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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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The Servant-Driven Church

Several years ago Ray Fulenwider wrote a book entitled "The Servant-Driven Church". He had years of experience as an involvement minister in a large church in the South. The sub-title of the book is "Releasing Every Member for Ministry". It is a great book about how every member can help the church grow by finding and fulfilling their God given talents and connecting to one another and to God.

As we near the approach of a new year we might also realize the key to any church's growth is the involvement of every member in God's goals for His church. Are all of us ready to give our all to glorify God in our church and in it's growth? It will take sacrifice, effort, cooperation, submission and love. It will also take faith. May we believe in God and his power to change lives. Do we?

One section of his book deals with belief, vision and thinking. Let me quote a paragraph from page 51 and ask the question, "What kind of thinker are we?" It makes a big difference!!!

Let's be "Possibility Thinkers", John Cooper

"There are two kinds of people in every congregation: Impossibility Thinkers and Possibility Thinkers. Impossibility Thinkers scan over a proposed idea, scanning it with a sharp negative eye, looking only at the problems. They look for reasons why something won't work instead of visualizing ways it can be made to work. They can think of a dozen reasons why a thing cannot be done. It doesn't take a sharp mind to do that. Impossibility Thinkers consider themselves keen analysts. They are not keen analysts—they are people with little faith in God, little faith in their own God given abilities, and little faith in their fellow Christians. They are inclined to say "no" to a proposal without really giving it a fair hearing. And usually their clinching argument is: "It costs too much" Their attitude produces doubt, stimulates fear, and generates a mental climate of pessimism and fatigue. The Possibility Thinker knows that it can be done if God wants it done. He will do everything He can to create a positive spiritual climate which keeps and builds morale."

Memory Verse For December—Isa 9:6

"for unto us a child is born"

Gathering Today

Feeding on the Word!

Some of you no doubt have heard of a **Jesse Tree**. The **Jesse Tree** is a traditional, visual aid re-telling the story of God's faithfulness through history as he extends heaven's genealogy to earth winding its way through flawed humans and culminating in the birth of Christ. This morning as we enter the Christmas season we will take a journey through **HIStory** (God's story) to see the root of Jesse sprout, blossom and grow into the Branch who is Jesus the Christ.

Welcome Guests! (Guest WiFi is available)

May you be blessed and encouraged by our simple Christ centered gathering as we sing, pray, commune and feast on the word of God. *If you would like to know more about us go to **grandjunctionchurch.org** and click on the "About" tab and then "What we believe."*

For your convenience we have a **nursing/cry room** at the back of the auditorium, an **attended nursery** across the hall from the cry room, as well as a **Kid friendly program** during the worship assembly for **ages 3 years to 3rd grade** (we dismiss them just before the sermon). **Thank you for being our Guests this morning!**

Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus

*This time of year so many of our church family go the extra mile in generous service and expression of God's love in helping and gifting others. We want to thank **Kay Garrett** for her labor of love as she coordinates our **Angel tree** project, **Sherry Williams** for leading the **Tiny Soldiers** effort to reach out to our military families in the community, and to **Jenna Hill** who spearheaded the **Shoe Box** Christmas effort, sending boxes of gifts to children far and wide. Many families and especially children will be touched by these expressions of God's love. Thank you **church family** for you part in donating toys, filling shoe boxes and adopting angels during this Christmas season! You all look like Jesus in so many ways!*

Love One Another

Baby Shower

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

Evening with Scott & Lisa Harris

There will be "An Evening with Scott & Lisa Harris & Family at the home of Sandy and Farrel Harris, 2385 1/2 Pleasant Ridge Ct., on Thursday, December 10 at 7 PM. Everyone is invited.

Empty Nesters

Dinner, Saturday, December 12, 6:00 pm, Church Fellowship Hall. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday December 9. 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.

Homeless Shelter Meal

Monday (December 7) is our opportunity to provide the evening meal at the shelter on North Ave. Lasagna Trays will be distributed this morning right after assembly in the foyer for those who prepare the meal and servers should be at the shelter by 4:30 pm tomorrow.

Delta Trip

John Cooper will be preaching in Delta on December 20. He will be taking the van and invites anyone that wants to go with him to meet here at the building at 8:30 am on the 20th. The group will have dinner in Delta before returning to Grand Junction.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with Thursday Bible School's Annual Program and Feast Day. A special thank you to Becca Ferguson for hosting the event in my absence, Melva and the crew who so ably prepared and served the meal, Anna Maria Fuoco for directing the children in the Program, Matt Lee for preparing the slide show, Trisha Yeager for running the sound room, Ann Clayton for serving as sign language interpreter, and to those who set up and cleaned up. Also, I would like to thank the Staff of TBS: Marlena Bagga, Becca Ferguson, Anna Maria Fuoco, Susan Howard, Jan Nelson, Susan Towles, Melva Willbanks, and Trisha Yeager for their love and dedication each week in working with the children. Thank you, too, to Bobbi Tourney for serving as our substitute teacher and to Jimmie Tidwell for all her help and encouragement. I know everyone who attended was blessed and, once again, I thank you. I apologize if I overlooked anyone. A special thanks to our Lord and Savior, without whom we have no hope. In Him, Sharon Riddle

Thank You!

A special thank you to all who planned, prepared and hosted the Sister 2 Sister Cookie Exchange and Brunch. It was a great time of fun, food, and fellowship. Well done!

Apology

An apology is owed to Tim Hughey for the omission of his birthday on the December birthday calendar. Mark your birthday calendar for Christmas Eve, December 24 as Tim's birthday. So sorry it didn't get on the calendar. It is now posted on the bulletin board outside office.

Supporting Tiny Soldiers

A gift box has been provided for you in the foyer if you wish to give a gift to military personnel children whether active, inactive, reserves, retired, or have lost a military loved one. The box will be picked up on Wednesday 9 and the Santa Shop takes place on December 12. Please place your unwrapped gift in the box no later than Tuesday or Wednesday morning, December 9. Sherry Williams is coordinating this effort and states they are in need of gifts for older children. See Sherry for questions.

Special Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following in your daily prayers. Thank you for your prayers, they have blessed many and are appreciated.

Pray for Rick Kauffman who is struggling with alcoholism, and it is a life threatening struggle, pray for God to help him overcome this on going battle in his life....and heal him.

Pray for Tyler Johnson, who Doug is mentoring. He needs prayers and encouragement, and has asked for our prayers to help him get his life in order. He is troubled and depressed and needs the Lord's help and our encouragement .

There are several that we have been praying for that have ongoing issues, please continue to remember them.....James Webb, Larry Lucero, Bobby Schlagel, Austin Graham and Taylor Lamkin.

Pray for Ron Wilson, as he goes to Denver this month to find out what treatment can be helpful in the kidney that is not functioning properly. also for complete healing from the cancer recently removed from his forehead. Pray for healing, strength and peace for him and for strength and peace for Kay.

Pay for Micah Lemons, Sjana's 3 year old grandson, in the hospital with a high fever. Pray the doctors will know what the problem is and be able to treat it. Pray for a complete recovery with no after effects.

Continue to pray for Roy Karo as he struggles with heart problems.
Also for Bonnie Orr as she recovers from hip surgery at Larchwood.

And as always do remember those we need to keep in prayer in an ongoing basis; our missionaries, military, law enforcement, firemen and first responders and their families. Also our nation and our leaders, the world leaders and the persecuted Christians around the world. Pray for God's will to be done in this chaotic world, and in the affairs of men and nations.

Pray for our church family here, that we will be the shining light that God intended us to be in very dark world. Pray we will bring God glory by our lives and our love...and bring others into His kingdom. May we see the urgency of telling the world of Jesus while we have opportunity.

Do not forget prayers of praise and Thanksgiving to our loving, merciful God for all of his blessings and answered prayers. And for being the Awesome God he is!...for His love and grace!!

Taylor Lamkin, Sheri Heat's nephew who is back in hospital in Dallas due to some complications after surgery.

Taryn—Johnna Connell's daughter. Has had surgery on her esophagus. Pray for her complete recovery.

YOUTH NEWS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM Our Youth group will meet upstairs in Room 213. Come enjoy hot chocolate and thoughtful discussions.

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. Theme this year will be Christmas Movie Characters.

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God Bless,
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For the Record

Nov. 29, 2015

Attendance	261
Contributions	\$5,432.00
Budget	\$6,098.00

Communion Preparation—December

Jan Nelson & Amey Collazo

Communion Table 12/6

Dave Olree

Preaching Schedule

December 6th - Doug Clayton
 December 13th- Scott Harris
 December 20th - Doug Clayton
 December 27th - Nolan Grigsby

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in December

Craig Roberts
 Randy Romkee
 Ed Seela
 Richard Sisco
 Ryan Smith
 Bill Tidwell
 EddieTinkle
 Herb Tinkle

Announcements

Dec.—Scott Ferguson

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

Tom Deister	Auditorium
Vince Urbina	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