



Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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From the "Slammer" to the "Rock"

Yesterday, Tuesday, I was in the "slammer" (local jail) sharing the Gospel with seven inmates. We discussed this month's memory verse here at our church, James 5:16. You might recall that we abbreviated it a bit to "the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." I shared with them my planned mission trip this coming Tuesday to the island of Guam. Some people on Guam have given the island the nickname "the rock." Not sure why, guess it's because it's mostly volcanic rock. I think it might also because it is a small island and some feel imprisoned there.

I mentioned this verse because I was asking them to keep me in their prayers. Likewise, I ask you for your prayers. Some of the things I hope to work on there are as follows:

1. Encouraging the local preacher and his wife, Alex and Brenda Coloma and their two boys. Guam is not an easy mission field and I hope my time there will lift their spirits.
2. Encouraging the church there through teaching, preaching and fellowship. I will be speaking three times all three Sundays I am there and teaching the Wednesday night adult Bible class. Pray that I pick the right topics and share them with love, conviction and joy.
3. Following up with the 7 new members that were baptized during my last visit in March and the three others since that visit. Several have drifted away from their "first love" and we will try and bring them back.
4. Studying the Bible with new prospects that Alex has contacted for my visit. He has me scheduled with someone almost every day.
5. Reach out to the students at the University of Guam. I am expecting to speak with a campus Christian group called "Counter Culture". I spoke with them last time and they want me to come again. They also have some fellow students who have questions about faith in God who they want me to visit with. Presently I have been asked to speak for one class at the University and I will again contact the head of the Philosophy Department Dr. James Sellman. I will also speak again with one of the Philosophy Professors Dr. Curtis Rigsby. Hopefully I will be able to speak to some of their students.
6. I have already been working on the possibility of starting a Police Chaplaincy program for the Guam Police Department. I have been in correspondence with the Governor's Office concerning this.
7. I have asked Navy Commander Doug King to contact the Naval Base Chaplain about the possibility of a marriage seminar in an upcoming trip.
8. Also, I am trying to get together with the youth of the congregation there to strengthen and encourage them. Presently 3 Saturday night gatherings are planned.
9. I will also do several individual marriage counseling sessions with those needing some encouragement and guidance.
10. I hope to meet with the Governor and continue our conversation about evidences for the existence of God.

Please pray often for me and that God will give me the strength, wisdom and health to accomplish as much as possible during my 3 week mission trip. Thank you for your support and love.

In His service, John Cooper

Memory Verse For October—James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: "Battle Ready! God's Armor," We continue in our textual study of Ephesians 6:10-13. Last Sunday we received our Marching Orders to **"Put on the Full Armor of God and Stand!"** Today we begin looking at the Armor God gives us so that we may arm ourselves against the Devil's schemes. Bring your Bibles, note pads, and a friend!

Remember: "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the World." (I John 4:4)

"New to our Family" class: Saturday December 14th (8:30-noon) we will have our inaugural class for **New Members**. Look for a sign up sheet coming soon. If you are fairly new to our church family or looking for a church home this class is for you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies' Luncheon will take place here at the building on November 9 from 10 am to 2 pm. We will be having fun and getting to know each other better. There will be an opportunity to show your creative side or to discover your sister's creative side! No one will have to cook for this luncheon and you won't need to bring anything. 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.

Jack & Loree Curtis Moving

Jack and Loree Curtis have sold their house and are in the process of moving out. They have some furniture items to give away.

1. A full size bedroom set w/queen size bed (mattress optional) a hi-boy, a 3 mirror dresser, head board and side tables.
2. A 84" couch-brown w/leather arms.
3. A coffee table.
4. A round oak dining room table with leaf and 6 chairs.

These items must be out of the house by 5th of November except for the bed which they need for a bit longer. If you have need of any of these items you can make arrangements to get them with Jack or Loree. Even though they are leaving, they will be here until after Thanksgiving.

Sunday Song List—Kit Hatfield, Leader

898 Paradise Valley

Children's memory verse:

Kid's song: I'm in the Lord's Army

Announcements:

Meet & Greet

Songs: The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Light the Fire

959: Just a Little Talk w/ Jesus (1,3) F

827: Sweet Hour of Prayer (1,3) C

Prayer:

Communion song: **Break my Heart**

Communion Talk / Communion –

Dismiss Children

Pre Lesson –

#647 Soldiers of Christ Arise (1,2,3,5)F

#647 Stand up for Jesus (1,2,4)F

Invitation: **470: Victory in Jesus (1,3) F**

Shepherds Moment -

Dismiss

Thank You!

Doug, Dane, John and the rest of our church family,

Thank you so much for all of your thoughtful words, prayers and concern during this difficult time. We appreciate the genuine care and love that you show others. You reflect the love of Christ in all that you do, thank you. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers you sent.

Sincerely,

Kurt, Julie and Gracie Kissner

RICH MENDENHALL.... Continue to pray for him as he prepares for surgery to clear a blocked artery in his neck..on Nov 5. Pray for the surgery to go well and be successful.

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

EARL DUBOSE...(Shelda Briggs father) progressive neurological disease Under hospice care. Pray for comfort and peace for him and his family, as his health continues to deteriorate

AMBER...Vickie Downey’s niece... breast cancer, she will be having surgery soon, pray for it to go well and successfully remove all the cancer.

ALLEN CRAIG-Was released from VA Hospital last week after having some toes amputated because of Diabetes. Pray for his speedy recovery.

Pray for the ministries that our church family are engaged in.

Pray for the clothing giveaway, that it will not only provide clothing for their bodies but also we can help to clothe their souls & lives with Jesus.

Pray they will see Jesus in us and will be open to learning more of Him.

Continue to pray for missionaries around the world...for safety, guidance and protection...that God’s word may reach many.

Pray for John as he travels to his various mission fields.

Continue to pray for the military ..that are on active duty, that they will be safe, both physically, emotionally and spiritually.

And for the returning veterans that they will be able to adjust to civilian life & know God has a plan for them.

Also keep their families in prayers.

Pray for our nation and the leadership.

Pray that God’s will be done in all things.

Pray for guidance for Christians to know His will in their responses to the things that are happening around us.

Give thanksgiving and praise to God for answered prayers

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

Costumes

One of the most colorful and beautiful months lends itself to putting on costumes, a harmless tradition for the most part. It also serves as a venue for spiritual truth, a metaphor of our human condition. Costumes allow us to either pose as someone we are not or mask the one we really are. Disguises not only provide a false sense of identity and a place to hide, but they may reveal who we really want to be. **The truth is, until we become completely and wholly comfortable with Jesus being our only identity we will exhaust ourselves in a never ending dressing room trying to change, adapt, look, and feel like someone we are not, nor meant to be.**

Remember the story of **Beauty and the Beast**, tale as old as time... For some fairy-tale reason the maiden fell for the monster, she kissed it as if it were a man, and then much to her relief it changed into a handsome prince and they lived happily ever after. I heard of another story where someone had to wear a mask in order to make himself appear much nicer and nobler than he really was. He wore this mask for many years and when he finally took it off he discovered his face had molded to fit the mask. He was now handsome and kind. What had started as a disguise had become a reality...something had changed on the inside.

We are born in innocence, uniquely connected to God as our source of identity with a spiritual umbilical cord, completely naked, exposed and unashamed, with no mask. We then soon fall to temptation and the cord is severed. We become consumed in self-absorption and sin and before we realize it we are looking for a costume to make us appear like what we were born to be but what we no longer are.

Then God comes along, re-introduces himself as **Love** and out of gratitude we use the language of a child calling him *Father*, and begin acting like the one whom we obviously are not, his son Jesus. And, in acting like Jesus our story takes a turn for eternal good. We begin to find that even though we do not feel very kind, we act kind. We discover that though we are not very patient, selfless, honest, genuine, fulfilled, or happy that our lives begin to mold to the life mask of Jesus and we gradually expose our new, redeemed face. We soon realize a transformation is taking place, not only on the outside, but deep down in our core, in our heart, and we once again are becoming who we always wanted to be, who we were meant to be. We can now remove the mask. It is no longer needed because the metamorphosis of the life changing power of the Holy Spirit is real in us. **“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).**



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For the Record

Oct. 20,2013

Attendance	219
Average Attendance, 3rd. qtr.	265
Contributions	\$6,953.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

Communion Preparation—October

Carolyn DeBerry

Communion Table 10/27/13

Tom English

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

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 27	Bobby Heath, Sandy Harris	Mark 6:7-13
Nov 3	Chuck Tourney, Bud Treu	Mark 6:14-29
Nov 10	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Mark 6:30-44
Nov 17	Bob Heath, Darren Mahoney	Mark 6:45-56
Nov 24	Paul Delancy, Scott Delancy	Mark 7:6-23
Dec 1	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 7:24-30
Dec 8	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mark 7:31-37
Dec 15	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 8:1-13
Dec 22	Bobby Heath, Matt King	Mark 8:22-26
Dec 29	Jerry Austin, Craig Austin	Mark 8:31-9:1
Jan 5	Chuck Tourney, Bud Treu	Mark 9:2-13
Jan 12	Bill Tidwell, Wes Yeager	Mark 9:14-32
Jan 19	Bob Heath, Darren Mahoney	Mark 9:33-36
Jan 26	Paul Delancy, Scott Delancy	Mark 9:42-50
Feb 2	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mark 10:1-12
Feb 9	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Mark 10:13-16
Feb 16	Scott Ferguson, Dave Scheurman	Mark 10:17-31
Feb 23	Bobby Heath, Matt King	Mark 10:32-45