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# Real Life News & Notes

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

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## **Greetings From Connecticut!**

As I write this it is Wednesday morning and I am in Monroe, Connecticut. Perhaps you will recall that I have been here doing a seminar on evidences for the existence of God for the church in Trumbull. We had 109 in attendance on Sunday morning and around 60 or 70 on Monday and Tuesday nights. I have been very grateful for the good attendance and humbled by the appreciation expressed by those attending. It has been surprising at how much people are appreciating seeing evidence for their faith. Tonight is the last night and I speak on "The Historicity and Divinity" of Jesus of Nazareth.

As a side note, where I stay is only a few miles from Newtown, Connecticut where 26 grade school children were killed by a gunman about one year ago. I can't help but think about how people become when God is not a part of their lives. Faith in God helps us deal with this life and the many difficulties we face. I began the seminar on Sunday with three questions: 1. What are the three most difficult problems/situations/issues you are presently facing in life? 2. How might greater faith help you cope with or be victorious over these problems? 3. How can we come to a greater faith?

Growing in our faith takes effort. I am grateful to you all in Grand Junction for supporting me in our "outreach" ministry. The church here in Trumbull, Connecticut is grateful to you for allowing me to be here and help them. I am grateful to our elders for encouraging me in this aspect of our efforts to evangelize the world. Lord willing I will be home when you read this (Sunday), and then preach in Gunnison next Sunday. On October 29, Lord willing I will depart for Guam to continue our support of that church. Please pray for my preparation, travel and mission efforts on Guam which will keep me there through November 19. It is hard to be gone so much but good to know we are helping spread the "Good News" throughout the world.

God bless and thank you, John Cooper

## **Youth News**

**No huddle tonight:** Spend tonight with your precious families!

**High school lunch today:** Cafe Rio? Yum.

**Pit on Wednesday:** Only three weeks until we head into the high school room for our Wednesday night worship. Join us outside in the pit at 7pm for delicious food and fellowship and a devo!

**High school retreat:** November 15-17! It will be a fun and challenging weekend, and you won't want to miss it! Mark those calendars!

**Memory Verse For October—James 5:16**

**The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**

### Our Gathering Today

**Sermon:** Today we will begin a mini-series entitled "**Battle Ready!**" It will be based on Paul's encouragement to the Ephesian Christians regarding armor in the spiritual warfare in which we are engaged. Bring your Bibles, note pads and a friend!

**"New to our Family" class:** Trying to project the best time around the upcoming holidays let's pencil in **Saturday December 14th (8:30-noon)** for our New members Orientation class. I will put out a sign up sheet soon. If you are new to our church family in the past 18 months, or you feel a little out of touch or like a perpetual visitor feel free to join us! For a preview of the class check out our Church Orientation page on our website ([grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org)). Click on the link "About" then "What we believe."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Singapore Mission Trip

Doug Clayton is going on a mission trip to Singapore next February to help Brandi and Penny Kendall at the Sunset International Bible Institute. It is calculated that the trip will require a \$4,000.00 budget for airfare, meals and lodging for a 14 day mission. During his stay, Doug will be teaching 40 hours a week. Anyone who would like to help Doug financially with this trip can do so by placing a check in the collection plate on Sunday morning during the coming months and designating it for Doug Clayton - Singapore. Thanks to all who gave enough for him to go ahead and purchase his plane ticket.

### Eye Glasses For India

Chester Ault is going back to India in December. He is collecting used prescription eyeglasses for the widows, orphans and less fortunate people who cannot afford them. He made arrangements with an optometrist who will fit the glasses without charge to the recipients. Please give Robin English your eyeglass donations. Chester will be here in November to give us an update on his mission work and to collect the glasses. Thank you! And God bless you for your kindness.

### Clothing Drive

Our clothing drive dates are fast approaching. The dates for collecting are October 14—October 25. The dates for give-away are October 31—November 2. Again this year, we are going to need lots of help to get this great ministry accomplished.

In addition, Mike Hurd is in charge of "set-up" for the clothing drive and he is asking for lots of help. If set-up is not yet complete we will finish today right after morning assembly.

### Ladies Luncheon

"Ladies, mark your calendars for November 9 from 10 am to 2 pm for a luncheon and fellowship time here at the building. We will be having fun and getting to know each other better. No one will have to cook for this luncheon and you won't need to bring anything. It may be your last chance before the holidays to relax and enjoy a meal without having to do the work yourself! Come and you may learn a trick or two to help you survive the Holidays! There is a sign up list in the foyer so that we will know how many to plan for. Contact Karen Wade or Sara Tourney if you have questions."

### Trunk or Treat

We will have a trunk or treat for the very young children on Wednesday evening October 30 7:15—8 PM in the parking lot. John Akers has agreed to be coordinator of this event. See him for details.

### English Class to Begin

Lucas Matthews will hold basic English classes from 7—8 PM on October 22, October 29 and November 5 in the auditorium. This class will be geared toward communicating with 911 and basic, helpful English phrases. If you know of anyone who would be interested, encourage them to attend. Language barriers contribute to many misunderstandings with 911 & law enforcement and could be a matter of life & death. See Lucas for more details.

### Special Contribution for Eastern European Mission

A very big thank you to those who contributed toward placing bibles in the Ukrainian schools through EEM. We collected a whopping \$4,066.00 for that mission in last Sunday's special contribution with donations still coming in. Thank you! What a blessing it is to be able to provide the gospel to children who perhaps have never heard it.

### Ladies Class

Due to the clothing drive, the Wednesday night Ladies Class which ordinarily meets in 103, will be meeting in the auditorium with that adult class for the next 3 weeks.

### Health Care Seminar

A free informative seminar, on the Affordable Health Care Act, is planned for October 16th here at the church building. Lon Wilkinson and Debbie Jones, from American National Insurance Company and Rocky Mountain Agency, will explain the new health care system and how it effects you and your family. They will answer questions and help you navigate the changes that are coming. No matter if you agree or disagree with this healthcare reform you need to be educated as to how it effects you.

The times, on October 16th, will be 2:30 to 3:30 PM and 5:45 to 6:45 PM. Be here if you can so you can make better decisions

Please remember the following in your daily prayers.

RICHARD SISCO....His knee replacement surgery went well. Prayers of thanksgiving and continue to pray for a complete and rapid recovery.

RICH MENDENHALL....he is going to Denver for more tests this Thurs. to determine the cause of the problems he is having. He has apparently had a heart attack and a TIA sometime in the past and is experiencing several symptoms. Pray the tests will give them a diagnosis, so he can receive proper treatment.

GARY WALLACE, friend of Jan Nelson....has extensive brain cancer. Pray for comfort and peace for him. GAVIN

WHITROCK.... Late stage cancer,

MARGIE DAVIS... cancer...pray for continued improvement and the tumors to continue to shrink.

JOE WADDELL....(Smith/Briggs neighbor) pancreatic cancer , under hospice care, pray for comfort and peace for him and his family.

EARL DUBOSE...(Shelda Briggs father) progressive neurological disease Under hospice care. Pray for comfort and peace for him and his family

AMBER...Vickie Downey's niece... breast cancer, pray for the treatments to be successful. (She has four children who need their mom)

ALLEN TURNER...thank God for the answers to prayers for his health issues. Pray for continued improvement for him.

VINCENT PARRA... osteosarcoma.Pray for our church family and our leadership that we may do the Lord's will in all things and bring many to Christ.

Pray for missionaries around the world...for safety, guidance and protection...that God's word may reach many.

BRENDA AUSTIN – She will be caregiver temporarily for a 100 year old lady of a friend. Ask God to give her strength and guidance to provide the best of care under these stressful conditions.

Continue to pray for the military and families

Pray for our nation and the leadership, that God's will is done in all things...and we may live quiet and peaceful lives now and in the future. Pray for us to stay faithful (regardless of the chaos around us ) to God, who sustains us.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for answered prayers

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."  
James 5:16 NKJV

### Inheritance

If you're like me when you hear the word "inheritance" you probably think of gifts, money, and an estate left by someone who has died. In Ephesians 5 Paul writes: **"For of this you can be sure, no immoral, impure, greedy person, or idolater has any inheritance in the kingdom of God."** (:5)

If, as we often do, interpret Kingdom of "God" or "Heaven," only as that place of reward after death then we have a bit of a problem: All of us to some degree make choices that are immoral, impure, greedy and occasionally worship at the altar of various idols. If you interpret "Kingdom of God" as "Heavenly reward" then we are all condemned and risk receiving no inheritance at all. However, if we think about **"inheritance" and "kingdom of heaven"** in a broader way, a living way, it takes on an entirely different and practical meaning. *Stay with me now...*

God having already died for us **activated** His Estate, allowing us to possess and enjoy it right now. I am suggesting that the **inheritance** in the kingdom of God about which the apostle Paul is speaking in most places in Scripture is not that post-resurrection "Heaven" at all but instead the already activated inheritance that benefits and blesses us as we live in His kingdom on earth right now! God consistently reminds us that He made us meticulously and wonderfully with the capacity to fully enjoy his inheritance gifts while living the "abundant life" as his children on this side of eternity (John 10:10).

I believe Paul is saying that our sinful choices inhibit our inheritance... in this life. Because God made us to be fully and completely human (like Jesus who perfected being "human") He knows our impure, selfish and idolatrous choices limit us from accessing and enjoying the vast and wonderful storehouse of God's intended blessings for us in this life. A central part of the inheritance God died to leave us is joy, peace, love, and hope. How many people do you know (including Christians) who when immoral, self-centered and bowing down to idols possess joy, peace, love and hope to their fullest degree? When we choose to live like the world we discard our Father's daily inheritance and fail to benefit and receive the very blessings God has died to give us right now.

"Inheritance" is not simply about waiting for Heaven's reward. That deistic view too narrowly limits what God has done and is doing right now as he actively penetrates our world. It's much more about daily receiving and fully enjoying the benefits of God's sacrifice **while rightful heirs on earth**. The truth of this text is the inheritance, blessings, and gifts are ours to enjoy **now** as a result of the death and resurrection of Christ.

**Live fully and completely now in true joy, deep peace, abiding love, and steadfast hope while exploring all the other astonishing treasures available to us in this life as rich heirs of our heavenly Father!**



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### For the Record

Oct. 6, 2013

Attendance	217
Average Attendance, 3rd. qtr.	265
Contributions	\$8,175.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

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

Wes Yeager  
Hunt Zumwalt  
Robert Allen  
Karl Antwine  
Jeremy Antwine  
Jerry Austin  
Phillip Bagga  
Steve Bagga

### Communion Preparation—October

Carolyn DeBerry

### Communion Table 10/13/13

Jerry Austin

Announcements: Vince Urbina

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

Bill Wade—Auditorium  
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207  
Sign Language Class—Room 103

### Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Bob Heath—Jesus Miracles & Parables—Auditorium  
Shirlene Caraway—(Starts Sept. 18)—103

### Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery  
2 & 3 yr. 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 & 4 yr. old—104  
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205  
3rd thru 5th Grade—208  
All teens meet in—203

## Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

### Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Oct 13	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 5:21-43
Oct 20	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 6:1-6
Oct 27	Bobby Heath, Dane Jennings	Mark 6:7-13

### John 14:27 NIV

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*