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Real Life News & Notes

Patterson Road church of Christ

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Worship

Our youth group wrapped up a series on the topic of worship. In the first lesson we focused on placing God at the center of our lives because he is the only one worthy of worship and adoration.

Our students examined Deuteronomy **6:1-9**, a passage that reveals God's desire for his followers—people whose lives would be defined by full commitment and devotion to him. In verse 5, we learn that God wants us to love him with all of our heart and all of our soul and all of our mind—every part of who we are. This passage is full of the type of love and passion that we can have for the God who created us. The words are powerful and meaningful and truly explain the meaning of worship: putting God in the center of our lives and putting God first in our soul, our mind, and our heart.

We also discussed the importance of making worship a lifestyle through our daily choices and our daily sacrifices, because it's more than a church program. We focused **on Romans 12:1-2**. Worshiping God means learning to weave him into every part of our lives. We begin by obeying what the Apostle Paul writes in verse 1: We present ourselves as a living sacrifice through our thoughts, our service, our love, and so much more. The irony, of course, is that unlike animals that were sacrificed under Old Testament laws, our sacrifice requires us to pursue a lifestyle of worship; it is not compartmentalized worship. It's natural for people to segment their lives and "worship" God with just a few areas. But God wants us to worship him with every part of our being.

The decision to become a living sacrifice opens the door to what Paul discusses in verse 2: a transformed life and a clearer understanding of God's will. This, too, is a choice—in this case, the choice to avoid copying our culture's behavior and customs and to pursue God's process of transformation.

I pray that this is a blessed week for you and your family!

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God Bless,
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Memory Verse For November—II Cor. 9:15

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

Spiritual Epilepsy. This morning we might be tempted to assume what Jesus is doing in this miracle is only further confirming his power over disease and demons in curing a little boy. Yet, as we know by now our Lord, our Teacher and Master is always peeling back layers of spiritual meaning as he challenges and enlightens us in the true nature and mission of his Father's kingdom.

Join me in **Mark chapter 9** in a few minutes as we witness another amazing, faith empowering **Jesus Encounter**.

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

Thank you for being here this morning! May you 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 program during the assembly **for ages 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

*This week we want to recognize **Dave Downey** for his many years of dedicated work as our Deacon of **Finance**. **Dave** has recently stepped down and turned this ministry over to **Bill Wade** and our finance committee and yet so much of the fiscal framework that is in place today is a result of years of **Dave's** hard work and countless hours of decisions, budgeting, paperwork, planning and praying to ensure we as a church are good stewards of God's financial gifts. **Dave** has also been and continues to be a vital part of **Warriors at Heart** helping to mold and shape young men in Faith in our community, especially those who have struggled with mistakes and sins that have altered the course of their life. **Dave's** unheralded contributions to God's kingdom in **Warriors** will be seen in eternity. **Dave** has other gifts beyond **Warriors** and finance and we trust we will be blessed by whatever he chooses to invest himself in on behalf of our church family in service to God. Thank you **David Downey!** We love and appreciate you for all you have done and will do!! (You too **Vickie Faye**, behind every good man is an even better woman! :-)*

Faith prompt: Specifically, by name, pray for an enemy this week. And ...Look for someone to invite to Thanksgiving dinner... Someone here in our building this morning, or perhaps on your street or **the street**, who may otherwise be alone or without family or friends nearby.

Love One Another

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Updated Directory

Updated Directories have been e-mailed to those of you who have an e-mail address on file. Many copies have been printed and will be distributed during announcements. Please raise your hand when announcer asks and someone will bring you an updated directory. It is also on the website. Call the office for the password.

Children's Education Needs

We are in need of a teacher or teacher coordinator for Wednesday evening for the 2—5 year old group that meets in room 104 to teach one or two weeks at a time or for the winter quarter. See Sharon Riddle if you can help.

Mountain States Change Cans

Randy Schow of Mountain States Children's Home will be here On December 1 or 2 to pick up the change cans. If you have a can, fill it up and return it to the church by November 29 at the latest..

Malawi Pill Bottle Project Ends

The pill bottle project is being terminated at the end of the year. They will pass the one million mark by then and directors feel that they have enough to last for a while. Thanks to everyone who helped make that such an overwhelming success, especially Dean Blanck. The Malawi project thanks everyone.

Thanksgiving Note from the Coopers,

We want to thank all of you in the church for all you do for Jesus and for your support of us in our efforts to serve Him and you. Lord willing we will be with our oldest son Stephen and his family in York, Nebraska for Thanksgiving Week. Please pray for our safe travel.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Laci Wilkins and Josie Williams on December 6 at 3 pm here at the building. See Jill Wilkins with questions.

Mark your Calendars For "Christmas Under Glass"

The Over 60's Dinner will be taking place on Saturday December 5 here at the building at 5:30 pm. If you are over sixty years old, please plan on attending the "Christmas Under Glass" meal and fellowship. Sign up sheets are in the foyer and fellowship hall.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild has cancelled their regular meeting on December 6. See Cindi King if you have questions.

Agape Meal Cancelled

Due to all the holiday activity, The Agape meal we usually have on the 5th Sunday of the month has been cancelled for November.

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes

We will not be meeting on Wednesday evening for bible classes and video presentation on November 25 due to the holidays. We will meet on December 2 and the meeting time has been changed to 6 pm through the winter months.

Scott Harris Visit

Scott Harris plans to be here the weekend of the 12th. and 13th of December and will be preaching on the 13th..

Quilting Ministry Schedule

The quilting ministry will not meet again until Tuesday January 12, 2016 due to the holidays.

Special Prayer Requests

Please keep the following requests for prayers in your daily prayers this week. Your prayers are important and make a difference. Thank you for all your prayers.

Please pray for Bonnie Orr, Jan Nelson's mom, who fell and broke her hip this past week. Pray for comfort and complete healing for her.

Pray for Bill and Karen Wade for safety as they travel to take care of her parents. Pray for decisions that will be made for her parents care. Pray for the health and comfort for both of her parents, and thanksgiving that her mom is out of the hospital.

Pray for Roy Karo as he is in the hospital with heart problems. Pray the treatment that he receives will be successful and take care of the problems he has. He has had 3 more stints put in making a total of 8. Pray for peace for both he and Cathy.

Continued prayers are needed for the Treu's daughter who has cancer, for Larry Lucero- recovering from surgery, Bobby Schlagel- suffering intestinal problems, Austin Graham - has Krohn's disease, Taylor Lamkin - for his health to improve after removal of a tumor.

Pray Ron Wilson as he deals with a kidney not functioning. Pray they can discover the reason and it is treatable. Pray for comfort for Ron and peace of mind for Ron and Kay as they wait for the results of the Dr appointment.

Sherry Bradley's father, - James Webb has been in St. Mary's with serious health problems.

Tyler Johnson— Young man that Doug has been visiting, is incarcerated at this time, troubled and depressed. He is asking for our prayers.

Continue to pray for our nation and for all those who are in places of authority. Pray they will use their positions to help the people of their state or nation, and not for their own selfish interests. Pray for them to realize a nation without God will not last long. Pray their hearts and mind can be reached for the Lord.

Pray for the Christians around the world to remain faithful, though many are persecuted and in horrible circumstances. Pray for those who are perpetrating evil around the world, that they may realize the error of their ways while they still can.

Pray for the safety of our missionaries and military people, also for the law enforcement and first responders/firemen, as they keep us safe or rescue us in times of danger.

Pray for the upcoming elections, for God's will to be done.

Pray for our church family at Patterson Road, pray we will be the children of God that He wants us to be and to do the work He has planned for us to do. May we all bring glory to His name and bring others into His kingdom... and that our love will identify us as Christians.

Prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God for being the awesome God and Father he is, for answered prayers and for His guidance and sustaining power.

YOUTH NEWS

HUDDLES

November 29th: Matt and Kathleen Lee will host a huddle at 597 Creekside ct. GJ, CO 81507. Please contact Keri Fleming, curtiskeri@yahoo.com, if you would like to host one of these huddles.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Our Youth group will not meet this week.

NATIONAL GUARD GIVE-AWAY

Saturday, December 12th Our group has been asked to return for the 2nd time to the National Guard Give-Away. Our group will lead families through a room full of presents for families in the community.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Friday, December 18th please meet at the church building bring a friend, a white elephant gift and a friend.

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For the Record

Nov. 15, 2015

Attendance	291
Contributions	\$6,744.00
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 11/22

Eddie Tinkle

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

Sunday Morning Fellowship Time 9:45 AM—10:15 AM

Sunday Morning Assembly Begins at 10:15 AM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 6 PM