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## Real Life News & Notes

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



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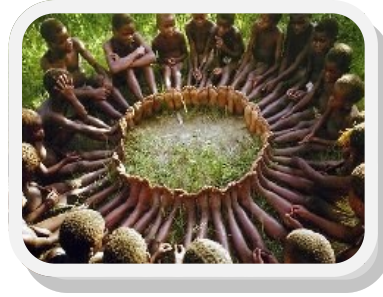
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### Elder of Month

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## Our Gathering Today



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

**Guest Speaker!** This morning we welcome our very own Missionary to Mozambique, Africa, **Scott Harris**. Scott will share some updates from their work as well as report on his family's recent dangerous experience of being robbed at gunpoint in their home. Our prayers and love have been with them for many months as they listen to God in their recovery and move forward from this very traumatic encounter. I know we will be blessed, encouraged and challenged by Scott's message today!

### **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.

**Thank you!** To Stephanie Cooper, Bree Yeager, Deb Cooper and Becca Ferguson who helped organize our **Fall Festival** and **Trunk or Treat this evening**. These are great times of family, fellowship and fun in the name of Jesus. It's always a "treat" to see our little ones all dressed up :-). Hope to see ya here 4—6 pm tonight!

**A Busy Place:** Thank all of you for setting such a wonderful example of cooperation, service and love as we had a lot going on at the church building on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A special thanks to those who brought food and served the Franklin family and friends a tasty meal after **Gordon's funeral** on Friday. Also, heartfelt appreciation for all our ladies who planned, organized and participated the **Ladies Day Luncheon** on Saturday!

**Love One Another!**

Memory Verse For October: Hebrews 11:6

"He rewards those who earnestly seek him."

### From Russia with Love!

Hard to believe I'm now here a half a world away from my home. After struggling with a minor case of jet lag I am feeling somewhat normal.

After spending two nights in Moscow and one day with former interpreters who used to live in Yekaterinburg, I arrived here on Saturday around 3. I spoke that evening on reasons for faith in God beginning at 5.

The next day a carload of us went to Degtarysk. This is the city about 40 miles from here where a small church meets. I spoke there for a good portion of the day on reasons for faith in God, the Bible, and Jesus Christ. In the past our church supported an orphan's home here and the lady who ran that home, Tatiana, came down from a city in Northern Russia 2 hours by plane to see me and to be with the church and her family who still lives there. We had around 25 to 30 people. They were very appreciative.

On Monday the preacher and his wife took me to see a lady who makes costumes for the theater and other special occasions. We talked to her for an hour and a half about problems she was having with her teenage son. We invited her to a church activity the next day. The preacher's wife has been sharing her faith with this lady for several years now.

On Tuesday I spoke to about 15 members of the church and a few visitors on how to have Godly marriages. They were extremely appreciative and it was most encouraging. Several of the people from Degtarysk came to the Tuesday sessions.

Tonight we had a meeting between two House church group leaders that have not had good relations with each other for six years. It went very well and it appears that they will soon begin working together more closely. May God continue to bless their efforts to put hard feelings and disappointments behind them.

Tomorrow afternoon I will be meeting with a group and trying to help them begin a fresh start with other groups they've been estranged from.

Friday we have planned a luncheon with one of the families from The church here. I am spending quite a bit of time with the preacher and his wife in an effort to encourage them.

On Saturday morning I will be visiting one of the church members in the hospital who is dying of cancer. After that we will be heading down for a four hour drive to Chelyabinsk where I will be preaching on Sunday.

Thank you for your prayers and communications. I may not be posting any more pictures on Facebook as a matter of security. If you do communicate with me, please do not mention the reasons for my trip here. Apparently communications are monitored and any evangelistic efforts may be targeted for exposure and expulsion of those found guilty.

It is fairly cold here and there is a little bit of snow on the ground. Haven't seen the sun much for the whole time I've been here. However, faith in the Son of God has bolstered my feelings and the blessings of God on the efforts thus far are an encouragement to me.

Thank you for your prayers and support.  
John Cooper

**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**

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

**Lift Chair**

Betsey Brown needs a lift chair/recliner or someone to fix the motor that died in hers. It's stuck in a reclining position. If you have a chair to donate or sell, contact Sheila Yeager at 245-3693.

**Mountain States Change Cans**

Randy Schow of Mountain States Children's Home will be here soon to pick up the change cans that were distributed earlier in the year. If you have been piggy banking, please be thinking about bringing your collection in to the office for his pick up.

**TIME CHANGE**

Daylight savings time ends on November 6! Mark your calendars to "fall back" to regular time on that date.

Please keep the following requests for prayers in your daily prayer time with God. He hears and answers and those requesting the prayers are thankful and blessed!!

Pray for David Downey ...he is having trouble with blood clots. Pray they will be able to resolve the problems with no ill effects and in a timely fashion. Pray for comfort and peace for him and his family.

Continue to pray for John Cooper as he does the Lord's work in Russia. Pray for his safety and for the success of the tasks that God has sent him there to do....and for His strength and peace and wisdom as he visits the brethren there.

Also continue to pray for those who have ongoing issues and need God's healing and care.

David ...leukemia

Tom and Robin English

Ron Wilson

Dick Truitt, Larry Barksdale....mesotheilioma

Jeremy Gadberry and his family

Tyler Johnson and his family

Geneva Shipp

Shane Briggs. leukemia....they may have found a donor, pray it will be the right one and things will go well so they can proceed with the transplant later next month, and that there will be no rejection

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for always being there for us and for hearing and answering prayers. For His amazing grace and mercy....and abiding presence and love.

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

*Sunday, November 6* - 6 to 8 p.m. at the home of Emily Bricker. Mike and Ann Bricker live at 2988 Kia Drive – GJ 81504. Invite a friend and bring drinks or desserts. Come for dinner, a devotional and great fellowship!

*Sunday, November 20* - at the Brassettes' House

*Sunday, December 4* - Need a host!

Let Lesa Brassette know if you'd like to host a Huddle!

**Other News:**

*Wednesday, November 2* - New video Bible Class Series starts with the Flemings

Lock-In: *Friday, November 11, 6 p.m.* - *Saturday, November 12, 8 a.m.* - See our youth group Facebook page or the church website for info and to register!

Gingerbread House Contest for the Littles: *Sunday, December 11, 3:30 p.m.*

Christmas Progressive Dinner: *Friday, December 16*



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## For the Record

Oct. 23, 2016

Attendance	276
<b>Weekly Contributions 10/23/16</b>	<b>\$5,216.00</b>
<b>Contribution 4 week average</b>	<b>\$6,426.75</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 10/30/16

Dee Hawkinson

## 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**