



Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Overcoming Overwhelming Obstacles

We all face obstacles in our lives. Overcoming them can be a real challenge. I really don't like facing difficulties. However, they can provide us an opportunity for growth. James wrote, "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials; knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

As I write this, Thanksgiving is just a little over a week away. I have so much to be thankful for. Seldom, if ever, do I thank God for difficulties. However, through difficulties I am forced to examine my priorities and the things I value and trust. Our problems can help us focus on what is really important and where we need to go to find help. Our memory verse for November has been I Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances." How can we overcome overwhelming obstacles and see them as stepping stones to greater faith and life?

First, I suggest that **prayer** is absolutely essential in dealing with problems that seem larger than we can handle. In the garden Jesus prayed fervently for strength to face His own impending doom. Hebrews 5:7- "During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death." Nothing is too big but that prayer can help us face it.

Second, I suggest that we **share** our burdens with others as we have shared them with God in prayer. Jesus shared his struggles with Peter, James and John in the garden of Gethsemane- "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me" Mt. 26:38. Paul wrote, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Gal. 6:2

Third, we must continue to **care**. It is easy when things go bad to retreat, withdraw and stop loving. Jesus said that because of the difficulties some of his people would face, the "love of most will grow cold" Mt. 24:12. Paul wrote, "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath...Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" Rom. 12:19,21.

Fourth, we must **dare** to keep going even when it seems impossible. Life is a risk. There are all kinds of dangers that could stop us from living. Epaphroditus "risked his life" to serve Paul and the proclamation of the Gospel (Phil. 2:30). Faith frees us from paralyzing fear, vindictiveness or anger. "Ships are safe in harbor, but that is not what ships are for." God wants us to live and love and faith in Him is how we do it. "Without faith it is impossible to please God. He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him" Hebrews 11:6.

Let's be people of faith, John Cooper

Memory Verse For November—I Thess. 5:18

"give thanks in all circumstances"

Our Gathering Today

Sermon

We will conclude our 5 Part "One Another" series this morning by looking at the all important foundation for treating each other as Jesus would: "**Love One Another**" Many have asked for a list of the *One Another* passages and you will find a copy of them in the bulletin insert (Thank you Jimmye!). Also, per your requests, the sermons should be up on the web site soon. grandjunctionchurch.org.

Guests

Welcome! Thank you for being here with us this morning. We pray you will find this a warm and welcoming experience that reflects the love of God. We wont ask you to stand or otherwise bring unwanted attention to you. I can promise that you will be greeted warmly by our members. We invite you to participate and share with us in the communion as the Lord's supper emblems are passed.

Acts of Service...Thank you!

Dick Truitt: Dick is a tireless servant who spends most days of the week at the building, fixing, hauling, mowing, weed-ing, etc. This past week he raked and gathered (again) and hauled countless loads of leaves away from the building down to the brush piles. Thank you Dick! We appreciate you so much not only for what you do but for the happy, self-less, humble way in which you serve!

"Love One Another!"

Elders, Deacon's Budget Meeting

Due to some questions from the elders on a part of the budget and the fact that I would like to complete this process in one meeting, I am cancelling the meeting for this Sunday 11/23. I would like to reschedule for sometime the week of Dec 1st-5th. I will let you know the specific date ASAP. I would like all "completed" budget sheets into the office by this Sunday 11/23. David Downey

Help Needed

We need help for the "Over 60's Dinner" on December 6. See Eddie or Vicky Tinkle.

Also, we are in need of a teacher for the 2—5 year olds on Wednesday evenings starting in December. See Sharon Riddle if you can help .

Final 2 Lessons on Salvation

Room 103 —Bob Heath Teaching
Sunday Nov. 23—Discuss all the conversions in New Testament.

Sunday November 30 - How to talk to others about Salvation. A couple of teaching aids will be shown.

Vince Urbina begins an adult class in December on Romans. At this time, Ron Wilson is continuing an adult class in the auditorium.

Women of Faith 2015 Conference

The deadline to purchase discounted tickets to Women of Faith 2015 is next Sunday, November 30th. Tickets will be available after that, but, you will not be able to get \$30 off or be able to sit with our group. Please see me to purchase your ticket or ask any questions.—Sherri Bradley

BASIC BIBLE SKILLS CLASS

I would love to offer a class for women on BASIC Bible Skills. It has always been a passion to work with women who may have never studied the Bible or possibly went to church as a child but never really read or learned basic skills. Here are a few things you would be learning and discussing in this class:

- *Books of the Bible & Abbreviations of the books of the Bible.
- *How did we get the Bible, and who wrote the books of the Bible?
- *What is a Bible concordance and how to use it?

I have not set the time or day to have this class as of yet. I am looking to see if there is anyone who is need or has interest first. This class will have a workbook and it would last 7 weeks. If this interests you or you know someone who does not go to a church but is interested in learning the basic bible skills so they are better equipped to studying the Bible on their own, please contact me.
Gena Willits - Call or text 970-618-4760 or email me: gwillits@ymail.com

Supporting Tiny Soldiers

Sherry Williams is member of an organization called Supporting Tiny Soldiers. They are Non-Profit volunteer organization dedicated to providing holiday assistance to verified veterans, current and retired services members, and survivor families through collecting and distributing donations. They are having their annual Santa Shop in Grand Junction, CO on December 13, 2014. In order for this to happen they rely on generous donations of toys, time and money. Their is a toy drop box in the foyer for anyone able to leave a donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

LUKE HIGGINS, ROSE BRANSON, NICK NELSON, GREG CROWE, LINDA LATNER, ED FISKE, SUSAN POTTBERG, LAURA WEBB, TIM RIDDLE, OVA BOYCE, JOHN KAMPER, BOB GROOT, SANDY GUSTAFSON and BERKLEY REEDER all need our continued prayers...they are recovering from illness, surgeries or undergoing or just finished treatment for serious and long term illnesses

Pray for the family of Phyllis Haight, who passed away this past week. Pray for God's comfort and peace for them.

Pray for Kathy Deister to heal quickly from her recent eye surgery.

Pray for Teddie Goodner's sister in law, who has been ill for some time and is now under hospice care. Pray for comfort for her and for peace for her family.

Continue to pray for the Ramon Salazar family who just lost a wife and mother. Pray for comfort, strength and peace for them in these difficult days and as they try to adjust to their loss.

Continue to pray for Scott and Lisa Harris and family and for their work in Africa. Pray for safety for Scott as he is still traveling in the US and will be leaving for home Thanksgiving.

Pray for Catia, a new Christian in Mozambique, who is having problems with her family accepting her since her conversion to Christ. Pray she will remain strong in her faith.

Pray for the family of Darrell Alire, who passed away this week at age 35, from a brown recluse spider bite infection combined with diabetes. He leaves a wife and 4 children. He is a friend of the Briggs & Gadberry families.

Pray for safety in traveling for any of our families that will be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday.

And please keep the following in your prayers on a continuing basis.

Our nation, that we will repent and turn to God, that our leaders will turn also to God for guidance in making their decisions and that God will hear us and heal our nation.

For those newly elected to various offices of congress or governors or whatever position to lead and make decisions based on God's principles. And for guidance from above as we look to and prepare for the 2016 elections, that those that God can use will be willing to be a part of it all and God will bring forth the person he wants for the next president.

The military people and their families

The Missionaries and their families, and their work.

Our church family and leaders here at Patterson Road.

The situations in all of the Middle East and the persecuted Christians around the world.

God hears and answers the prayers of a righteous man, who asks believing and from the heart. Pray and also give Him praise and thanksgiving for being there for us and loving us. May we recognize our blessings as a child of God as we celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday...we truly are blessed beyond measure.

Youth News

No huddle this evening. Next Sunday the youth are meeting at Spin City for a time of fellowship. Please see the youth bulletin board for a sign-up sheet. There are also a sign-up sheets to volunteer on December 13th with Support Tiny Soldiers and to let us know if you will be coming to the Progressive Dinner on December 19th



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For the Record

Nov. 16, 2014

Attendance	278
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$5,052.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—November

Manon Jacob

Communion Table 11/23

Bill Tidwell

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in November

Leonard Harvey
Kit Hatfield
Bob Heath
Bobby Heath
Bo Hill
Robert Howard
Mike Hughes
Mike Hurd

Announcements

Scott Ferguson—November
Curtis Fleming—December
Ron Wilson—January

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Ron Wilson—Think, Pray, Act—Auditorium
Bob Heath—Salvation—103
Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper—Auditorium

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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

2 & 4 yr. old—104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205
3rd thru 5th Grade—208
All teens meet in—203

Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Nov 23 Bud Treu, Mike Hurd
Nov 30 Bill Barslund, Scott DeLancey
Dec 7 Bill Tidwell, David Olree
Dec 14 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
Dec 21 John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
Dec 28 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt

Luke 17:11-19
Luke 16:1-10
Luke 18:1-8
Luke 18: 9-14
Luke 19:11-27
Acts 1:1-11

Romans 8 : 31, 32—NIV

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?