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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder Of Month

Rick Wilkins

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

Dr. Luke #8: "Don't Cry!" That is not a phrase I recommend saying to a mother at her son's funeral. Yet, Jesus speaks those very words and more. Dr. Luke leads us through an encounter with a grieving mom, a dead son, and to a question posed by John the Baptizer in an "apparently" unrelated story. On the other side of these to events in the text is another story that ties into a common theme. (We will study that event next Sunday). I am excited to open God's word with you this morning! **We continue in Luke chapter 7.**

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us this morning!

(Please help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts.)

May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30.

View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Thanksgiving...

As we celebrate and express gratitude to God in a more deliberate way this week among family and friends may our hearts be joyfully reminded of how good and gracious our God is to us each day.

Let's remember going into the holiday season how difficult it may be for many who have lost loved ones and such times bring mixed emotions of precious memories of loved ones who have died.

Invite someone (a college student, family, new member, widow (er), etc.) who may be alone to join you at your table on Thursday. Share the love and common bond of fellowship :-)

Ann and I are very thankful for this church family. We are grateful for your grace, patience and love as we serve together in ministry in God's kingdom!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For November—1 Samuel 12:20

Serve the Lord with all your heart.

Sowing and Reaping

I recently went on my first pheasant hunt. It was quite an experience and I learned a lot. Unexpectedly, I even learned quite a bit about farming. All of the land that we hunted was farm ground of some kind. Corn, milo, wheat, everywhere we went there were different crops in the field. Just the other day during some family bible reading time, we read Galatians 6:7-8. It says *“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”* Since she had been so interested in hearing about my hunting trip, I used it as an example to explain to my 5-year-old daughter just what *sowing* and *reaping* meant. I asked her what a farmer would harvest in the field where he planted corn. With a bit of an incredulous look she said “corn”. I followed with “What about the field of milo? Her suspicious look grew a little and she said flatly “milo”. Needless to say, she even concluded that a farmer who planted wheat in a field would harvest wheat in that field, not some other crop. What a brilliant offspring I have created.

Ok, while I do think that my daughter has a good head on her shoulders, I was not shocked that she was able to figure this one out. It should be painfully obvious that **you reap what you sow**. Sadly though, I see so many of us be blindsided when this fact comes to fruition in our lives. I’ve seen people who sowed threats of divorce into their marriage surprised when that became the devastating end result. I’ve seen men repeatedly shocked and confused at their inability to overcome their lust problem, when all the while I also observed a steady diet of tv, movies, and music that were full of sexually suggestive material. I’ve seen college students reel with doubt because they couldn’t see, hear, or feel God in their life. Meanwhile, the amount of time they spent in prayer, bible reading, or worshipping with other Christians was very minimal. I suppose it would be more accurate to say I’ve been that college student. We are often so surprised at what we’re reaping because we have not been careful and intentional about what we sow.

Time is precious. With each passing hour... minute... second, we sow seeds. tick... tock... tick... tock... What have you sown today? Will you be satisfied with what you reap tomorrow?

Charlie DeLong

Youth Corner

Upcoming Events and Activities:

December 22nd – Progressive Dinner. Planning is underway. Have some ideas? Feel free to email me your input!

December 31st – New Year’s Eve Lock-in. We’ll start with Pizza at 6pm. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and blankets!

Huddles:

No huddle tonight.

Next Huddle (and last for 2017) - **December 5** - at Kolby Turner’s house

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honduras Mission Appeal

The missions committee would like to present some information to anyone who may be interested in partnering with us in Honduras this next July.

You need not commit to this at this time but if you would like to have more information to help you make a decision this meeting will be helpful.

We will meet after services today either in the classroom or in the fellowship hall.

M. Dean Blanck
For the Missions Ministry

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a Santa, there is still time. See Cindy King with questions.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who participated and gave a shoebox to Operation Christmas Child. Our church family gave a total of 97 shoeboxes!! That was an incredible display of love for others and for Jesus! Hooray!"

Pantry Needs (November & December)

Canned Vegetables (not Green Beans)
Soups
Canned fruit
Canned meat (Tuna, Spam, etc).

Thank You!

Thank you all for making my birthday so very special. I was rather overwhelmed when I saw the wishes I received from you all and all the ways they were expressed. What a wonderful day it was! God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.
Lila Briggs

Reminder

Please turn in your Mountain States change cans as soon as possible and keep looking for old photos of the Over 60's diners.

Quilting Ministry TV Stars

KREX TV (Channel 3) was in last week interviewing and filming our quilting ministry stars. The segment will air tomorrow morning 5—7 AM and again around 11:30 AM—Noon on KREX-TV. This should be so much fun to see them in action. Be sure to tune in! These ladies, with their loving hands represent our church family and the love of Christ faithfully. Many sick or injured people, babies, newlyweds and others have been blessed with one of their beautiful hand-made quilts. Thank you, ladies. May that star shine bright in your crown.

PS-that goes for you too, Doug, for using your TV hosting abilities.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Julie Kissner and her sister, Teri Rauschenberg, both underwent surgery last week. Please keep them in your prayers that all went well and they will soon be back at 100%.

David Olree underwent surgery to remove a blood clot from his leg last week at Community Hospital. Keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Pray for Lance Richardson & his family. Lance lost his mother last week to cancer.

Dave Moore's daughter Diane Oliver is in ICU at St. Mary's room 320.

Axel—Infant son of Adam & Melissa Winch, friends of Julie Kissner. He was premature but is at home now. Parents say "He can use all the prayers he can get"!

Continue to pray for Tim McClathery, Nancy Clayton's brother. He is a little better, but still a long ways to go.

Pray for Melody Haight. She is undergoing kidney dialysis 3 times a week.

Debbie Christensen, niece of Bill Tidwell, succumbed to cancer last week. Pray for solace for her family.

Continue to pray for Bo Camp's, father Howard as he battles cancer. Pray for comfort and healing, and strength for him and his family.

Continue to pray for 4 yr. old Cole, Jeannette Sandburg's great nephew....as he fights cancer. He is in Denver for several months of treatment. Pray for his healing and for his family's strength and peace of mind, and comfort for him.

Pray for Allen Ritchey, Lila's brother, who has rheumatoid Arthritis, and is having a lot of pain and swelling at present. Pray for the medications to help and for his comfort and ability to continue to work...and for his family.

Please continue to pray for these who have ongoing health issues, for strength, healing, comfort and peace of mind...and for their families. Norma Herman, Tom and Robin English, Randy Brabec. Ron Wilson, Scott Hendricks, Scott's Aunt Sheila, Bob Tucker, Linda Klassan, Shane Briggs, Verlyn and Theresa Mathews.

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Pray for them to turn to God for their guidance in making decisions. Pray for God's will to be done in all things.

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the abiding love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace of God. For the Holy Spirit who lives in us and is our comfort and guide, For Jesus the Son who sacrificed his life for our redemption. Give praise to His name.

Coffee Can Ministry Needs

Flashlights	Deodorant (Travel)
3A batteries	Chapstick
Socks (Adult)	Cocoa packets
Knit gloves	Tea Bags
Knit hats	Sanitizer Wipes packs
Band Aids	



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For the Record

November 12, 2017

Attendance	290
Weekly Contributions 11/12/17	\$6,128.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,940.11
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—November

Ed & Wilma Seela

Communion Table 11/19/17

Jerry Austin

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in November

Preston Dixon
David Downey
Jason Evans
Colton Fortney
Scott Ferguson
Zack Fleming
Ryan Fleming
Pete Franklin

Announcements—November

Curtis Fleming

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

Bob Heath	Auditorium
None	103
Michael Applebee	207
Sara Tourney, Facilitator for College/Young Adult	213

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	203
High School	203

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway, Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Library

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 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays

Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

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 5 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM