

December 3, 2017

## Real Life News & Notes

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*



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## Our Gathering Today



### **on the Word!**

**Dr. Luke #10: "Seed and Soil"** As we continue our walk through Luke's gospel we see Jesus' first major parable. By now Jesus has a large following along with several women who are faithfully supporting Jesus and the 12 out of their own pockets. No doubt they dedicated ladies (like so many throughout time and today) were a great emotional and spiritual encouragement as well. Jesus tells a simple, direct and penetrating story about the "seed and the soil" of men's hearts. **See you in Luke 8 as we listen with open hearts!**

### **Welcome Guests!**

Thank you for being with us this morning!

***(Please help yourself to coffee, juice, and donuts.)***

May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30.

\*\*View our web site at [grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org) and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction** to discover a little more about us.

### **With Love and Appreciation...**

- To **Eddie and Vicky Tinkle** and all who helped with the Over 60's dinner last night. It was a fun time of food and fellowship as we honored our Precious and wise Golden Agers!

- To **Lynn and Leonard Harvey** for all their work the past several months in re-locating our church Library. It looks great! (thanks to their helpers as well!)

- To **Ed Seela and Doyle Bradley** for hanging new blinds on all those windows in the class above the foyer and for mounting the big screen TV in the fellowship hall!

**\*The Star of Bethlehem\***: This Wednesday night we will show a very engaging and fascinating video in the auditorium. It is an enlightening look at the biblical details and prophecies that led to the Wise men following a star that led to the manger of Jesus. Some have seen it before but it is worth a second look, especially during this Christmas season. You will be blessed! The video is an hour and four minutes so we will start right at 7pm and be out shortly after 8. Hope to see you here!

## **Love One Another!**

Memory Verse For December: Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given".

## *From the Shepherd's Pen*



We are at that time of year when we are reminded of the many things that we have to be thankful for. No, not our smart phones and smart TV's, not our smart cars that can stop and park themselves. Although we are very thankful for those things, that's all they are—things.

I was blessed this year with having all my family here to celebrate this Thanksgiving holiday. Both parents and both my sisters all gathered around a table to share a few turkeys. One store bought and one taken from the wild during this year's hunting season. Along with the sacrificial turkeys we had a dressing that only my mother seems to be able to make, pumpkin pie that only Jill can make and cherry pie that only Vicky and Ed can make, Laci's green bean casserole, homemade rolls and more side dishes that anyone should be able to eat.

It was a time to recall memories of the past years and how the only son was always the favorite child. As I grow older the things that I am most thankful for are family; parents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nephews and nieces. Also, those that we feel so close to, we consider them family. Then we have our church family that encourage and uplift us daily.

However, there are those who do not have a loving family, families that are filled with discord and strife. families that are missing loved ones. This is a time when it is hard to be thankful yet a time when we must all be thankful for the wonderful blessings we have in Jesus. He knows all of the joys of a loving family. He knows all the sorrows of a struggling family. He knows the pain of missing loved ones. For He, too, was part of an earthly family.

He was a son, He was a brother. He knows the struggles of an earthly life. Through all the joyful times of our lives and through all the struggles we suffer, Jesus is always by our side. He lifts us when we are weak, He encourages us when we are down, He carries us when we can't go it alone. He always loves us unconditionally and in that, we can always give thanks for the blessing we have in Jesus, in the compassion of His heart and the very being of His love. May you all be blessed this holiday season and throughout the year.

*Rick Wilkins*

## *Youth Corner*

### Upcoming Events and Activities:

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Progressive Dinner. Planning is underway. Have some ideas? Feel free to email me your input!

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Lock-in. We'll start with Pizza at 6pm. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and blankets!

### Huddles:

No huddle tonight!

Last huddle of the year ...

**December 10** - 6 to 8 pm at Kolby Turner's house (915 20 Rd. - Fruita, CO 81521 ). Girls bring desserts and boys bring drinks. To get a ride, meet at the building at 5:20. Van leaves at 5:40.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### December 17th

The schedule for morning assembly on December 17th will be changed considerably.. Due to work being done in the auditorium (painting ceiling, repairs, etc.) we will not be able to use the auditorium that Sunday. The Elders have decided the best option is to have two services, 8AM and 10AM, with 9 AM bible classes as normal. [Class rooms unaffected with the exception of the auditorium class (Bill Wade teacher) which will be moved into the fellowship hall.] The worship services at 8 and 10 will be in the fellowship hall as well. We are doing two services simply because all of us won't likely fit in there at one time. Doug will preach an abbreviated sermon in both services. Doughnuts and drinks will not be served. If you are unable to make any one of morning services, there will be an evening service at 5 PM where Communion will be available. Also on the afternoon of December 10, we will need help taking all the chairs out of the auditorium and stacking them in the hallways.

### Coffee Can Ministry

For the coffee can requests, all I need are the following:

Socks (Adult)  
Deodorant (travel size)  
Flashlights (small)  
Blankets (see Pam if you need details)

We will be distributing these items along with sack lunches at Whitman Park on Saturday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to help out, contact Pam Hurd.

### Empty Nester Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 pm. Each person should bring a white elephant gift. You must RSVP to Wilma Seela at 970-985-4726 by December 4 to get your food assignment.

### Mark your Calendars!

College and Young Adult Christmas Party  
6:00 pm Saturday December 16, 2017  
Here at the church building

It's a Christmas Morning Party! We will eat breakfast for dinner, play games, and open presents. Feel free to wear your pajamas and we'll end the evening watching The Nativity Story. There will be Prizes!

*What to bring?* A White Elephant gift. Spending limit \$0...rules: you can't spend money and you can't steal it (Exodus 20:15)! Contact Alicia Tinkle or Sara Tourney for more information.

### Care Calendar Meals For Norma Herman

[Go to carecalendar.org](http://carecalendar.org)  
Calendar ID Code: 263383  
Security Code: 1148

### Quilting Ministry

The Quilting Ministry will not meet again until December 23 due to many being out of town.

### Thursday Ladies Class

The class will meet on December 7 at the home of Karen Wade at 9:30 AM. See Karen or Glenda Scheuerman for more information. They will be starting a new book on December 14. Even if you have not attended a class you're welcome.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following requests in your prayers this week. God hears and answers prayers. thank you so much!

Please pray for the mother of one of our former members Grace Tabor. She was traveling and passed out. And taken to a local hospital. They found blot clots and are treating her for them at a hospital close to where they were. Pray for healing and comfort for her, and strength for her family. Prayers of thanksgiving that they were not far from a hospital when it occurred.

Pray for Rich Mendenhall as he prepares for and has shoulder surgery the first week of Dec. Pray for successful surgery and complete healing, also comfort during the healing process. Pray for strength for him and for Mary as she takes care of him.

Also pray for Rich and Mary's youngest grandson Lawrence who will be going to Denver for some tests to see what has caused seizures. Pray for a good outcome and diagnosis for him and comfort as he goes through the testing process. Pray for strength and peace for his family.

Pray for Betsey Brown as she is in rehab at Eagle Ridge after a fall and a hospital stay. Pray for healing and comfort for her and that she may be able to go home soon.

Continue to pray for those that were in last weeks bulletin (the long list) that are dealing with ongoing health issues. Pray for healing, strength, comfort and peace for all of them and their families. the list will be in the bulletin again in the next week or two.

Pray for Bill Tidwell as he has a surgical procedure done on his other leg. Pray for it to do well and be successful and for his comfort and quick healing.

Pray for the Howard's daughter, Danielle, who fell and injured her back. Pray for healing and a quick recovery as she has a baby and cant even lift it. and her husband works out of town. Pray for comfort for her and strength.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for the love and grace we receive from moment to moment from His hand. Pray that we may pass that love on to others and each other in our church family. Thank Him for the caring church family we have.

Continue to pray for our nation and our leaders...and also for the world leaders that they may make wise decisions and that they will work together for peace rather than their own agendas and power. Pray for the violence that is so prevalent be stopped.

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## For the Record

November 26, 2017

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>230</b>
<b>Weekly Contributions 11/26/17</b>	<b>\$5,084.00</b>
<b>Contribution 4 week average</b>	<b>\$6,764.50</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$6,521.00</b>

## Communion Preparation—December

Jan Nelson & Amey Collazo

## Communion Table 12/3/17

Matt King

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in December

Ray Gehrett  
 Kaydin Gerber  
 Larry Glenn  
 Nolan Grigsby  
 Leonard Harvey  
 Bo Hill  
 Timothy Hughey  
 Mike Hughes

## Announcements—December

Joel Trumbo

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

Bob Heath	Auditorium
Vince Urbina	103
Michael Applebee	207
Tom Deister for College/Young Adult	213

## Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Doug Clayton	Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway, Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Library

## 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	203
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 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays

Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

**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 5 PM In Fellowship Hall**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM**