

November 6, 2016

## Real Life News & Notes

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



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## Our Gathering Today



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

**Back in Acts.** This morning we look at the events of chapter 17. We make a brief stop in Berea and learn from those noble and honest seekers. Then it's on to Athens where Paul finds himself in front of the most educated people in the world and tells them something they don't know. He reveals the truth about their "Unknown God." See you in a few minutes as we open the Living word! Hope you brought an open heart and Bible!

### **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 **Dick Truitt, a tireless worker**, who unpacked and stacked 80 additional gray/green folding chairs for the fellowship hall and other needed areas. We are still missing 15 of these folding chairs that recently vanished. If you know where they have wandered off to please help us get them back.

### **Wednesday night "6pm" considered:**

Last year we experimented with moving our midweek gathering from 7pm to 6pm during the cold and dark winter months, concurrent with the Fall back and Spring forward time changes. After an initial adjustment this earlier start time seemed to be very well received and appreciated, especially by parents of younger kids. Please let our Shepherds know your thoughts ASAP as they will discuss this in an upcoming meeting. **This Wednesday night we will still start at 7pm.**

***Love One Another!***

**Memory Verse For November: Acts 17:28**

**"In Him we live and move and have our being."**

## Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

### Politics

As important and untidy as our national situation may seem God nudges us away from preoccupation with the affairs of men, reading too much into political or worldly climates. Scripture offers words of caution and balance to avoid extremes and being too easily impressed or too quickly depressed. God plants the glorious and hopeful notion in our hearts that nothing is new or surprising to Him. He has seen it all, including the future and is there ahead of us, and His side wins! ***“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.”*** (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

More than a century ago Charles Dickens in his opening line of **“A Tale of Two Cities”** reminded us of the paradox of every generation: *“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of doubt, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way...”* Sounds like 2016 in America.

The Apostle Peter looked at his culture and saw God and good in the midst of unrivaled corruption and chaos and reminded Christians that all is well and things will not clip merrily along forever but at some point God will draw the curtain: ***“The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.”*** (2 Peter 3:10). God is not calling us to sit on our hands or rejoice in the demise of a fallen world. Yet, we can have an influence now, as salt and light, for God and good as we look forward in hopeful expectation to the ultimate restoration of all things in the **“new heavens and new earth, the home of righteousness.”** (2 Peter 3:13)

What questions might we ask in this **hyper-political** season of unrest, this *best and worst of times*? Maybe these: Where is our heart, our true citizenship? How do we as Jesus followers honor God and love others as we navigate the current state of affairs and character crisis? Which will take precedence, our political loyalties or the unifying blood of Jesus as we consider believers with different views than our own? What kind of example will we set for those around us who are watching, our children, our neighbors, in such a time as this: Will it be the cheek turning calm and trust in the Creator and Sustainer of the universe or the hand-wringing and fearful reactions more characteristic of people whose hope and future depends on the kingdoms of men? Peter, knowing everything man has made will eventually be destroyed, challenges our actions and reactions: ***“What kind of people ought we to be?... You should live holy and godly lives...and make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him!”*** (2 Peter 3:11-14).

When we awake Wednesday morning may our Faith not be moved in the least. May our glory be in the cross, our hope in the resurrected Christ, and our love for all people ever deeper as we are at **peace** knowing our future is secure God's promise of eternal life. **This is the politics of the Redeemed!**

### Important Announcement

#### Wednesday Night Time Adjustment (?):

For those of you who attend our Bible classes on Wednesday nights you know last year we experimented with moving our mid-week gathering from 7pm to 6pm during the cold and dark winter months, concurrent with the Fall back and Spring forward time changes. After an initial adjustment this earlier start time seemed to be well received and appreciated, especially by parents of younger kids. Please let our Shepherds know your thoughts ASAP as they will discuss this in an upcoming meeting. **This Wednesday night we will still start at 7pm.**

**Dorothy Ball**

Dorothy Ball passed away last week. Her service will take place here at the building on Tuesday November 8 at 10 AM with Hunt Zumwalt officiating. More details to follow later. The quilting class that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month will be cancelled for that day.

Please give Melva Willbanks a call if you can help with the meal afterwards

**Cookie Exchange Coming Up!**

LADIES, it's that time of the year.  
Mark your calendars for the cookie exchange.  
Saturday, November 19.  
Watch for information on S2S bulletin board and flyers.

**Creative Christian Art Guild**

The Art Guild will meet Sunday at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy Karo will be doing a demo on wool applique.

**Reminder**

November 13 is the deadline to turn in your shoe box for the "Operation Christmas Child". Please have your shoe boxes in to Jenna Hill by that date.

**Teachers Workday Scheduled**

All teachers and those interested in volunteering for the Pre-school and Elementary Education Ministry: There will be a teacher workday and curriculum review meeting in Room 202 on November 20, 1 PM. See Scott Ferguson or Sharon Riddle for more information.

**Thursday Bible School Annual Program**

Everyone is invited to the TBS annual program and Feast Day on November 17 at 11:30 AM for the program followed by the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Please contact Jenna Hill or Sharon Riddle if you would like to attend by Wednesday, November 16, and/or if you can help.

Please keep the following in your prayers....thank you so much, your prayers are vitally important...God bless.  
Genie Deister – Tom and Kathy are in Houston with Genie this week. She is having serious health issues. Pray for her and for Tom and Kathy's safety during this stressful trip.  
Bill Wade—A quick recovery from gall bladder surgery.  
Pray for the family of Margene Richards, Landy Boyle's mother, who has alzheimers disease . Pray for comfort and peace for her and for her family as they care for her.  
Scott Harris as he travels to visit Gabriel and then as he goes back to Mozambique. Pray for their family as they continue to recover from the trauma of their house being broken into and their being robbed and injured. Pray for God's healing as they move on with His work...and for their future safety.  
Pray for Sarah Gabriel and family in the death of her granddaughter. Pray for God's blessings of comfort and peace for Sarah and all the family.  
Pray for Tim and Kathleen Riddle for God's wisdom and guidance in their relationship and marriage. Pray for God to bless them both with His wisdom in the decisions they are trying to make.  
Pray for Tim Riddles friend Vee and her husband Mike. Mike has an alcohol problem . Pray for God to guide them so that Mike will get help and she will be able to help him through whatever it takes to beat his addiction. Pray for their marriage in the stress of it all.  
Pray for the Parks family as they leave us and move to West Virginia. Pray for God's guidance and protection to go with them and keep them safe. Pray for the transition to be without too much stress. They will be missed here!  
Continue to pray for John Cooper as he is in Russia. Pray for his safety and the success of the work he has been sent there to accomplish. Pray for those he will be in contact with there. Pray his safe return to us. ....and for Holly while he is away.  
Prayer of thanksgiving answered prayers for David Downey who was with us Sunday, and says he is doing well.

Continue to pray for:  
David...leukemia  
Tom and Robin English....health issues  
Ron Wilson...melanoma and kidney issues  
Dick Truitt....skin cancer  
Larry Barksdale,,,,mesothelioma  
Geneva Shipp...liver & kidney issues  
Donny and Tammy Sitton... neurological disease & ALS  
Tyler Johnson and his family...in Mesa county jail  
Cameron Fisher and his family....in Mesa county community corrections  
Jerimy Gadberry...in Bent County Correctional Facility  
Shane Briggs...leukemia. Prayers for things to go well from now until they can schedule the transplant,

**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:**

> **Wednesdays @ 7 pm** - 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. 30, 2016

Attendance	276
<b>Weekly Contributions 10/30/16</b>	<b>\$4,920.00</b>
<b>Contribution 4 week average</b>	<b>\$5,091.25</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$6,100.00</b>

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in November

Bill Tidwell  
Eddie Tinkle  
Herb Tinkle  
Chuck Tourney  
Bud Treu  
Dick Truitt  
Vince Urbina  
Dan Vorse

## Communion Preparation—November

Lena Towles

## Communion Table 11/6/16

Ryan Fleming

## Announcements

**Ron Wilson**

## 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**