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Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Keys

I was busy at my desk early Monday morning when my phone rang. I walked out of the church building, across a gravel parking lot and a busy street corner and into a coffee shop to meet a friend. After the java visit I felt in my vest pocket for my keys, not there. I frisked myself like a frantic TSA agent, still no keys. Wonderful, I must have left my keys on my desk and am now locked out of the church building! I am usually here fairly early and seldom does anyone with a key arrive until 9AM. I look at my watch, it's only 8. I call my wife, confess my absent mindedness, and she is now on her way with keys. As I walked back I see a van in the church lot. I bang on a window, nothing. I knock on the door, nada. I dial a cell # number, Bingo! I'm in! Problem solved! Not so fast...my keys are not on my desk.

After racking my brain I retraced my footsteps through the church building deciding to extend my Hansel and Gretel like search back outside, across the gravel parking lot and to the street corner where I stood waiting for the little glowing stick figure guy to tell me when to cross. As I wait I spy a little lump that doesn't belong in a crosswalk. The bright little man appears signaling me to cross. I cautiously step out in front of waiting traffic, bend down and pick up a crushed, mangled and otherwise now useless set of keys (including a very expensive computer chip key). What is disturbing is not so much the inconvenience but the fact that I have no idea how my keys got from my pocket to the middle of the street. Oh well, that's really not the point. **The point, as it always is and should be, is spiritual.**

In the Bible keys unlock things too. Keys are important. We need keys. Precious gifts and eternal blessings that are otherwise inaccessible to us are now unlocked and open because someone we know, and who knows us, has the key. The Bible doesn't use "key" language often but when it does it has eternal implications: **"The keys to the kingdom."** (Matthew 16:19). **"I have the keys of death."** (Revelation 1:18). And, **"Who is worthy to unlock the scroll?"** (Revelation 5:2)

Do you have keys? I'm not asking about a lanyard full of metal that start a car or unlock your house and can be lost or destroyed leaving you on the outside. What about keys to the most important issues in life? Do you have the key to unlock the door to peace in the midst of chaos and true purpose in an otherwise futile life? The key to godly wisdom can come in handy. How about the key to moral strength and spiritual clarity? Oh yes, how do you plan to unlock the dark sealed door of death that is your grave? *You're going to need a key for that.* Do you possess the key that grants free, grace covered access to the unimaginable wonders of that never ending celebration in the new heavens and new earth?

I will no doubt misplace my keys again. Yet, I rest in peace filled assurance that because of my Savior Jesus Christ I will never have to worry about losing the most important key of all because **I don't carry that key, I trust Jesus to carry it for me.** He alone is qualified. He alone is perfect. He alone will never fail me or lose the key that unlocks the gift of eternal life. He alone is worthy to remove the curse of my sin, to unlock my tomb and grant me access into indescribable glory! **Who has your key!**

Memory Verse For November—II Cor. 9:15

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Our Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

This morning we will be studying the "Two Touch" miracle of Mark ch. 8. What Mark is doing here subtly takes up the entire chapter as the Holy Spirit masterfully reveals a lesson and a challenge far beyond the healing itself. Jesus is making a point with this "visual aid" (pun intended) to teach his disciples and perceptive readers about the process of spiritual acuity. See you in Mark 8 in a few minutes!

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

Thank you for being here this morning and letting us get to know you! We trust you will be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ centered gathering as we sing, pray, commune and feast on the word of God. Please fill out the little card that is attached to the gift bread and place it in the collection plate as it comes around. We have a **nursing/cry room** at the back of the auditorium for your convenience, as well as a Kid friendly/age appropriate program during the assembly **for kids from 3 years to 3rd grade** (we dismiss them just before the sermon). *If you would like to know more about us go to grandjunctionchurch.org and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."*

Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus

A special word of thanks and recognition to **Keri Fleming!!** Keri has been and continues to be a vital part of our youth ministry. Among other acts of service Keri was the food coordinator for the PIT this summer (May through last week) and ensured that every Wednesday night the teens were fed. **Keri** is an effective, "giterdun," hard working, humble servant who is quick to deflect the praise given to her as she thanks all those whom she regularly called on to bring food. This reminds us that service in the Kingdom of God is a group effort, a family sharing of duties when each person quietly does **a part to bless the whole body**. Sounds like what Jesus wanted for his church, the body of Christ. **Thanks Keri**, and all those who helped her!! :-)

Keep producing good fruit, turning the other cheek, going the second mile and repaying evil with good! You look a lot like Jesus :-)

'Love One Another!'

Operation Christmas Child:

This is a reminder that if you're participating with Operation Christmas Child, your filled shoe box should be here at the building by Sunday, November 15th. There is more information and flyers available in the foyer. If you have further questions, see Jenna Hill.

Fall Brunch and Cookie Exchange

Saturday, November 21 at 10 am in Fellowship Hall
There is a sign up sheet on the S2S board for the brunch and exchange (optional). Cookie exchange signers, please take an information sheet when you sign up. S2S

Life Group Cancellation

Due to November 15 being An Evening With The Elders, Bob Howard's life group meeting at the home of Della Fiske/Turner has cancelled their meeting for that Sunday. All members are encouraged to be at the church building at 6 pm on November 15.

Honduras Trip News

If you are considering making the trip to Honduras with us in July this next summer, it is necessary for you to make a deposit towards your fees. This deposit will be \$100.00 and will be due January of 2016. Also make sure that your passport is up to date. *Thank you, Dean*

Time Change For Wednesday Evening Bible Classes

For those of you who attend on Wednesday nights we are considering a 6PM start over the winter months instead of our traditional 7PM start. If you attend, or would attend, on Wednesday nights with that earlier time and have any thoughts on this please let Doug know ASAP.

Book Giveaway

The library is having a free book giveaway in the Fellowship Hall today. Feel free to browse and take any book you might need.

Evening with the Elders

There will be an "Evening with the Elders" and a Budget and Finance meeting Sunday 11/15 at 6 PM at the building. The elders are asking that everyone attend

Ladies' Bunco Night

Join us for fellowship and fun on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Invite a friend, bring a finger food to share, and bring a card table if you have one. Bunco is an easy game of dice ... so no experience necessary! Contact person is Lesa Brassette.

Scott Harris Visit

Scott Harris plans to be here the weekend of the 12th. and 13th of December. More details on his visit as they become available.

Scribes of Christ

If you would like to be on our email list to receive updates of card needs, please email Lesa at Lesa@Brassette.com to be added. We send out one a week and this ministry of encouragement is a great one to a part of.

Mountain States Change Cans

Randy Schow of Mountain States Children's Home will be here soon to pick up the change cans. If you have a can, fill it up and return it to the church as soon as possible.

Delta Schedule

John Cooper will be preaching at the Thunder Mountain COC in Delta on December 20. He will be taking the van down if there is enough interest in anyone accompanying him. See John for details.

Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in your daily prayers, they and their families are grateful for your petitions on their behalf. Your prayers are important.

Prayers of comfort for the families who have recently lost loved ones.....the Lee family, loss of Matt's grandmother, the Delancey family, loss of Scott's brother, Jan Nelson's family, loss of Jan's Aunt, the Reeves family, loss of Hannah, John Cooper family, loss of John's uncle, the Trumbo family in the loss of Rowena's mom.

Thanksgiving for travel safety for those who have been traveling, for funerals or vacations and prayers for safety for those who will be this week for more funeral services.

Continue to pray for Sheila Yeager as she recovers from foot surgery....for comfort and quick healing.

Continued prayers for Velma Chambers as she adjusts to her new residence and for healing from the stroke. For comfort and peace for her and her family.

Continued prayers for Thelma Davis for healing from her recent fall.

Continue to pray for our nation, our leaders, world leaders, and all who are in positions of authority, also for the upcoming elections that are being prepared for now. For God's will to be done in all things. For guidance for His people as to what His will is.

Continue to pray for our military people and families, and our missionaries and families. Also for the law enforcement and first responders and firemen. For safety and wisdom for them as they do their jobs which are very dangerous at times. Prayers of thanksgiving to God for all of these people who sacrifice much to keep us safe both physically and spiritually. Pray for God to bless them as they serve us and Him.

Pray for the three new deacons and their families as they serve us and God in their various ministries. Pray for wisdom and grace, and guidance for them as they serve. (Jeremy and Abbey Antwine, Bill and Karen Wade and Scott and Becca Ferguson) (Thank them for being willing to serve)

Bobby Schlagel—Friend of Lane Coale. Is in LaVilla-Grande with intestinal problems.

Austin Graham—In hospital for a while with Krohn's Disease.

Greg Tidwell—Son of Bill & Jimmye—He will have surgery on his shoulder and arm on November 16 at the VA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Give Him thanks with a grateful heart for His love, mercy and care. Praise His name!!

YOUTH NEWS

HUDDLES

Huddles are a chance for our youth to build relationships with other Christians, worship our Lord and Savior, eat food and center our body, mind, heart and soul on Jesus.

November 15th We will meet at the mall immediately after worship bring money for lunch parents will be able to pick up their children at the church building at 2 PM. Please bring money to buy lunch at the food court. Matt will drive the church van.

November 29th We need someone to host a huddle.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM we will meet in room 103 to sign songs with Lane Coale for 20 minutes. This will happen every week in November. There will not be food so please eat before or after. After we sing for 20 minutes we will go up stairs to room 203 for youth group time.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

EPHESIANS 1:11-14

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

God Bless,
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For the Record

Nov. 1, 2015

Attendance	274
Contributions	\$9,396.00
Budget	\$6,098.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in November

Steve Neff
David Olree
Brian Peacock
Dale Pirtle
Eric Pennal
Ted Reaves
Ed Riddle
Tim Riddle

Communion Preparation—November

Lena Towles

Communion Table 11/8

Bob Howard

Announcements

Nov.—Ron Wilson
Dec.—Scott Ferguson

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

Bob Heath—Auditorium
Ron Wilson—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Doug Clayton—Auditorium
Singing Class—103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery
2 & 3 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 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers—9:30 am—1 pm
Ladies Bible Class, starts 9:30 am—207

Life Groups

Name & Phone

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| 1. Gabe Wilkins—216-8918—226 Mowry, Contact #216-8919, | Meets Sundays 5:30 pm |
| 2. Audric Franklin—216-1292—Contact #216-1292 | Meets Sundays 6:00 pm |
| 3. Matt Lee—1-214-554-1253—597 Creekside Ct. | Meets Saturdays 6:00 pm |
| 4. Bryan Crowe—778-7900—660 McCaldon Way | Meets Mondays 9:30 am |
| 5. Bob Howard—819-4395—Meets at home of Della Fiske/Turner, | Meets Sundays 6:00 pm |
| 6. Ron Wilson—433-4868—Meets in various members homes | Meets Sundays, 6 :00 pm |
| 7. Roy Karo—549-1989—669 Turnberry Ct. | Meets Sundays 6:00 pm |
| 8. Hunt Zumwalt—210-8960—Fellowship Hall | Meets Sundays at 6 pm |

Last weeks Attendance

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	17	Group 4
Group 5	10	Group 6	10	Group 7
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