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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word

Acts 15 Conclusion: Last week we studied the **Problem and the Meeting** to resolve it. Today we consider the 4 recommendations from the Jerusalem leaders to the Antioch church and their reaction. In this list there are some timely reminders about considering one another, deferring to one another and deciding that being united in Jesus Christ for a greater cause and the good of the kingdom far outweighs any differences, even long held deep convictions, church members might have. **See you in Acts 15 in a few minutes!**

Welcome Guests!

May you be fed and encouraged by our gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. Please stay around and let us get to know you a little better.

View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Sound advice!

During this election cycle let's remember who we are and Whose we are and not give in to the temptation to place our hope and trust in the kingdoms of men instead of our Sovereign God:

"Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. "

Phillipians 3:17-21

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For October: Hebrews 11:6

"He rewards those who earnestly seek him."

To Russia With Love!

On Wednesday of this week, Lord willing, I will depart for a mission trip to Russia. Thursday afternoon after a short layover in Munich, Germany on Thursday morning, I hope to arrive safely in Moscow where I will be visiting with friends from years ago, Lena Saluserva and Asya Pomerantes. Both of these women were interpreters for me years ago in Yekaterinburg. After spending Friday with them I will depart on Saturday for Yekaterinburg. Yekaterinburg is 1,000 miles east of Moscow near the Ural Mountains and where Siberia begins. This is the city where I helped in establishing a congregation in 1992 and returned to help this church 17 times over the following 15 years. This will be my first trip back in almost ten years. I am sure a lot has changed.

Beginning on Sunday, October 23 I will be working with the church that Dennis Podryadchikov and his wife Natasha are ministering to. During that week I will be speaking in several of the "house churches" that they have established. They have asked me to speak about Godly Marriages to the couples in their churches and to speak to their teens about reasons for Faith in God.

On Friday, October 30, we will travel to Cheliabinsk about four hours south of Yekaterinburg. The church there has asked me to speak on "Christian Evidences". After spending several days there we hope to return to Yekaterinburg and then I plan on preaching on Sunday, November 6 in Degtarysk, a community about 40 miles west of Yekaterinburg.

I ask for your prayers as going to Russia is always an interesting and challenging experience. Thank you to all of you who support these trips with your finances and your prayers. These outreach efforts would not be possible if it were not for loyal and generous supporters like you. Thanks to our shepherds who allow me to go to these faraway places and share God's love and the Good News with these precious people.

Not so far away and not so long ago Holly and I traveled to Newport, Vermont two Sundays ago where I did a seminar for the church there on "Overcoming Discouragement". They were very appreciative and have asked me to come back sometime and do a seminar on Christian Evidences. Many in Vermont, according to them, are very skeptical concerning Christianity and leaning towards atheism.

Today, I am preaching for the church in Delta. They have often told me to tell you how grateful they are for the help we give them. Your goodness and generosity is felt in many places. In January of next year the church on Guam and Saipan have asked me to return. In April the church in Aviano, Italy has asked me to return there. May God guide and bless us in all of our outreach efforts.

Ready to go as He sends, John Cooper

Introducing... Our NEW Youth Minister

We are excited to announce that Charlie DeLong has accepted our youth minister job. He, along with his wife, Kristen, and daughter, Oakley, will join us in December (or at least by January 2017). The search committee would like to thank everyone for their prayers and input in this process. Please continue to keep Charlie and his family in your prayers as they make the transition.

Operation Christmas Child

"**Operation Christmas Child**, the shoebox drive to collect boxes of toys and goodies for children in need all around the world, is in full swing for the 2016 season. Grab a brochure after services on Sunday the 16th; it has all the information you'll need! Last year as a congregation, we collected around 30 boxes; this year, we have a goal of collecting **100 BOXES!!** Let's work together to achieve this goal. This is a great way to give to those in need, while also spreading the good news of Jesus around the world. The collection date for the shoeboxes will be Sunday, November 13th. See Sherry Bradley or Jenna Hill for more information."

Homeless Shelter Volunteers Needed

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, this is it! Beginning with the November dinner at Homeward Bound, there is a need for 2 groups to serve. Six people are required for each group. The times to choose from are 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. The days will be the first Monday of the month. If you are able to help in this fulfilling ministry, contact Pam Hurd or Glenda Scheuerman.

We collected \$5,129.00 For European Missions! Thanks to everyone for your generosity.

Ladies Fall Luncheon

Join us for the Ladies Fall Luncheon Saturday October 29, 2016 starting at 10 AM—2 PM.

Speaker: A Time For Everything Under The Sun

There will be food, fun and Fellowship. Help us get to know newcomers. **Sign up sheets are in the foyer and fellowship hall.**

Generations Ministry

Today is the last day to sign up for this new ministry that is designed to start bridging the gap between our older members and our youth group (middle and high school). **Any aged** adults interested in sponsoring a youth group member for the school year as a prayer partner, encourager and mentor, please see Lesa Brassette today for a registration form and for further information.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They will dismiss around 3 PM to go for an Open House at the home of Kathy Spoering's Tapestry Art Studio. See Cindy King with questions.

Folding Chairs Missing

We are missing a large number of our folding chairs from the Fellowship Hall. If you have borrowed them, please return them as soon as possible. One of our members will be checking them out next week for a wedding at their home.

Trunk Or Treat

Mark your calendars for October 30th for trunk or treat fun! 5 to 7 PM. More details to come. If you can help organize/bring treats, please see Deb Carol, Bree Yeager, Stephanie Cooper or Becca Ferguson.

Help Wanted

Synergy Marketing is in need of an honest hardworking person to do bookkeeping and some field work. See Joe or Debbie Jones if you are interested.

Pray for Abby Antwine who had surgery this past week. Pray for a quick and complete recovery and for comfort as she heals. Pray for her family also....as they care for her.

Continue to pray for Scott Delancey. He is home now but needs prayers for recovery and lessening of pain.

Pray for comfort for the Franklin family in the loss of Gordon. Also for the family of Ann Willis who also passed away last week.

Continue to pray for Shane Briggs. He is getting through the effects of the last round of chemo and preparing for the next one in a week or so! They are still waiting to hear if there is a donor located yet. Pray for comfort and strength for him and his family. And for a donor to be found that matches.

Continue to pray for Della's friend, David who is also battling leukemia. Pray for the treatments to be successful and for his comfort and strength. And for his family.

Continue to pray for Allen Craig health
Tom and Robin English health issues & Peace
Ron Wilson melanoma
Dick Truitt skin cancer
Geneva Shipp kidney and liver issues
Larry Barksdale Mesothelioma
Jerimy Gadberry..incarcerated
Tyler Johnson incarcerated

Pray for the victims and those giving aid to the victims of the Hurricane and the floods. Pray for God's comfort and strength and for encouragement for them as they try to get their lives back together again.

Give thanksgiving and Praise to the God who loved us and died to give us a chance to spend eternity with Him, for his mercy and grace and answered prayers, for his abiding presence and sustaining power.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles**

October 23 - 6-8 pm at the building with the Sunday night small group! They will feed you and dessert you. Bring drinks if you want. Find out who your GENERATIONS partner is and help make plans for the lock-in.

November 6 - Who wants to host?

See Lesa Brassette to host a huddle!

Corn Maze!

Sunday, October 16, 5-9 pm, Cost is \$5

> Be at the building at 5 to ride in the cara-VAN. We will stop at the Heaths' for hot chocolate on our way back to the building.

Reminder: teens may not drive other kids.

Lock-in

Friday, November 11 through Saturday November 12, we will have an ALL NIGHT lock-in. Ya know, cause you guys are awesome and rocked the Bible class attendance challenge!

More details coming soon.



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For the Record

Oct. 9, 2016

Attendance	294
Weekly Contributions 10/9/16	\$5,295.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,611.25
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in October

Eric Pennal
 Ted Reaves
 Ed Riddle
 Tim Riddle
 Craig Roberts
 Randy Romkee
 Richard Sisco
 Ryan Smith

Communion Preparation—October

Stacey Lucero

Communion Table 10/16/16

Curtis Fleming

Announcements

Sandy Harris

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

Bob Heath-----Auditorium
 Wes Yeager-----103
 Young Adult (Under 30)-----Room 207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper-----Auditorium
 Singing Class-----103

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 for Pre-Schoolers-----9:30 am—12:30 PM
 Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am-----207

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