



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"

John made it to Guam and immediately began work. However, he was unable to send a bulletin article for this week so this is a re-run and reminder of what he will be doing there.

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 November—I Thess. 5:18

"Give thanks in all circumstances."

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: "Battle Ready! God's Armor Part 2. Today we continue studying in Ephesians 6 about the Armor God has given us for our spiritual defense. Last week we saw the **Belt of Truth** and **Breastplate of Righteousness**. This week we will look at feet prepared with the **Gospel of Peace** and the **Shield of Faith**. I hope you brought your Sword today!

Battle Verse for this week:

"Oh our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, **but our eyes are upon you.**" - 2 Chronicles 20:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye Glasses For India

There have been over 100 pairs of prescription eye glasses collected for Chester Ault to take to India. A heartfelt thank you to the donors. He will be here in December to collect them.

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.

Jack & Loree Curtis Moving

The Curtis's have given away the furniture except for the Patio set. If you have need, contact Jack or Loree.

Thank You!

To our Church Family,

Thank you for your calls, visits, and words of encouragement. They are all very uplifting. But thank you most for your prayers on my behalf. The ordeal I went through and the following recovery is truly answered prayers. We serve an awesome God! - In Christian Love, Richard & Peg Sisco

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Parrish & Josie Williams on November 16 at 11:00 AM at the home of Sherri Heath. See Sherri for details.

Upcoming Over 60's Dinner

The annual Over 60's Dinner will be on December 14. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM. After dinner, a play (Twas the Real Night Before Christmas) will be presented for those who wish to stay.

Today's Song List—David Cooper, Leader

Let Us Worship the Father—Screen

Announcements/Meet & Greet

Let Us Worship the Father—Screen

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name—#162

We're Marching to Zion—#869

Shout Hallelujah—Screen

Lord, Let Your Light—Screen

Lord's Supper

Offering

Children's Church

My Only Hope is You—Screen

Sermon—Doug Clayton

O Thou Fount of Every Blessing—Screen

Elder's Prayer

Continue to pray for RICHARD SISCO, SANDY HARRIS, and ALLEN CRAIG for continued and complete recoveries from recent surgeries. RICH MENDENHALL....upcoming surgery for blocked artery in neck.

GARY WALLACE, friend of Jan Nelson....has extensive brain cancer.

EARL DUBOSE...(Shelda Briggs father) progressive neurological disease Under hospice care.

AMBER...Vickie Downey's niece. Upcoming ROSE BRANSON – Suffering from hip displacement. She is recovering at Larchwood.

PAUL DELANCEY—Recovering from hand surgery.

Pray for the ministries that our church family Pray for those that came to our clothing giveaway, that they may be open to receiving Christ as well as the clothes they were able to get.

Continue to pray for missionaries around the world...for safety, guidance and protection... pray for John as he works with the people in Guam.

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 Pray for our nation and the leadership. Pray for their hearts to be changed and their actions will be unselfish. And that God's will be done in all things. Pray for God's forgiveness and blessing to once again be upon our nation

If someone on Monday morning asks you how church was, you probably think of two things: the singing and the preaching. Did the song leader make very many mistakes? Were the songs the ones you like? Did the preacher hold your attention? Was the sermon memorable and moving? And of course sometimes the song leader messes up. Sometimes the person sitting behind you was singing off-key. Sometimes they let that youth minister preach and it bores you to tears.

The fact is that if you let those things define your church experience, you are going to have a lot of mediocre Sundays. After all, the sound of the singing and the quality of the preaching have a lot to do with human beings and our own efforts. And you know what? That's a pretty unhealthy standard by which to measure a church service. It puts too much pressure on people who, like everyone else, will inevitably make mistakes.

Luckily, there is one aspect of our Sunday services that has virtually nothing to do with *people*. The Lord's Supper. It is, or at least it ought to be, the central focus of our worship. I worry that we have it the wrong way around. Communion becomes a part of the worship service that leads us to the preaching, which places an improper emphasis on the sermon and too heavy a burden on the preacher. In reality, all things should point to the act of communion.

The beauty of communion is that, no matter how bad the singing or the preaching are, the gospel is being preached whenever it is done. The body and the blood of Jesus *are* the gospel. Like with the waters of baptism, God has put spiritual significance into material things. The bread and the cup embody the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we eat and drink, we ask God to make *us* embodiments of the gospel.

There are plenty of disagreements over the Lord's Supper. Who should take it? How should it be conducted? What exactly does it represent? I have my own strong opinions on those things, but it is important to remember that communion is supposed to be an act of unity. If we eat and drink with a spirit of division, then like Paul warns in 1 Corinthians 11, we truly are eating and drinking judgment on ourselves.



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For the Record

Oct. 27, 2013

Attendance	227
Average Attendance, 3rd. qtr.	265
Contributions	\$5,506.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

Communion Preparation—November

Jan Nelson, Amey Collazo

Communion Table 11/3/13

Hunt Zumwalt

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in November

Larry Ball
Doug Barnett
Bill Barslund
Mark Brassette
Mike Bricker
Lynn Briggs
Dave Bussert
Bo Camp

Announcements: Curtis Fleming

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

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