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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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### Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

#### **Tradecraft**

In the Intelligence community "**tradecraft**" refers to the techniques by which covert operators practice their trade; clandestine tactics, secret meetings, encrypted phones, and meticulous efforts at concealment. **Tradecraft** is another way of saying, *there is a lot going on behind the scenes and it's not very easy to see, but it is very present, real and effective.*

When horrific violence is inflicted on humans by humans there is a strong temptation among Christians to react according to what is **seen** instead of **unseen**. Brutality and bloodshed are understandably difficult to process and often stir doubt and fear about how different the world might look for our children and grandchildren. I am concerned as well, yet there is nothing new under the sun. Injustice, suffering, and murder have been gruesome realities of our fallen world since Cain murdered his brother at the beginning of time. As for Christianity being under siege...Let's not forget the early church thrived and grew exponentially under the intense persecution of the government sanctioned terror of Rome as Christians were ostracized, sold into slavery, tortured and mercilessly slaughtered because they refused to submit to false gods. It's easy to forget and hard to remember that in all atrocities throughout history God is at work, in circumstance, in hearts, in timing, in a **tradecraft** like manner divinely influencing the tide of battle with unmistakable power and resolve leading towards ultimate victory in Christ.

Rest assured, as the world painfully groans as an expectant mother (**Romans 8:22**) God acts! The question for the believer should not be: **Why** do terrible things happen? But, **What** is God doing in it? God is the source of all good, not pain and evil (**James 1:16-17**). God is always passionately engaged in battle with the forces of darkness and although he does not cause suffering He can and will use it to bring about His eternal desire (**Romans 8:28f**). God's subtle and persistent **tradecraft** is easily overlooked in dark times and yet it remains present, deliberate, and effective for our good.

Consider God's **tradecraft** being accomplished in the midst of persistent attacks on innocent life: "**As ISIS arises, thousands of Muslims are turning to Christ.**" "**Iraqi Muslims renounce Islam because of ISIS.**" (Recent CBN headlines) Almost two hundred thousand refugees in the Middle East are being comforted, fed, clothed, sheltered, and provided running water and medical aid by Christians of all traditions, working together. Muslims by the masses are seeing that Christianity is a religion of active hope, peaceful service and loving ones enemies as it stands in illuminating contrast to the dark atrocities of their religion being carried out against their families and others around the world.

Because of ISIS, Muslims are witnessing **love in the name of Jesus** and they are **opening Bibles** for the first time and discovering a different way, the way of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. How many will eventually come to know Christ as Lord and Savior? That's God's business. We are called to **trust** God in the midst of tragedy, compelled by the love of Christ to love and serve others and pray for our enemies?

Let's join God in his **tradecraft** as he infuses earth with heaven both covertly and overtly in the midst of terror and suffering!

**Memory Verse For November—II Cor. 9:15**

**Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**

## **Gathering Today**

### ***Feeding on the Word!***

This morning we look at our last miracle in the book of Mark. A blind man encounters Jesus and asks for mercy. People yelled at the man, scolding him and telling him to be quiet. Jesus' compassion and love prevails as he not only restores sight, but extends the gift of character challenge and spiritual growth to all who would see.

Meet you in **Mark chapter 10** 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](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."*]

### ***Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus***

*A special thanks to **Wes Beaver** who recently donated a large heater that will help warm the building. Very soon we will have the heater installed and interfaced with our current heating system. This is the second piece of very expensive HVAC equipment that Wes has donated to our church in recent years. Thank you **Wes** for your generous gift to our church family!*

### **Love One Another**

#### **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.

#### **Malawi Pill Bottle Project**

#### **Members, please do not bring any more pill bottles.**

All shipments of pill containers have been concluded as of Thanksgiving Day 2015, and all groups and organizations are asked to not send their remaining collections until the first two weeks of January.

Appreciation is expressed to all who have made this program such a gigantic success. Well in excess of 5 million people were exposed to this program, and over 1 million pill containers collected in only 8 months.

#### **Baby Shower**

There will be a baby shower for Laci Wilkins (having a boy) and Josie Williams (having a girl) on December 6 at 3 pm here at the building. Both Moms would appreciate gift cards from Target.

#### **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.

#### **New Adult Classes Begin December 6**

#### **Tom Deister in Auditorium—Gracious Living**

#### **Vince Urbina in Room 103—1 Cor. 13:13**

#### **Creative Christian Art Guild**

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

#### **December 1 S2S Wreath Making Event**

S2S will be having a wreath making presentation on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone attending should meet with Glenda Scheuerman right after assembly today in the fellowship hall and she will let you know what to buy to make your wreath.

#### **Wednesday Evening Bible Classes**

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..

#### **Randy Schow Visit**

Randy will be here tomorrow around 1:30 pm to pick up the Mountain States Change Cans. If you have not turned yours in, please bring it by this afternoon or in the morning.

#### **Empty Nesters**

Dinner, Saturday, December 12, 6:00 pm, Church Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Paula Dixon 970-254-9059 or Wilma Seela 970-985-4726 for food assignments. Each person needs to bring a white elephant gift.

## Special Prayer Requests

Please pray for Rick Kauffman who attends the Clifton chapter of Warrior at Heart Ministry as he faces an on-going, life threatening battle with alcoholism. He has struggled with this all of his adult life. He is in a crisis crossroads in his life RIGHT NOW!

Ron Wilson—He did not get a good Doctor's report on his one transplanted kidney and he has also had surgery for a very serious cancer on his forehead. He goes to a doctor in Denver in December to decide a course of treatment. He greatly appreciates everyone's prayers.

Micah Lemons—Three year old Grandson of Sjana Lemons and son of Phil & Kristina Lemons. He is in hospital in Lincoln, NB with very high fever.

Continue to pray for Bonnie Orr who recently broke her hip. She is recovering at Larchwood at this time. Pray for complete healing and comfort for her.

Continue to pray for Roy Karo as he is treated for heart problems. Pray that they will do the right things to help him. Pray for comfort and healing for him and peace for both he and Cathy.

Pray for Tyler Johnson, the young man Doug mentioned....he needs prayers and encouragement, he is asking for our prayers for help to get his life in order. He is troubled and depressed.

Continue to pray for those with ongoing issues; James Webb...Sherry Bradley's father...serious health issues

Larry Lucero...recovering from surgery  
Bobby Schlagel....intestinal problems  
Austin Graham....Krohn's disease  
Taylor Lamkin...surgery for removal of tumor & thanksgiving it was benign

Other prayers are needed for a number of things: Our Nation and those in places of authority and decisions.

The world leaders in light of all the chaos happening in several areas.

Persecuted Christians everywhere.

Missionaries around the world, and their families  
Law enforcement, firemen and first responders, and their families

Our military people and their families  
The upcoming elections, and those running for office. God's will to be done.

Our church family here...may we be Christians first and show we are His by our love for each other and also those in the world. That we will bring glory to His name.

Prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for the abundant blessings we receive every day. For his love and care, his mercy and grace, for Jesus sacrifice bringig us the chance of salvation and a life with Him, for forgiveness, over and over...and for the fact of who God is and the amazing truth that He loves us and will never leave us. Amazing Grace!!

## **YOUTH NEWS**

### HUDDLES

**This Evening:** Matt and Kathleen Lee will host a huddle at 597 Creekside ct. GJ, CO 81507. Please contact Keri Fleming, [curtiskeri@yahoo.com](mailto:curtiskeri@yahoo.com), if you would like to host one of these huddles.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

**Wednesdays at 6:00 PM**

### 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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God Bless,  
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### For the Record

Nov. 22, 2015

Attendance	301
Contributions	\$7,794.00
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 11/29

Joel Trumbo

### 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 Bible Classes 6—7 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 Bible Classes Begin at 9 AM**  
**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**