

Prayer Requests

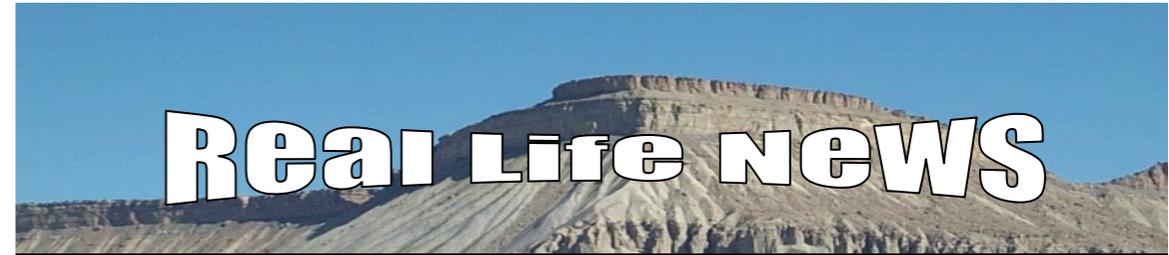
Continued prayers are needed for the health issues of the following and also remember their families.

CHARLES FANT....cancer
 STAN HURD....Heart problems and lymphoma
 MARGE SMITH... Cancer
 ROSIE ELLER...stroke
 JERRY BRANSON...tumor on spleen
 Infant JOJO... injuries from child abuse
 LUCILLE ROBINSON...Sheila reports her mom is doing pretty well and recovering from her surgery. Continue to pray for her.
 TONY CLAYTON Had throat surgery last week. Everything went well and he is now at home recovering. Thank God! AMBER (BRIGGS) WITTEWER -surgery on her wrist and arm.
 Darlene Rettig has asked for prayers for her friends daughter who was in an automobile accident a few days back. She is still having trouble with bleeding. (her daughter was killed in the accident) Pray for her physical recovery and for comfort in the loss of her daughter.
 LORI WISE...her family have asked Peg Sisco for prayers for her...she has end stage cirrhosis of the liver. Her friend has asked for prayers to help him find a job also. Pray for all concerned in this family.
 SUE LUNGU, she is in hospice care in Las Vegas with 4th stage cancer of the liver. Pray not only for her physical needs but for her to come to know the Lord and to mend relationships with her family before it is eternally too late.
 LARRY BALL Had cauterization of bleeding ulcers and is doing very well. At this time he is still in the hospital.
 JANET (MOORE) AND KEN COX...both are having health problems right now... pray for Janet's heart problems to be resolved and for Ker's biopsy surgery on a growth in his arm pit to go well and the results not show any malignancy.
 MIKE VERMAN...friend of Melody Haight. He is in the burn unit in Salt Lake hospital with 2nd and 3rd degree burns on face and hands from a fire in his trailer. Pray for his recovery and comfort.
 Pray for the success of our upcoming clothing drive/give away. Pray for not only that we will be able help those in need of clothing for their bodies, but those in need of Jesus for their spiritual clothing. Pray we will be examples of God's love to those who come for clothes that they will see Jesus working in and through us and want to know Him better.
 NORMA HERIMAN—Suffered a fall breaking two bones in her ankle. She underwent surgery last week and will be staying at the home of Rick & Jill Wilkins to recover.

Announcements

The annual Clothing Drive Collection begins tomorrow and ends on October 28 with the Giveaway on November 3rd, 4th, & 5th. It takes many workers to fold, sort, greet, prepare lunch for those who work all day, setting up racks, moving chairs, putting up signs, advertising, removing trash and a number of other duties. Any amount of your time that you can spare will be so helpful in this effort. If you can only come in the evening or help for an hour or two, please sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall.

There is a new sign-up sheet for helpers in the nursery for the months of November, December and January. An adult and one helper are needed each Sunday. Please sign up and be blessed.



October 16, 2011 **The church of Christ of Grand Junction**

Fighting the Cold!

Well, winter time will soon be here and it can often get quite cold outside! It makes getting out and going places more of a challenge. Sometimes when it is really cold I just want to stay at home, get a fire going, get under a blanket, read a book or, if I can find anything decent on, watch TV.

There is another type of “cold” that can invade our lives and is even more dangerous. In Matthew 24 Jesus spoke of ominous and difficult times that would face believers. Jesus said, “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,” (Matthew 24:12) I’m not sure exactly what all that means but it seems linked also to something He mentioned earlier, “At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other” (Matthew 24:10). Difficult times can cause people to lose their faith and have their love grow cold.

How can we fight the cold?

1. Prepare for it. Know that cold and difficult times will come to all believers. Do everything possible to build a strong faith now. Read and pray daily. Attend assemblies religiously. “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25).

2. Huddle together. Closeness brings warmth. Call people, visit others, share your fears and struggles so others can help you and you can help others. “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7)

3. Pray for God’s warming love and presence. Do things in your life to get closer to Him. James says “Come near to God and he will come near to you” (James 4:8).

Let’s warm each other with the warmth of God’s love,

John Cooper

Memory Verse for October: Romans 8:31

“If God is for us who is against us”

<p><u>Military</u></p> <p>Eric Callahan—Colorado Springs, CO Josh Watson— El Paso, TX Alan Higgins—San Diego Paul Simpson—Louisiana Evan Jacobus—Ft. Leonard Wood, MO Tyler Morgan—Ft. Mitchell, AL Michael Keller—Japan Shiloh W. Briggs—Germany Adam Lucero—Alaska Cpl. Kyle Beaver—Afghanistan Brent Williams—Afghanistan Krystyna Locke—Sitka, AK Dana Michelle Diaz—Cherry Point NC Corey Deister—Colorado Springs, CO Timothy Karcher—Texas BMC Zac Zumwalt—Portland, OR Joseph Murtaugh—N. Carolina Dakota Stewart—Afghanistan Matthew Coonts—Colorado Patrick Higgins—Kansas Tyler Hall— Illinois</p>	<p><u>October</u></p> <p>Donut Duty— Volunteers Building Lock-up— Ted Reaves</p> <p><u>Greeters</u></p> <p><u>October—</u></p> <p><u>Communion Preparation</u></p> <p><u>October—Carolyn DeBerry</u> <u>November—Robert & Beth Allen</u> <u>December—Jan Nelson, Amey Collazo</u></p>	<p><u>Shut-Ins</u></p> <p>Marilyn Johnson—The Atrium Velma Belt—Mesa View Arlene Rowles—The Fountains Dorothy Ball—The Fountains Selma Allman—At Home Oneita Higgins—Grand Villa Inez Butts—At Home Irma Gerrish—At Home Doris Crowe—Living with Brian & Sherry Phil Trusheim—At Home Ruby Morrill—At Home Edith Wilson—The Fountains Earl Babb—Mesa View E. Y & Cecelia Massey—At Home Betsey Brown—At Home Leona Widener—LaVilla Grande Hannah Reeves—At Home Thelma Watson—LaVilla Grande Ann Willis—Aspen Ridge Alzheimers Care</p>
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Leadership	Order of Worship
<u>Elders & Wives</u>	<u>Children's Memory Verse - Lucas Matthews</u>
Dave & Glenda Scheuerman Tom & Kathy Deister Jerry & Brenda Austin Eddie & Vicky Tinkle Tony & Nancy Clayton Chuck & Bobbi Tourney Bryan & Sherry Crowe John & Holly Cooper Frank & Stacey Lucero Rick & Jill Wilkins Mike & Pam Hurd Dane & Roseanne Jennings	<u>Announcements : Karl Antwine</u>
<u>Ministers & Wives</u>	<u>Song Leader—Mike Hurd</u>
Pulpit-John & Holly Cooper Youth-Doug & Ann Clayton Visitation-Hunt & Myrna Zumwalt	<u>Shepherd's Moment—Mike Hurd</u>
<u>Deacons</u>	Songs & Scripture to be announced.
Robert Allen— <i>Family</i> Dean Blanck - <i>Missions</i> Lonnie DeLancey— <i>Benevolence</i> David Downey— <i>Finance/Women's</i> Dwight Erickson— <i>Sound</i> Scott Ferguson - <i>Young Families</i> Curtis Fleming - <i>Youth</i> Kit Hatfield - <i>Young Families</i> Bobby Heath— <i>Youth</i> Mike Hughes— <i>Missions</i> Daran Mahoney— <i>Children's Church</i> Craig Roberts— <i>Bldg. & Grnds.</i> Richard Sisco— <i>Greeters</i>	<u>Communion Offering</u>
	<u>Dismiss to Children's Worship</u>
	<u>Sermon—Giving On Purpose</u>
	<u>John Cooper</u>
	<u>Invitation</u>
	<u>Close</u>

Youth Section	Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in October
<u>Huddle:</u> at the Heath's 6pm tonight. MS bring drinks . HS bring desserts .	Verlyn Mathews John Matthews Lucas Matthews Dan Meyer Richard Moore Steve Neff Eric Pennal Ted Reaves
<u>Just take it! Another Africa Story</u>	<u>Announcements</u>
The day before I left Rwanda to fly home, Marty Koonce and I were driving along when he turns and says: "Doug, if I pay you a compliment can you just take it without returning one?" I paused... "Yeah, I think I can do that." So, Marty proceeded to say some very nice things about me. I thanked him (See, I told you I could do it). We continued driving. Alas, I was only able to sit briefly before I said something nice back to him. We laughed. I apologized for returning the compliment and tried to excuse myself saying, "Marty, come on, I waited at least 5 minutes before saying anything nice back to you and I am about to leave and I don't like airport goodbyes anyway so....!" I admit, I thought I could do it (for longer than 5 minutes or whatever the statute of limitations is on that).	<u>October</u> —Karl Antwine <u>November</u> —Vince Urbina <u>December</u> —Ron Wilson <u>January</u> —Curtis Fleming
So, the question: Why is it so hard for most of us to receive a compliment without returning the favor? I am not certain but let me take a crack at it.	<u>For the Record</u>
Perhaps we feel unworthy, as if despite our good conduct, the person complimenting us really doesn't know the person we are inside, so we deflect the kind words feeling we are undeserving.	<u>Oct. 9, 2011</u>
Perhaps we are fighting off pride or the appearance of arrogance when we return the compliment. In other words, if I just sit there and take the compliment and say <i>Thank you</i> , it sounds a bit like, " <i>Well, I am glad you finally noticed how good I am and thank you for saying so...</i> "	Attendance 241
Or, maybe we are so "works" conditioned that we cannot accept the free gift of grace as it comes through a compliment, deserving or not.	Average Attendance, 3rd qtr. 244
This episode made me wonder if Jesus ever received a compliment from any person on earth. I cannot think of one off hand and I am not going to re-read the entire New Testament right now to find out (there is a publishing deadline here). If He did, how did Jesus respond? Or, did He say anything at all? I do recall his Father paying him a compliment of sorts after his baptism: "This is my beloved son in who I am very pleased." I don't recall Jesus responding, "Thanks Abba, you're just being nice and you're pretty cool too BTW!"	Average Children's Church 20
What does all this mean? For me it is a lesson in humility, grace, gratitude, listening without always needing to respond, and a lot of other Spirit fruits that God is trying to get us to pay attention to each day as we live and interact in His kingdom. Ponder the challenge... - Doug	Regular Contributions \$5,513.86
	Special Giving \$706.00
	Earmarked \$6,096.62
	Fixed Expenses \$6,689.12
	Budget \$6,689.12
	<u>Nursery Assignments</u>
	Attended nursery is available for young children
	Oct. 16—C. Mahoney, K. Heath
	Oct. 23—Rose & Beth Jennings