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Real Life News & Notes

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A Reminder About Our Special Thanksgiving Eve Service, Wednesday, November 21, 2012

You will find below the exact same article as last week's. This is a second reminder of what is planned for this coming Wednesday evening. I do hope and pray you try what is being suggested.

Over the past many years we have always had a special "Thanksgiving Eve Service" on "Thanksgiving Eve." Though we often did not have a great crowd we always had a great service. However, this year we elders are planning a similar but different "Thanksgiving Eve Service." We are planning for there to not be an evening gathering here at the building on "Thanksgiving Eve", Wednesday, November 21. In lieu of the service at the building we are strongly encouraging a time of "family devotion and Thanksgiving" in the homes of every member. We are suggesting that at some time on Thanksgiving Eve every family/individual member take *at least one half hour* to share thoughts, scriptures and prayers on being thankful to God for all He has done for us.

In order to help facilitate this "family thanksgiving time" I have listed some relevant scriptures and helpful ideas.

Scriptures to share- Have each person read one of the following: Luke 17:11-19, Philippians 4:4-7, Colossians 3:15,16, I Thessalonians 5:16-18, I Timothy 2:1-5, Psalms 136.

Sharing thankfulness- Let each person share five things they are MOST thankful to God for. Each person could then also mention things about everyone else in the room they are most thankful for.

Prayers of thanksgiving- Each person could say a prayer of Thanksgiving to God.

It is my prayer that this family time of Thanksgiving can draw us closer to each other and to God. Please let me know how your family Thanksgiving time goes.

In gratitude, for the elders, John Cooper

Youth Section

My college has always had a great track program, and our best runners were from East Africa. I remember talking to one such recruit, when he told me that he never ate more than once a day, and that often times he'd skip a meal altogether. "You don't have to eat every day," he insisted. Remember - this was a guy burning more calories every day than I burn in a year. I get hungry if I haven't had a snack in the past two hours. What I realized was that this track runner had grown up skipping meals, and not because his parents thought it was good for him. It was because there were lots of days when his family simply didn't have food to put on the table.

What things in life do we take for granted? Money? Food? Shelter over our heads? There are plenty of folks out there for whom none of those things are guaranteed. We can respond with indifference, pretending that the poor just aren't there. Or we can talk a big game and feel bad sometimes but never actually make a difference. Or we can work hand in hand with those less fortunate than us. We can jump into the world of those who are less advantaged, just like Jesus did. What can you do this week for someone less fortunate than yourself?

Huddle tonight: Come to the Heaths' house at 1976 K Road in Fruita. Don't forget to bring a can of food!

No church this Wednesday: Enjoy time with your precious families

Memory Verse For November: - Romans 8:31
If God is for us, who can be against us?

Order of Worship

**Children’s Verse—John Cooper
Announcements—Curtis Fleming
Song Leader—**

Songs & Scripture to be announced

Communion

Offering

Sermon: Doug Clayton

Invitation

Shepherd’s Blessing—Tony Clayton

**Honored to Serve the Lord’s Table in
November**

Dan Vorse
Josh Vorse
Matthew Vorse
Nathan Walker
Jeremiah Watson
Rick Wilkins
Jeff Yeager
Wes Yeager

Announcements

**November—Curtis Fleming
December—Ron Wilson
January—Vince Urbina**

**For the Record
Nov 11, 2012**

Attendance	254
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	256

Contributions	\$6,143.10
Budget	\$6,715.30

Communion Preparation—November

Robert & Beth Allen

Special Prayer Requests

TYLER MORGAN....continue to pray for Tyler and his family, as he heals so he can have more surgery on his arm and shoulder in a few weeks. Hope to have an update on him and the arrival of the new baby next week.

PHIL TRUSHEIM..... Had his leg amputated this past week, he is in St Marys, room 390 at this writing, Pray for comfort for him, for pain to subside and for peace as he recovers from this.

AUSTIN TUCKER....The Coale’s 19 yr old nephew who was in an accident and has serious injuries. Continue to pray for Austin’s recovery, that it will be a complete one and for comfort and peace for he and his family during the process. Hopefully we will have more info by next week.

Continue to pray for these and their families: Edith Wilson, Verlyn Mathews, John & Becky, Heather Young, Donna Delancey, Star and Galen Mumma, Joe and Michelle and their unborn child, Gary Wallace, and Dorothy Ball.

Pray for our church family, our missionaries, our ministries, and those who are involved in them. Pray for guidance from God in everything Pray that we will truly make God’s will our priority and will share His love with all we meet, that they can see His reflection in us and will be drawn to Him.

Pray for our Military and embassies and all who are serving in harms way. Pray for God’s protection for all. Pray also for our nation, may God forgive us and bring it back to the nation the founding fathers intended it to be.

Give thanks to God for the many blessings He has so abundantly given us. We are most blessed, despite any circumstances that may surround us. We need to be a grateful people and give praise and honor and thanksgiving to God from our hearts!!

Help!

Please sign up to work in the nursery for the next three months. Consider helping for just one Sunday morning—you will be blessed. There is a sign-up sheet just outside the nursery in the hallway

Angel Tree Information

The Angel tree will be up on November 25th for you to select a family to help for Christmas. See Kay Gehrett for further information.

Check the Website

Browse the website, grandjunctinchurch.org for important information including past sermons, Ladies Retreat lessons, Brian Peacock facebook, church directory and many other items of interest to keep us connected and active in the name of Jesus.

Refreshments

If anyone is interested in helping Pam Hurd with refreshments during the play on December 13, 14 & 15, please contact her.

Children's Christmas Ministry

Sunday, December 2, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., 2nd through 8th graders are invited to help make candy "krackers" in the fellowship hall. Children should bring scissors and glue sticks if they can! Parents may feel free to bring younger children and stay to help them and high schoolers and adults will enjoy this special ministry as well! Church family, we need bags of small, individually wrapped candies (that will fit inside paper towel tubes). We also need empty paper towel or bathroom tissue cardboard tubes. A collection box will be in the foyer beginning Wed, Nov 14. If you'd like to provide refreshments for the kids or a few other needed supplies, please see Lesa Brassette

Living Jesus!

Starting the first Wednesday night in December I will be facilitating a class entitled "Living Jesus." The class will meet in the auditorium and run for 12 weeks (give or take a few due to holidays, etc). The class will be based on a new video series by Randy Harris about actually living the Sermon on the Mount. Each class will have a 10-15 minute video followed by you and I entering into the biblical text, discussing, answering questions, and being challenged to think and live what we hear from Jesus. I know, I realize Wednesday nights are hard for many of you with work, kids, darkness, and the cold weather, or maybe you're just not in the habit of hanging out at church for an hour in the middle of the week. I really want you to think about attending this class. Plan now to just do it! Talk to your spouse, friends, and neighbors. I promise, if you bring guests we will make them feel welcome and not put them on the spot. It will be a blessing, a challenge and an encouragement to all. **Living Jesus...the journey begins December 5th. Be here!**

Women's Bible Study Opportunity

Beginning Wednesday evening, December 5, a Bible study for women entitled "God's Women" will be offered each week at 7:00 p.m. It will focus on what God has revealed in His word about the lives of women, from Genesis to Revelation, in their chronological, historical, cultural and geographical settings and how each woman impacted the men in her life. Shirlene Caraway will be teaching the class, and room assignment will be announced later. All women are invited to participate in the study.

Remembering Thanksgiving

Bible classes are cancelled on Wednesday evening (November 21). We hope that you will spend the time with family and praising the One who has made our bountiful harvest possible. We give thanks for all of you and may God bless you on this day and all others.



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Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

COME WORSHIP WITH US

BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Elders Integrated Classes—Auditorium
College/Young Adult—Traders Coffee
Bobby Heath—Practical Christian Living—103
Ron Wilson—202

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

Tom Deister—Various Topics—Auditorium
Hymn Class—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

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 John 4:18 (NIV)

Mesa View Service Schedule, 10 AM Sundays

Date	Servant Team	Study Text
Nov 18	Scott Ferguson, Ron Fant	Mt. 26:6-13
Nov 25	Bob Heath, Sandy Harris	Mt. 26:17-30
Dec 2	Hunt Zumwalt, Steve Bagga	Mt. 26:36-46
Dec 9	Bobby Heath, Youth	Mt. 26:69-75
Dec 16	Jerry Austin, Ron Fant	Mt. 27:32-66
Dec 23	Dean Blanck, Chuck Tourney	Mt. 28:1-15
Dec 30	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mt. 28:16-20

Note: If you are not able to serve on the assigned date please trade with another team. Team members should communicate ahead of time about who will be responsible for songs, communion and the Bible lesson. Remember, family members are also welcome and encouraged to attend.