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## Real Life News & Notes

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



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### Elder of Month

Jerry Austin

## Our Gathering Today



### ***Feeding on the Word ( the sermon)***

**Acts 16:** There are many enriching and encouraging lessons and challenges from this passage. **We find a Jailor, an Earthquake, a question, an answer, a life group and more as we dig into the text this morning.** Join me in Acts 16 in a few minutes and see where it takes you and touches you. Hope you brought your Bibles and an open heart!

### **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](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and Face Book page Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.**

***Guest speaker: Next Sunday, Scott Harris (Sandy and Farrel's son), our missionary in Mozambique will be here and will preach for us. I know he will share words of blessings, challenge and encouragement! Welcome Scott!***

***Transition: Let's keep Charlie, Kristin and Oakley DeLong in our prayers as they plan their move from Idaho to Grand Junction. Charlie will soon take over as our Youth Minister and as we all know relocating and job changes can be quite stressful on families. May God's calm and protection cover them and may His mighty presence lead them every step of the way. No confirmed arrival start date yet. Some time in December we think.***

**Love One Another!**

Memory Verse For October: Hebrews 11:6

**"He rewards those who earnestly seek him."**

## Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

### Yellow

The colors of fall are breathtaking and beautiful. As most of you know I am challenged when it comes to the fine arts. My toddler drawing skills (exaggeration in my favor) are no better than my lack of anything akin to pitch or beat when it comes to music. Yet, I very much appreciate stirring tunes and engaging art, if for no other reason than they remind me of something fond or teach me something rich and rare.

Below is a paraphrased story from Scot McKnight's work, "The Jesus Creed" about the famous Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh (This is the guy who cut off his ear with a shaving razor, put it in a box and mailed it to an estranged lady friend at a brothel. **Note to self:** Don't mess with Dutch artists).

*"Van Gogh was raised in faith but soon turned his back on his Christian upbringing and fell into a life of self-gratification, isolation and depression. Yet, as time passed he began to embrace the spiritual and happier realities of life. Art experts tell the well kept secret that **hope** began to be manifested more and more in the color yellow in Vincent's paintings. Yellows evoked in him the gradually illuminating warmth of God's love. Seen in his famous "**The Starry Night**," there is a yellow sun and yellow swirling stars, as van Gogh, despite depression, was beginning to see God's truth in nature (Tragically, the church is about the only thing in this painting with no trace of yellow.) Though he would sadly revert to depression and die young at his own hand, by the time he painted "**The Raising of Lazarus**" Van Gogh's life was on the mend as he began to accept the truth about the blessed prospects of his potential immortality in Christ. The entire painting is bathed in yellow. In fact, van Gogh put his own face on Lazarus to express his blossoming and growing hope in the Resurrection."*

Yellow, that stunning fall color of our Colorado Aspen leaves is so deep at times it appears golden. God's paint brush tells the story of Van Gogh's life and traces the re-discovery of love and hope in a wayward soul. What a powerful image for each of us on the canvas of nature that shouts "Hope! Redemption!" and reminds us despite our failures and sins we can start over more often than the turning of seasons. Regardless the depressed tones of our past and even the dark images of our present we are empowered with the brightly loaded brush of God's love. As we lean into the warm and welcoming embrace of Jesus we take on more and more of the glowing golden yellow of heaven's light as it reflects new dreams and renewed hope.

Jesus reminds the weary of heart, the depressed, the grieved, the sin stained soul, the confused wanderer, **"I came that you might have life and that you might have it in abundance."** (John 10:10).

We are only prisoners of our past if we choose to be. May we look at our present and our future as that glorious path of warm yellow light guiding us to abundance, hope and joy because of the love and restoration of God's greatest work of art, you!

### 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."

### Scott Harris Visit

Next Sunday we will be blessed with a visit from Scott Harris who is a missionary in Mozambique. Scott will be bringing the sermon on Sunday morning.

**Elder Installation**

Last Sunday two dedicated men, Tom Deister and Curtis Fleming were installed as Elders. They Join Jerry Austin, Bryan Crowe, Tony Clayton, David Scheuerman and Rick Wilkins who have served this congregation selflessly and lovingly for several years. We are fortunate to have godly men such as these willing to lead us. They deserve our loyalty and our love. Keep them all in your prayers and let us commit ourselves to serve them as well as they have served us. May God bless us as we endeavor to carry out His Will for this church.

**Ladies Fall Luncheon.**

Please join us for some food, fun and fellowship on Saturday October 29

Speaker: Ann Clayton

Final day to sign up-Wednesday, October 26.  
Sign up sheets in foyer and fellowship hall.  
Questions, see Glenda Scheuerman, Jenna Hill, Karen Wade

**Sunday Night Generations Ministry Kickoff**

Tonight! 6-8 pm at the building! Two generations (the young and the young at heart) come together for a chili supper and fellowship hosted by Hunt Zumwalt's Life Group. Find out who will be your prayer partner. Teens bring drinks and cookies.

**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.

Please keep the following in your daily prayers. Thank you for lifting these to our Lord. Your prayers are important!

Pray for the Pennal family in the death of Eric's dad. Pray for peace and comfort for them.

Pray for John as he travels to Russia today (Wed) for safety in travel both going and coming home...for safety while he is there and for success in the mission God has sent him there to fulfill. Pray for those he will be visiting that they will have receptive hearts to the message he brings from the Lord. Pray for his family while he is away, he will be gone for 3 weeks.

Pray for the two men and their wives who have just began their service as Elders of our family here. Pray for their wisdom and guidance, and for encouragement in their service to God and us..... Curtis & Keri Fleming and Tom and Kathy Deister.

Pray for Charlie and Kristen DeLong and Oakley as they prepare to move here to be our youth Minister in a couple months or so.

Prayers of thanksgiving that Abby Antwine's surgery went well and she is home. Pray for her continued recovery and comfort and for her family as they care for her.

Continue to pray for these who have ongoing issues and need continuing prayers....

Allen Craig

Della's friend David, who has leukemia

Tom and Robin English....peace and comfort in ongoing health issues

Ron Wilson...melanoma and kidney issues

Dick Truitt... skin cancer

Larry Barksdale..Mesothelioma

Jeremy Gadberry and Tyler Johnson...incarcerated...to get the help needed to overcome the issues in their lives and get their lives on track...and to trust God for help.

Victims of the various natural disasters in many places.

Those who are giving aid to the victims.

Geneva Shipp...kidney and liver issues.

Shane Briggs....leukemia treatments to work, some new issues to be resolved, a matching donor to be found, and that his system will not reject the treatments....comfort and peace for him and his family.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for His matchless, endless, grace that not only has saved us but continues to sustain us. also for His goodness in answering our prayers.

**YOUTH NEWS****Huddles:**

**October 23: 6-8 pm** at the building, hosted by the Sunday night small group. You might get to meet your Generations prayer mentor and we will do some lock-in planning at the end. The group will provide a chili supper. Kids bring drinks and cookies.

**November 6** - 6-8 pm at the Brickers' House  
**November 20** - 6-8 pm at the Brassettes' House

**P i T**

This Wednesday is the last week of PiT. Let's go out with a bang! It's PIZZA night and Zack Fleming will lead the devo!

**Trunk or Treat HELP**

High schoolers have been asked to help with games and trunk judging at the Trunk or Treat on October 30. Please see Stephanie Cooper, Bre Yeager, or Deb Carol if you can help! There's a sign up sheet in the high school room.

**Looking Ahead:**

November 11-12 - Lock-in!

December 16 - Progressive Dinner



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## For the Record

Oct. 16, 2016

Attendance	235
<b>Weekly Contributions 10/16/16</b>	<b>\$4,934.00</b>
<b>Contribution 4 week average</b>	<b>\$6,397.75</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>

## 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 10/23/16

Mark Brassette

## Announcements

Sandy Harris

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

Bob Heath	Auditorium
Wes Yeager	202
Bill Wade	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	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**