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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Tony Clayton

Our Gathering Today



Thanksgiving Feast on the Word . . .the sermon

We take a break from our Acts series this morning as we consider the spiritual discipline of living with **Gratitude** in our hearts. **Psalm 100** reminds us to **"...enter his gates with Thanksgiving in our hearts...to give thanks to Him and praise his name."** Please consider the "Sips" article on the next page as we think about this idea of Thanksgiving this week! (Back in Acts next week)

Thursday School Feast! Thanks to all our Thursday school teachers and helpers who put on a great feast for our children and their families this past week. Thursday mornings are a lively learning experience for so many little ones as they learn about God and biblical themes each week. We are blessed to hear the pitter patter of little feet in our lives :-)

No Mid week (Wednesday) Bible class this week. Please spend the evening with family and loved ones as we thank God for his goodness!

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 and **Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction** to discover a little more about us.

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)

Thanksgiving

Every Holiday has a history. Thanksgiving deeply connects the founding fathers of our country with their Faith in God and their desire for divinely directed gratitude to be expressed on a national level. We realize how easy it is to get caught up in the day to day and forget; our focus drifts, our gratitude is nudged aside by notions of entitlement and our allegiance to things spiritual is diluted by the comforts and trappings of materialism in modern American culture. These words are an appropriate prompt reminding us of the source of all goodness and blessings: **"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)**

Thanksgiving Day is a unique holiday. It doesn't commemorate a battle, a person or a birthday. It is simply a day set aside by governmental decree (imagine that!) to express thanks to God. In 1789, Pres. George Washington made this public proclamation of the **fact** of God and our nation's **dependence** upon Him:

"By the President of the United States of America. A proclamation: Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, & humbly to implore His protection & favor, and Whereas, Both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me 'to recommend to the people of the United States a day of Public Thanksgiving & Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God. . . ' Now, Therefore I do recommend & assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great & glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. . . " These are profound words that transcend patriotism, citizenship and geography as they call out to the entire human race to pause and remember with grateful hearts, as one community and people, their Creator.

This Thanksgiving, may we be reminded of the goodness of God, the depths of his love, the blessings of family and fellowship, and the bounty of His generous hand.

Some Thanksgiving quotes from our fellow travelers:

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - John F. Kennedy

"It is impossible to feel grateful and depressed in the same moment." - Naomi Williams

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." - G.K. Chesterton

"'Enough' is a feast!" - Ancient proverb

Ann and I are humbled and thankful for this church family! Happy Thanksgiving☺!

Important Announcement

The elders have decided to cancel Wednesday night class next Wednesday, November 23rd, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We ask that everyone take advantage of this opportunity to spend time with their family, friends, and neighbors and reflect on the many blessings God provides each of us. Wednesday night classes will resume on November 30th at 7pm. The Elders.

Wednesday Evening Meeting Time

The elders have decided to leave the Wednesday night class start time at 7pm and the class length at 45 minutes. We would like to thank everyone who provided us with input and feedback. The Elders.

Thank You

On behalf of my family and me, we would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and all the comforting words during this time of grief. It helps to know that others care. Thanks so much. *Sarah Gabriel and family*

Empty Nester's Christmas Party

The Empty Nester's Christmas party is just around the corner! This year's fun festivity is planned for Saturday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The meal will be a potluck, with a Mexican theme. And as always, a White Elephant gift exchange is planned - so start thinking of that unusual, funny, or even nice gift you want to bring. Every one who wants to participate in the exchange will need to bring a wrapped gift! If you plan on attending, please see Sherry Crowe, Gail Urbina, Bobbi Tourney, or Wilma Seela for a food assignment. Don't miss out on the fun! Hope to see everyone there.

Address Update

Jerimy Gadberry, #107697
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Please keep the following in your prayers. thank you for joining these families in prayer and may God bless!

Prayers of thanksgiving that Tuttie Delancey's mother is doing better and is home from the hospital. Continue to pray for her to completely recover from her health issues.

Pray for John Cooper's friend Richard Flood...who is struggling with a divorce at present. Pray for guidance and wisdom, for him and all involved and for his strength and peace of mind. May God's will be done.

Pray for Shane Briggs and also for the donor for him, that all may go well in all the tests for both and that the transplant may take place as the Drs hope it will the end of Nov or first of Dec. Pray for there to be no unexpected problems arise to delay the procedure.... and that his body will not reject it.

Now that the election is over, pray for the President elect and his administration that is being formed. Pray the ones that are chosen will be those who will make godly decisions for the nation and that God's will is done in this transition period and decision time. And pray for the president elect to make good choices and do the best things for the nation....for wisdom from above for him.

Continue to pray for the following who still need prayers.
Tim and Kathleen Riddle...wisdom from God for decisions
Tim's friend Mike....overcome alcohol addiction
Della's friend David....Leukemia
Ron Wilson melanoma & kidney issues
Dick Truitt...skkin cancer
Larry Barksdale...mesothelioma
Tyler Johnson....to get life on God's path
Cameron Fisher...to get life on God's path
Jerimy Gadberry...to continue to trust God and follow Him
Amanda and Destiny... Jerimy's family

Lila's sister in law....to find the right job.
Lila's brother....health issues and wisdom for some decisions

Many prayers of thanksgiving at this time when the nation pauses to count its blessings. Pray that we will all realize just how blessed we are and be grateful for God's mercy and goodness. Pray we all realize the extent of the abundant blessings we have from God's hand daily;

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

>**Sunday, November 20** - 6-8 pm at the Brassettes' House - Invite a friend and bring a jacket 'cause we hope to make s'mores outside!

>**Sunday, December 4** - at the Wilkins' House (kids bring drinks and desserts)

Let Lesa Brassette know if you'd like to host a Huddle!

Other News:

> **November 29 - Charlie, Kristen and Oakley arrive!**

> **Wednesdays @ 7 pm** - New video Bible Class Series with hot chocolate and good friends!

> **Gingerbread Day** for the Littles: Sunday, **December 11, 3:30 p.m.**

> **Christmas Progressive Dinner: Friday, December 16**



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For the Record Nov. 13, 2016

Attendance	274
Weekly Contributions 11/13/16	\$6,093.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,928.84
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

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 11/20/16

David Olree

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