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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



Bread of Life . . .the sermon

After a Thanksgiving interlude last week we pick up in Acts 20, where we find Paul and his traveling companions in the city of Troas where they came to "break bread" and encourage the church. Paul is on his way to Jerusalem where he knows persecution and danger await, but he is going anyway (sound familiar?). This is a diverse chapter with Communion, falling asleep in church, raising the dead, and an emotional farewell. **I know there is something here for each of us. what will it be for you? See you in Acts 20 in a few minutes.**

Travel prayers: For all family and friends, and our college students, who will be on the road after the Holiday weekend. May God's care and protection cover you all!

60 or Over? Please let us honor, serve and otherwise entertain you **this coming Saturday evening December 3rd at 5pm** at the church building. You will be served appetizers, dinner and a wonderful time! Please join us for this Christmas celebration of our **wise and wonderful** members and friends! Sign up in foyer or kitchen area so we have an idea of how many are coming.

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."

Report on Our Recent Mission Trip to Russia

As we conclude our "Thanksgiving" Holiday weekend let me first say how thankful I am to be home from Russia. I am also thankful to our elders and to all who support these outreach efforts. I sometimes dread going on some of these trips because I know I will miss my home and family and also I never know what to expect. This was especially true of this last trip to Russia (October 19 – November 8). I had not been to Russia for 9 years and I really did not know how things would be.

Even though there were some surprises and some very challenging times, God gave me the strength and wisdom to accomplish some wonderful things in His Kingdom. I give Him all the glory and give Him thanks for taking care of me. After getting some rest in Moscow after a long overnight flight from Denver to Munich, Germany and then to Moscow, I spent Friday, October 21 visiting some friends from Yekaterinburg who had moved to Moscow some 10 years ago.

On Saturday, October 22 I flew to Yekaterinburg where I spoke that evening to representatives of several house churches in this city of 1 ½ million people. The next day I did an all day seminar in Degtyarsk on "Reasons for Faith in God." This is a city of perhaps 40,000 located about 40 miles West of Yekaterinburg. Nearly 30 people were crammed in to a small second floor flat. About half in attendance were orphaned children who were being cared for by members of the church there. I was able to give \$200. from my mission travel fund to help out with food, clothing and heat for these wonderful Christian brothers and sisters (Again, thank you to all of you who have contributed to this fund). I wish you could have seen the faces and heard the words of gratitude when I shared these funds with them.

Monday was spent visiting contacts from the church in Yekaterinburg. Tuesday I did another all day seminar on "Godly Marriages" at the preacher's flat (apartment) in Yekaterinburg. We had about 15 in attendance with wonderful comments afterwards. The rest of this week was spent with the preacher and his family making visits and taking out members of their "house churches" for lunch.

On Saturday we went down to Chelyabinsk to meet with the Christians there. This city is about three hours by car south of Yekaterinburg. Chelyabinsk played a major role in the Soviet nuclear weapons program years ago. Also, it is where a large meteorite landed just a few years ago. Several people told me about how frightening that event was. Anyway, I led a Bible study on Saturday night with several church families in one of the member's flats. On Sunday, I preached and taught Bible class before heading back to Yekaterinburg. Many of the members remember me from my visit about 9 years ago. They were so warm and appreciative of my visit. They all wanted me to stay longer and to return ASAP. It was neat to be remembered and to see their steadfastness and faith.

The next week was spent contacting members of the Yekaterinburg church and helping to bring unity and cooperation to all of the "house churches" there. Most of these church members had not had associations with the other groups for six years. We were able to bring them together and there was a promise to work together and help each other in the future. It was an amazing milestone and I am humbled to be a part of this reunification. All involved were excited and hopeful that this will be the beginning of something lasting and growing. Please pray that this new beginning continues.

I also met with a group of seventh day Adventist and we had a very rewarding dialogue. In fact, they asked if they could send a group of their kids to our Youth Camp next year. I will of course first run this by our Camp staff but it could be a very interesting week. Please keep this in your prayers.

By the way, people always wonder about the cost of my trips. This one was especially a "good deal" in my opinion. I worked hard and from an online source got a roundtrip ticket from Grand Junction to Moscow for \$ 562.00. Then I got another roundtrip ticket from Moscow to Yekaterinburg, from another online source for \$101. So airfare there and back was only \$ 663. ! Let me know if any of you want to go sometime. I will give you all the information to book your trip.

There were so many others meetings and opportunities but perhaps these examples will be enough for now. Again, I thank God for his guidance and blessings. And I thank our leaders here and supporters for making our outreach efforts possible to impact the world for Jesus.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, John Cooper

Over 60's Dinner

December 3, 2016
Church Fellowship Hall
5 PM to ??????
Sign up in Foyer

Empty Nester's Christmas Party

For all those interested in attending the Empty Nester's Christmas party in the fellowship hall on Saturday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m., please be sure to sign up on one of the sign up sheets in the foyer or the fellowship hall. There will be a Mexican themed meal this year, and food assignments will be made when we have a better idea of how many are coming. And as always, a White Elephant gift exchange is planned! For more information see Gail Urbina or Bobbi Tourney. Sherry Crowe and Wilma Seela will be in charge of the food assignments.

Thank You!

Thank you for all your caring service, cards of remembrance, prayers, and thoughtfulness—*Family of Dorothy Ball*

Missed on December Birthday Calendar.

Sue Marutzky—December 1

Pray for Betsy Brown, who has a C difficile infection; highly contagious so she's quarantined until Dec. 2. Pray for complete recovery and that no one else will get sick.

Pray for a friend of Della Fiske Turner's, Betty Jo Lewis, who is fighting cancer. Pray for her comfort, and peace. and for treatment to work. She is not doing well at present. Pray for her family.

Pray for Shane Briggs, for the upcoming bone marrow (stem cell) transplant in the near future. Pray for it to go well and his system to handle it okay and for no rejection problems.

Continue to pray for the following ongoing issues for many.

Tim and Kathleen Riddle...wisdom for decisions
Tim's friend Mike ...overcome alcohol addiction
Della's friend David...leukemia
Tyler Johnson, Cameron Fisher, Jerimy Gadberry, incarcerated, to get their lives on track with God. Pray for their families.

Pray for our nation and the President Elect and his team in the transition and in the future. Pray for God's will to be done, and that those he chooses will have godly perspectives. Pray for their safety. Pray for guidance for Pres Elect and all those involved in our nations future.

Pray for safety in travel for those who will be traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday that they will be safe both going and coming home. Or those who are traveling for other reasons.

Many prayers of thanksgiving....for all of the blessings we have from God's hand. Prayers of praise and honor and Thanksgiving to the God of all love, mercy and grace, who sustains us all in every way, and from Whom all blessings come.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

>**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. 20, 2016

Attendance	262
Weekly Contributions 11/20/16	\$4,340.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,709.84
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 11/27/16

David Cooper

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