



Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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The Reason for The Season?

What a busy time of year: Gifts to buy. Parties to attend. Travel to relatives. Food to prepare. Preparing for guests. And the list could go on and on. How can we keep things calm, enjoyable and positive?

I am fully aware that "Christmas" is not a Biblically mandated Holiday that we must keep. However, for whatever reason, many people throughout the world remember the birth of Jesus on this day. Paul wrote in Colossians 4:5, "Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." It seems to me that we as Christians have an unbelievable opportunity at this time of year to talk about Jesus. I think we should make the most of it. Paul continued in the next verse to say, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

What answers can we share with others about Jesus at this time of year? What did the angels, the gospel writers and heavenly hosts say about Jesus and his coming? Are any of these things relevant to us today? I'd say so! The angel told Joseph to marry Mary and name him Jesus ("the Lord saves") "because he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Don't we all need to be saved from our sins?! Later Isaiah is quoted and states that he (Jesus) will be called Immanuel-"which means, 'God with us'" (Matt. 1:23) Don't we all need to have God is with us?!

In Luke the angels are recorded as telling the shepherds "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"..."Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests'" (Luke 2:10,11,13,14). Don't we all need some good news?! Couldn't we all use some great joy in our lives?! Don't we all need a Savior and Lord?! Don't we need peace on earth? Don't we all need God's favor to rest on us?!

Yes, the true message of Christmas is needed by all mankind. May we share the real reason for the season with others.

In His love and Grace,

John Cooper

Memory Verse For December Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest"

Our Gathering Today

Sermon

Tom Deister will preach and bless our church family as God speaks a word of hope and challenge through him this morning. [It's appropriate that a **Navy Veteran** should speak on December 7th. If you don't know what this means ask someone older than you.]

Welcome Guests! We pray you will find your time with us this morning a warm and welcoming gathering that reflects the love of God. We invite you to participate and share with us in the communion as the Lord's Supper emblems are passed.

Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus. Thank you!

Sherry Williams: Sherry is heading up the **Toy Soldiers** drive. This is to help those military families who may have a spouse deployed or otherwise need a little help providing Christmas presents for their kids. Our teens will help hand these out on a Saturday upcoming.

- You will see a **BIG WHITE BOX** in the foyer. Please place an unwrapped toy in it. **Lets fill the box and then some!! See Sherry if you have questions.**

- Thank you Sherry for serving others in the name of Jesus in this way! We know you have a special place in your heart for military families and we honor and remember the last full measure of devotion that was paid by one so close to you.

Kay Gehrett: Once again Kay has wonderfully coordinated our **Angel Tree ministry**. And, all of you, with your generous hearts, have taken most all of the Angels already (more may appear soon). **Kay**, thank you for leading us in serving so many needy families in the name of Jesus!

I am so proud of our church family for all the acts of love and service we do in our community and for each other year around! - Doug

"Love One Another!"

Elders/Deacons Budget Meeting

The meeting to finalize the budget will be tomorrow at 6:30 PM in Room 202. If you have not turned in your budget worksheet, please do so ASAP. We request that all deacons and elders attend.—Thank you, David Downey

Winter Adult Classes

Vince Urbina begins an adult class today in Room 103 on Romans and Bill Wade will be starting an adult class in the auditorium entitled "Making A Worthy Christian Walk".

John Cooper will continue teaching on Wednesday evening through December 17. We will not have classes on December 24 or December 31. On January 7, Doug Clayton takes over the adult class on Wednesday evening with a video entitled "The Truth Project".

Empty Nesters Christmas Party

Today is the last day to RSVP for the Christmas party on December 13. Please contact Paula Dixon or Wilma Seela.

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. There is a toy drop box in the foyer for anyone able to leave a donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for those who want to participate in the Greeter ministry. This is a very important part of what we do around here and we need your help and hospitality. Sign up now.

Honduras

Those wanting to go to Honduras on the next trip—Start thinking about saving up. See Dean Blanck if you have questions.

Trip to Montrose

John Cooper will be preaching in Montrose on December 14. He has made arrangements to take the church van down if anyone would like to go. They will be leaving here at 8 AM and returning after morning assembly and lunch in Montrose. See John for details.

Omission

An apology goes to Vickie Downey for the omission of her birthday on the December birthday calendar. Please add to your calendar December 28 as the lovely day that God gave us Vickie.

Thank You All!

For the gracious hospitality you have shown to our family in our time of need with the death of our mother, Phyllis Marie Haight. The ceremony and dinner were great.—*The family of Melody Haight*

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The project will be making "fake cakes". See Cindi King for supplies.

Christmas Dinner At Darlene's

Darlene Rettig invites anyone without family finding themselves alone on Christmas Day to come share dinner with her at her home. She will provide the turkey and those attending are to bring side dishes and desserts. See Darlene for questions.

Please keep the following requests that have been received for prayer in your daily prayers. God hears and answers, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

JOHN AKERS and family, in the loss of his mother recently. Pray for comfort and peace for him and the rest of the family. Please continue to pray for the families of others who recently lost loved ones. (Jessie, Salazar family, Haight family, Alire family) as they adjust to life without their loved ones.

Pray for those who continue to deal with ongoing illnesses. Pray for healing, peace and comfort and encouragement for those who are recovering from serious injuries or illness, who are fighting cancer, or mental illnesses, addictions, or other difficult situations in their lives. Pray they will turn to God for help in these trying times.

Pray for the missionaries, their families and their work. For God to bless them with safety, health, strength,

Pray for those around the world and here in the U.S. who are promoting and involved in violence, hatred, killing, torture and all sorts of evil ways.

Pray for their hearts to be touched and for them to realize the Truth before it is too late for them as well as their victims. Pray for the victims of these actions, for safety, strength, strong faith, comfort and God's peace.

Pray for the safety and strength for those Humanitarian groups who are in the mid East caring for those who have escaped with their lives from ISIS.

Pray for our Military people and their families. For safety and strength for them and peace and comfort for families waiting for them at home.

Many will be traveling over the next few weeks. Pray for safety in travel for all who will need to be traveling in various ways during this Holiday time.

Prayers of Thanksgiving always for God's answers to our prayers. For His love and care for us and for His saving grace through Jesus. We are so blessed.

Let us be as thankful as we are blessed and express it in our prayers to God, our words and actions to others.

Terry Davis—Son-in-law of Melva Willbanks. He had surgery in Glenwood Springs last week to remove a malignant tumor from his kidney . It is reported that the surgery went fine and they think they removed all of the tumor. Thank God and pray that his recovery is complete.

Youth News

No huddle this evening. We do need hosts for our upcoming huddles on December 14 and 28. Please let Keri Fleming know if you are willing to host.

Events:

Saturday, December 13: Service project with Supporting Tiny Soldiers. Sign up is on the youth bulletin board - choose a shift: 8:30-12:30 or 1:00-4:00. Be a blessing to others as you help parents shop and/or entertain kids.

Friday, December 19: Progressive dinner! Be at the building at 5:00pm to load up on the bus. The theme is Disney. Enjoy a four course meal, fellowship, and fun! Each person needs a white elephant gift for the exchange. Sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Bring your friends!



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For the Record

Nov. 30, 2014

Attendance	294
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$6,122.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—December

Dielle Norton & Daughters

Communion Table 12/7

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in December

Dane Jennings
Matt King
Frank Lucero
Isaac Lavadie
Tyrone Lofton
Terry Meredith
Eric Moore
Steve Neff

Announcements

Curtis Fleming-December
Ron Wilson-January
Scott Ferguson-February

Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

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

Bill Wade—Making a Worthy Christian Walk—Auditorium
Vince Urbina, Book of Romans—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.

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

Luke 1:28-33 NIV

The angel went to her and said "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David," and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end."