



Real Life News & Notes

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“Beep, Beep, Beep,...Backup Warning!”

My hotel here in Guam does not have the greatest of views of the island. I do have a balcony and from my second floor I can see through two palm trees (nice) to the next door property... a lot full of heavy construction equipment (a dream hotel room view for little boys). There are large backhoes on tracks, portable cranes, big trucks, etc. They seem to rent these things out often or at least they move them around a lot to make me think they are really busy. How do I know about all their business? Well, whenever they back up I get to hear the wonderful backup warning “beep, beep, beep” sound. Actually they “beep” more than three times (they continue until they are done doing reverse). This constant “beeping” distinguishes their signal from the Roadrunner’s who only does two beeps and always goes forward and fast.

I got to thinking about these reverse warning “beep” noises and thought how helpful if we humans had something similar. When we start going backwards spiritually wouldn’t it be helpful if a signal sounded that let us know. When we started backing into depression, isolation, bitterness, anger, lust, criticalness, laziness, etc.-maybe a “beep, beep, beep” would alert us to our reverse direction. Or maybe when we stop attending church, stop reading our Bible, stop praying, etc.- a “beep, beep, beep” might wake us up!

Not only would this help us, it would help those around us. It would warn others that we are not doing so well. Our life is in reverse, we are not growing, we are not going forward... we need help! In fact I guess the main reason for these reverse warning “beeps” is to warn others. “Watch out behind... I am going backwards and not sure who’s in my way or who I might hurt...I can’t see clearly...help me out by looking out for me!” This is part of what we do in the church, help others when they are going the wrong direction. Sad thing is we often do not hear the warning “beeps” in our own lives. And if someone else notices our warning “beeps” and tries to help we might resent it and back up all the harder and faster. Or sometimes when someone is going backwards and their “beeps” are obvious, we don’t help... we just honk (“beep”)back! Let’s listen to our own warning “beeps” and listen to the warning “beeps” of others. We are going nowhere but down if we are going backwards!

Heed the beep, John Cooper

Memory Verse For November—I Thess. 5:18

“Give thanks in all circumstances.”

Our Gathering Today

Sermon: This is the next to last sermon in our Spiritual warfare series from Ephesians 6. This morning we will examine the **Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit**. Last week we saw just how fundamental and effective **Faith** is as our shield in the spiritual fight. **I hope you brought your Sword today!**

Guests: We are thankful you have chosen to spend time with us this morning. We pray that you feel welcome and comfortable and will be encouraged on your spiritual journey because you are here. Please let us know how we might serve you. Help yourselves to donuts, coffee and juice!

Wireless: We have an unsecured network "gjchurchofchrist_guest" for your use in the building. No password necessary.

New Member Class: Saturday December 14th (8:30 -noon) Sandy Harris and Doug will facilitate a class for people who are new to our church family. We will introduce basic topics (God, Jesus, baptism, "church," growing in Christ, getting invested and involved with our church family, etc). **Please indicate your plans to attend by signing the sheet in the foyer.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Purpose Cards Due Today

A few weeks ago, the elders passed out purpose cards to be returned to them by today. If you have not turned yours in, fill it out and place it in the collection plate or give it to an elder. Make sure it is sealed and your name is on the outside. These cards are critical in determining the 2014 budget. They will be held in the strictest confidence and only an elder will view them. If you have misplaced your card, there are some in the fellowship hall and foyer.

Mountain States Change Cans Due Today

Randy Schow from Mountain States Children's Home will be here either the 21st. or 22nd of November to pick up the change cans. They are due to be turned in today if you have one. However, you have a few more days of grace before Randy arrives.

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.

Communion Preparation

We are in need of someone to prepare communion for the month of December. If you can help, see Bryan Crowe or Jimmye.

Help Wanted

Cindy King is chair person of the decorating committee for the Over 60's Dinner on December 14. She is asking for help to decorate the fellowship hall for this event and will have a meeting with those willing to help in Room 103 right after services today.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet in the fellowship hall at 1 PM today. Bring your project to work on.

Guam Mission Support

If anyone wants to keep up with our mission effort on Guam they can view photos on Facebook. Go to "church of Christ Guam" or "Asan church of Christ" or "Guam church of Christ." One of those should get to the photos.

Mission To Honduras Planned

The Missions ministry is planning on taking a group back to Honduras during July of 2014. The date of the trip is July 4th. through July 12th. We will be joining with the University Church of Christ from Denver in this outreach effort. If someone would like to be a part of this trip have them please contact Mike Hughes, Dean Blanck, or Chuck Tourney.

Special Devotional

We are planning on having a Special Devotional in the auditorium at 7 p.m. on Wednesday November 27th the night before Thanksgiving. We would like for everyone in all the classes to come to the auditorium that night.

TBS Feast Day

You are invited to the annual Thursday Bible School Feast Day on November 21. The children will present a program at 11:30 AM followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner. Forms to sign up are in the foyer or see Sharon Riddle

Youth News

A lot of our high schoolers are gone today! The middle school class will meet as usual, and the high schoolers are welcome to join the young adults upstairs.

No huddle tonight: We'll be taking a few weeks off from huddle for this weekend and the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll be resuming huddles on December 8th!

Wednesday night worship: Join us for worship and **snacks** at 7pm in the high school room!

Progressive dinner: Bring your friends! Bring an empty stomach! Bring a white elephant gift! The date is **December 20th**, so mark your calendars.

RICH MENDENHALL ...continue to pray for his recovery. The surgery went well and he is recuperating at home.
 GARY WALLACE....(Jan's friend), extensive brain cancer, pray for comfort and peace.
 EARL DUBOSE (Shelda Briggs father)..in hospice care, has PSP,
 Vickie Downey's niece, AMBER, Had surgery for breast cancer and it went well. Pray for her recovery.
 ROSE BRANSON, & PAUL DELANCEY, for quick recoverys, & CHESTER AULT.
 Sarah Gabriel's daughter MARY LOU, recovery from gall bladder surgery,
 CINDY PEEL, (Sheila Yeager's cousin), for recovery from open heart surgery.
 JOHN AKERS....upcoming surgery Dec 9 in Denver.
 CAMRIE GEHRETT...Dustin & Jenica's baby girl, for her recovery from pneumonia.

Pray for the MISSIONARIES , especially those in countries where they are in danger of persecution...for protection, wisdom and guidance. For JOHN as he works with the church in Guam. Pray the PEOPLE all the missionaries teach will have open hearts to the Gospel and will turn to God.

Pray for the MILITARY...for protection, physically, emotionally and spiritually for those in harms way and pray for those returning home to be able to adjust to the change and overcome the trauma that war brings. Also pray for all the families.

Continue to pray for OUR NATION to repent and return to godly principles so God can bless us . For the LEADERS hearts to be turned to God before it is eternally too late....also for the world leaders.

Always offer prayers of THANKSGIVING to God for His many blessings each day and His hearing and answering our prayers.

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

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be know to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6,7

In the summer of 2006, I worked at a summer camp in Leavenworth, Washington. The camp was staffed mostly by Presbyterians, and one of them found a songbook that I'd brought up from home and started flipping through it. My friend was bothered when she got to the classic hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy."

I asked her what the matter was. "You've changed the words," she said. "You've taken out the Trinity!"

Uh oh. It appeared she was right! After all, the original version of the hymn says: "God in three persons, blessed Trinity." Churches of Christ have traditionally changed the words to: "God over all and blest eternally." My Presbyterian colleague was misunderstanding the reason for the change, but she was right to be concerned.

The doctrine of the Trinity is that our one God is actually three divine persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If Churches of Christ really were denying the Trinity, it would be a very serious problem! But of course we don't deny the Trinity, and we never have in the past. Traditionally, we simply prefer to "call Bible things by Bible names," and the word "Trinity" is not found in scripture.

But we cannot afford to ignore the doctrine of the Trinity. The earliest Christians understood that Jesus was more than a man who was conceived by God. Jesus was more than a really high heavenly being. If that is all that Jesus was, then the early Church was worshipping a creature rather than the creator. No, it was clear from the teachings of the apostles and their immediate successors that Jesus was the creator himself. As the gospel according to John says, "the Word [meaning Jesus] was with God, and the Word was God."

In the same way, the Holy Spirit is more than an angel sent to guide us. The Holy Spirit, like the Father and the Son, is the one God. This idea of a God that is *triune* - meaning *three in one* - is the greatest and most wonderful mystery that has ever been revealed to humankind. It is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. Indeed, any faith that is not in the triune, three-in-one God is not Christian faith.

I'm not exactly setting out an argument here for the truthfulness of the doctrine of the Trinity. Like the belief that God created the universe or that Christ rose from the dead, this is one of those pillars of the faith that is not really up for debate. The simple fact is that to be Christian is to believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Theologians have tried for 2,000 years to comprehend this beautiful reality. Although we comprehend very little, we are not called to complete and perfect comprehension - at least not in this life. Instead, we are called to complete submission and worship to the triune God.



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For the Record

Nov. 10, 2013

Attendance	239
Average Attendance, 3rd. qtr.	265
Contributions	\$6,238.00
Budget	\$6,208.96

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

Communion Preparation—November

Jan Nelson, Amey Collazo

Communion Table 11/17/13

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 17	Bob Heath, Daran 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