. Even if my finger gets pointed in the proper direction it leaves me empty and convicted because I know three other fingers are pointing back at me. It would have been very easy for Jesus to assign **blame**. He was always innocent. He was always right. He was perfect! Instead, the *Suffering Servant* took our **blame** and then responded by granting mercy, healing, and compassion.

**"Blame"** wars against the soul, divides people, harms relationships, reveals our pettiness, perpetuates fear, consumes precious time, promotes irresponsibility and does little or nothing to address the real problem.

May *"Christ in us the hope of glory"* compel us to **blame less** and **trust more** knowing because of Jesus' blood we are **blameless**. Despite the madness, chaos, suffering and **blame** all around may God's love and power prompt in us a changed heart, a renewed humility, and a disposition of grace realizing death and destruction are not king, **Jesus Christ the risen Lord is King!**

***"In this world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."*** - Jesus

## YOUTH NEWS

This Sunday – Huddle at the Tourney's. Chuck and Bobbi live at 260 W. Danbury Ct. - GJ 81503. Plans are to be outside so bring a lawn chair and a jacket but they will provide everything else. Invite a friend and come for a devo, dinner, and fun!

October 15<sup>th</sup> – MS Hangout and **MS Corn Maze trip**. We will go through the regular (non-scary) corn maze this night. This is not exclusive to middle-schoolers. Anyone who doesn't want to go through the scary corn maze should come this night. We will arrive at 5pm and if you're at the DeLong's for the MS Hangout, you can ride in the van. The cost is \$10, but if we can get a group rate it may be a little cheaper. You may also want to bring extra money for concessions. We will return to the church building by 8:30.

October 26<sup>th</sup> – Mystery Event. Since our Weekend mystery trip was cancelled, we will have a one-night Mystery Event at the Church building. Time is to be announced.

**"Marriage Strong" Life Group:**

One of our Life Groups this year will be dedicated to strengthening marriages. It will be led by Doug and Ann Clayton who are trained certified facilitators in a program called Marriage Strong. If you desire to make your struggling marriage strong or your strong marriage even stronger then we invite you to become part of this Life Group.

In this Marriage Strong group we will learn constructive ways to manage conflict, establishing boundaries, how to affect positive change in relationships, how to break free from problematic communication patterns, how personality differences and spiritual gifts play into marriage, how to appreciate and maximize "us-ness" in service for God and others.

This nine-week curriculum is designed ideally for four couples so that an environment is created where couples feel safe interacting, sharing, supporting and encouraging one another. The first meeting of this group will be *Sunday, October 29th, 6 pm at Doug and Ann's home.*

Please sign up on the Life-Group sheet in the foyer if you want to be a part of this group. If more than four couples are interested a new group will begin once the first one is completed.

**Farewell For Now**

Dee Hawkinson has resigned from his job at Nissan and Jennifer has retired after 34 years with Walmart in order to become house parents for boys living at the Central Texas Children's Home in Buda, TX (south of Austin). What an opportunity for them! Today will be their last Sunday with us, so bid them farewell and God's blessings on their new work for Him.

**Life Groups**

**5 NEW LIFE GROUPS** start tonight. Sign up sheets are in the foyer and on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall if have not already picked your group.

**Baby Shower**

Christina Terraglia Lucero will be having a baby shower today at 3 pm. Contact Beth Smith or Lydia Zobel (9706924137) for more details.

**Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat**

The Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 29th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm here at the building. Please consider participating in this event, which is open to everyone in the community. We had a great turnout last year and would like more "Trunks" this year! More details will follow, but if there are any questions, please contact Stephanie Cooper, Breanna Yeager or Deb Carol. And start thinking of ideas for your vehicle!

**Dinners For Eight**

Sign up sheets for Dinners For Eight are in foyer and Fellowship Hall. Come and get acquainted. There is no age limit. See Darlene REttig—523-1289

Please put the following in your daily prayers this week. thank You for lifting them up to God. Your prayers are needed and much appreciated. God Bless!

Pray for Debbie Christensen, niece of Bill Tidwell, as she faces very serious health issues.  
Pray for the family of Bob Groot, who passed away this week...for comfort and peace .  
Pray for Ted Carver who is having some health issues. Pray for comfort and healing for him.  
Pray for Howard Camp, (Bo's dad) who has cancer. Pray for healing and comfort.  
Pray for Dee and Jennifer Hawkinson as they leave us to move to Texas to be house parents at a Boy's School  
Pray for the family of LouAnn Moore, who passed away last week. Her husband , Randy , their children and Ken and Jan Cox ,( she is their daughter in law. ) Pray for peace and comfort for them all.

Barb Akers surgery went well . Pray for her healing and comfort.

Pray for the victims and families of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. Pray for healing for all the wounded and for comfort for those families who lost loved ones.  
Continue to pray for those in the paths of the storms and for those that are there to help in these areas. Pray for comfort and strength for them to do the things that are needed to be done in the after math.

Pray for our president and those in his cabinet...Pray for wisdom and guidance from above for him as he deals with all the things that he has to deal with recently. Pray for decisions to be made that will be within God's will and will be in the country's best interest.

Continued prayers for those with ongoing issues. Some are doing better, but still need prayer, others are battling various health issues and need our prayers for healing and comfort. And of course for their families.

Tom and Robin English  
Dale Pirtle..cancer  
Frank Palmisano cancer  
Verlyn and Theresa Mathews cancer/other health issues  
Ron Wilson needs kidney transplant  
Shane Briggs leukemia  
Randy Brebec needs kidney transplant  
Linda Klassan cancer  
David leukemia  
Scott Hendricks still undiagnosed  
Sheila Riley (Scotts aunt) Lupis  
Bob Tucker cancer  
Cathy Kiteman..undiagnosed yet

Prayers of Thanksgiving to our loving and merciful Father who has answered so many prayers for us and who blesses us in so many ways every day.

**Huddles**

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> **October 22** - at the Flemings'

> **November 12** - at the Franklins'

> **December 10** - at Kolby Turner's



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## For the Record

October 1, 2017, 2017

Attendance	236
Weekly Contributions 10/1/17	\$8,090.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,649.50
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in October

Dave Bussert  
Santiago Carol  
Shawn Collazo  
Ben Copley  
Gary Davis  
Robert Davis  
Scott DeLancey  
Charlie DeLong

## Communion Preparation—October

Dielle Norton & Daughters

## Communion Table 10/8/17

Doyle Bradley

## Announcements—October

Ron Wilson

## Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Bob Heath	Auditorium
None	103
Michael Applebee	207
Sara Tourney, Facilitator for College/Young Adult	213

## Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway, Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Library

## Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2	Nursery
2 & 4 Year Old	104
Pre KK, Kindergarten	205
1st & 2nd Grade	209
3rd thru 5th Grade	208
Middle School	213
High School	203

## Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 5 yr. old	104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	205
1st thru 5th Grade	208
All teens meet in	203

## Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays

Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes Begin at 9 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Fellowship Time 9:45 AM—10:15 AM**  
**Sunday Morning Assembly Begins at 10:15 AM**  
**Sunday Evening Class begins at 6 PM In Fellowship Hall**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM**