

# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

By John Cooper

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Jericho. Almost everyone has heard of this Bible city. It has been said that it is the oldest know continuously inhabited city in the world. There is even a small village there to this day. Most of us will remember it from the Old Testament. It is the first city to fall to the Israelites after their 40 years in the wilderness. In the New Testament it is where several well known stories associated with the life and ministry of Jesus occur. In the story of the “good Samaritan” the man who was beaten by robbers was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. Jesus gave sight to blind Bartimaeus near Jericho. And perhaps the best known story, Jesus meets Zacchaeus here in Jericho (Thus, the above title).

Lord willing I plan on speaking on “evangelism” today. I want to use the story of Zacchaeus in the New Testament to illustrate some important aspects of local evangelism this week. And next week, Lord willing I will use the story from the Old Testament of Joshua and the battle of Jericho to talk about world wide evangelism.

Three Elements of Evangelism from the Example of Jesus

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

If we care let us share, John Cooper

## YOUTH SECTION

BY DOUG CLAYTON

**Christmas Progressive Dinner:** This Friday night **December 16<sup>th</sup>**! Bus leaves church at 5pm. Be here by 4:55. Bring wrapped gift and dress Bizzarro Outlandish! Sign up outside Doug’s office

**Angel Tree:** Middle and high school remember to bring your gifts for the Angel family this Wed night. Label them. If you forgot names or sizes call me (Doug)

### Youth Minister Search

No, I am not lost but as you know I will begin transitioning out of the youth ministry role after the first of the year. We are now actively accepting applications/resumes for the position. Our Youth Deacons and their wives (Flemings and Heaths) are at the leading edge of our search. We have placed adds on the career websites of several of our Christian colleges and are spreading the opening via word of mouth as well. Below is a brief description of the ministry requirements (preferences)

*BA in Youth ministry preferred, with at least 2 summers as youth intern and or 2 years of previous youth ministry experience. Applicant must have a passion and heart to serve in the mission field of American teenagers. Prefer man who is married (not mandatory). Good singing gifts a plus but not required. We are praying for a young man who is prayerful, personable, self-motivated, responsible, humble, able to relate to teens and if married, a wife who is a willing support in ministry. The most important requirement: The applicant allows Jesus to reign in his life each day! This job would begin ASAP but no later than May of 2012. email resumes to dclayton12@aol.com*

We are asking our church family to help us in the following ways:

1. Pray diligently for God to oversee this process and to send us just the right minister.
2. Tell people you know all over the country who may know possible youth minister candidates. (Only ones you could highly recommend)

We will take applications through the end of January. Then, narrow the applicants to 5-8. Then we will ask for your input on these and then narrow that field to our top 3 choices. We then will arrange for the top 2 or 3 candidates and their wives to come for face to face interviews, interact with the teens, teach their class, and perhaps preach. We want to make a decision on whom to hire by April 1 and have the new minister on board by the end of May.

Doug

**“Jesus, this week I will . . .”**

**Memory Verse For December: Matthew 1:23**  
**They will call him Immanuel which means “God with us.”**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call To Worship

38—Awesome God

## Children's Memory Verse—John Cooper

Announcements - Ron Wilson  
Song Leader— Bryan Crowe

## Shepherd's Moment/Prayer: Frank Lucero

647—Soldiers of Christ, Arise  
622—Ring Out The Message  
15— Step By Step

## Communion Preparation 18—Faithful Love

## Communion Talk— Mark Brassette

55—I Will Bless The, O Lord  
626—Christ For The World We Sing

## Sermon—"Look For People In Trees" John Cooper

## Invitation

266—Majesty  
957—This World Is Not My Home

## Closing Prayer: Tom English

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

Bill Tidwell  
Eddie Tinkle  
Herb Tinkle  
Chuck Tourney  
Edgar Treu  
Dick Truitt  
A. J. Urbina  
Vince Urbina

## Announcements

December-----Ron Wilson  
January-----Curtis Fleming  
February-----Karl Antwine  
March-----Vince Urbina

## LEADERSHIP

### Elders

Jerry Austin -----  
Tony Clayton -----  
John Cooper-----  
Bryan Crowe-----  
Tom Deister-----  
Mike Hurd-----  
Dane Jennings-----  
Frank Lucero -----  
Dave Scheurman -----  
Eddie Tinkle -----  
Chuck Tourney -----  
Rick Wilkins-----

### Deacons

Robert Allen Family-----  
Dean Blanck Missions -----  
Lonnie DeLancey Benevolence-----  
David Downey Finance/Women's-----  
Scott Ferguson Young Families-----  
Curtis Fleming Youth-----  
Kit Hatfield Young Families-----  
Bobby Heath Youth-----  
Mike Hughes Missions-----  
Daran Mahoney Children's Church-----  
Craig Roberts Bldg. & Grnds.-----  
Richard Sisco Greeters-----

### Ministers

John Cooper—Outreach Minister-----  
Doug Clayton—Minister-----  
Hunt Zumwalt—Visitation Minister-----

## Special Prayer Requests

**We have a number of people who have ongoing health issues and need our continuing prayer. Pray for them and their families.**

CHARLES FANT.....cancer  
STAN HURD..... heart problems and lymphoma  
WINNE AND MARIA LARCADA....Maria's surgery & recovery  
MARGE SMITH.... Cancer  
Infant JOJO... injuries from child abuse  
LORI WISE....cirrhosis of liver  
MIKE VERMAN.....severe burns (recovering at home, but has a lot of treatment yet to go)  
ELLEN GIBSON... Randy Moore's mother in law....cancer  
KEN COX... Ken's surgery went okay, he is recuperating at home. They did not find more cancer cells. He has another Dr visit this week, hopefully they will be able to remove the drain. They thank us for our prayers and ask us to continue them.

RON WILSON He had surgery on his kidney at University Hospital in Denver last week The news on his condition appears to be optimistic at this time. Praise God!  
Pray for the ENGLISH FAMILY in the loss of their loved one Cody. Pray for the peace and comfort of God to fill their hearts. Pray that there will be good come from this tragedy and others will think about the choices they make.  
BRIDGET CRAIG...Has moved to W. Virginia. Keep her in your prayers that she will be happy & secure in her new home.  
RHONDA PRINCE....pray for good results from the tests she recently underwent.  
DAN SCOTT—Husband of author Latayne Scott. He has been hospitalized completely paralyzed with Guillian Barre Syndrome in Albuquerque.  
RANDY DICKS—Daughter of Marge Nichols is very ill and has been in the hospital. Prayers are requested on her behalf.  
"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be know to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6,7

**Notes and Items of Interest**

**Missions Meeting**

There will be a Missions Meeting Monday evening, December 12th at 7 PM at the home of Hunt & Myrna Zumwalt.

**Military Packages**

Lila Briggs is getting the boxes lined up for our military people for Christmas. Some, if not all, will be mailed by December 15. We will be sending at least 7 or 8 this year. If anyone is interested in helping provide things for them you can give them to Lila. If you wish to do your own shopping, a list of things needed/wanted/useful will be posted (or you can get a copy by seeing Lila). For those who have family members in the service...if there is something they especially want or need, please let Lila know so we can include it in their box. Thank you for your help with this support of our troops.

Also the Sanburg's daughter works with an Alpaca Co and said that alpaca socks are available for purchase if anyone is interested in sending them to the troops that are in areas where it is cold. They're \$13.00 a pair. If you are interested in these, please see Jeannette Sanberg or Lila. Anyone having a pattern for knitted helmet liners, please let Lila or Jeannette know and thank you. We would like to make these for the troops.

The boxes go to those that will be overseas for Christmas. Christmas cards will go to all of our service folks and they are now in the foyer for signing. Thanks to all who care and help!! May you be blessed.

**Wedding**

Gary & Stephanie invite you to the wedding of Tirzah and Brandon Farmer on the 16th of December at 1 PM at the First Baptist Church.,, 720 Grand Ave. (Parking behind R-5 school.)

**Teachers Needed**

Sharon Riddle reports that she is still in need of a co-teacher for the Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades on Wednesday evening beginning in January.

**Nursery Attendants**

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer to serve as attendant. We urgently need 1 adult and at least 1 or 2 helpers.

**Christmas Dinner**

Will you be alone for Christmas? Please contact Darlene Rettig as soon as possible if you would like to have dinner together with your church family members.. If there is more than 10 people, we will eat at the church.

**Small Groups**

The small groups are in full swing and if you are not attending, you are missing a great opportunity for spiritual encouragement and fellowship. The groups are:

**Purpose of the Church—Dane Jennings Home**

**Kit Hatfield/Jaydin Connell at their homes**

**Jerry Austin-VariouS Homes**

**Bryan & Sherry Crowe-2nd & 4th Monday at their home**

**Hunt Zumwalt—The Church in fellowship hall**

There may be more groups to be listed later and any one of them would be happy to have you attend.

**Wednesday Evening Class**

John Cooper is teaching a wonderful class in the auditorium on Wednesdays on Loving & Caring. We welcome everyone to attend.

**For the Record**

**Dec. 4, 2011**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>251</b>
<b>Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Average Children's Church</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$12,665.68</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$5,289.12</b>

Donut Duty— Volunteers  
Building Lock-up— Ted Reaves

**Greeters-December**

Melva Willbanks

**Communion Preparation**

**December—Jan Nelson, Amey Collazo**

**Nursery Assignments**

December 11

Sharon Riddle  
Emily, Colton, Kloe

December 18

L. Kenney A. Antwine

**We need help with fellowship meals. See Rick Wilkins**

**ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS**

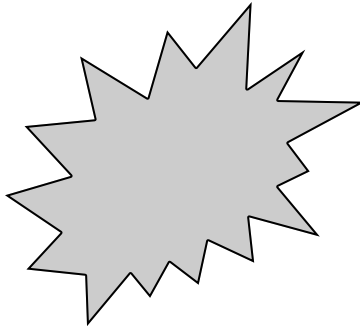
**Shut-Ins**

- Marilyn Johnson—The Atrium
- Earl Babb—Mesa View
- Velma Belt—Mesa View
- Arlene Rowles—The Fountains
- Dorothy Ball—The Fountains
- Edith Wilson—The Fountains
- Oneita Higgins—Grand Villa
- Selma Allman—At Home
- Inez Butts—At Home
- Irma Gerrish—At Home
- Phil Trusheim—At Home
- E. Y & Cecelia Massey—At Home
- Betsey Brown—At Home
- Ruby Morrill—At Home
- Doris Crowe—Living with Brian & Sherry
- Leona Widener—LaVilla Grande
- Thelma Watson—LaVilla Grande
- Ann Willis—Aspen Ridge Alzheimers Care

**Military**

Please remember each of these in your prayers, for their safety physically, as well as mental and emotional. Also for their lives to be strengthened spiritually.

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| Eric Callahan—Colorado Springs, CO | Josh Watson— Ft. Bliss, TX   |
| Alan Higgins—San Diego             | Paul Simpson—Louisiana       |
| Evan Jacobus—Ft. Leonard Wood, MO  | Tyler Morgan—Germany         |
| Kevin Law—Ft. Campbell, KY         | Michael Keller—Japan         |
| A. J. Carmack—Ft. Lewis, WA        | Shiloh W. Briggs-Germany     |
| Adam Lucero—Alaska                 | Cpl. Kyle Beaver-Afghanistan |
| Brent Williams—Afghanistan         | Krystyna Locke—Sitka, AK     |
| Dana Michelle Diaz—Afghanistan     | Corey Deister—Colorado       |
| Timothy Karcher—Texas BMC          | Zac Zumwalt—Portland, OR     |
| Joseph Murtaugh—N. Carolina        | Dakota Stewart—Afghanistan   |
| Matthew Coonts—Colorado            | Patrick Higgins—Georgia      |
| Tyler Hall— Illinois               |                              |



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**A place to belong.**

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Welcome to the church of Christ of Grand Junction! If you are visiting with us we want you to know how honored we are to have you. It is our desire to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 22:30,31). We are attempting to share His love with others through following Jesus' words , "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). If you have any questions about anything that you hear taught or see practiced we would be glad to share with you the reasons for the faith we have. Just speak with one of our shepherds or ministers or call 970-245-4210 and we will gladly assist you!

## *COME WORSHIP WITH US*



### **We're On the Web**

[grandjunctionchurch.org](http://grandjunctionchurch.org)

### Soul Care Ministry

We need each other. Many of us fight our greatest battles all alone, but we don't have to. Trained peer counselors are available to truly listen. Call to schedule an appointment.

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## **BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

Vince Urbina \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews \_\_\_\_\_ Auditorium  
Dane Jennings \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose \_\_\_\_\_ 103

### **Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM**

John Cooper \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose \_\_\_\_\_ Auditorium  
Ladies Bible Study \_\_\_\_\_ 103  
Hymn Class \_\_\_\_\_ 201

### **Sunday Morning Children's Classes**

2 & 3 yr. old \_\_\_\_\_ 104  
Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_ 205  
1st & 2nd Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 209  
3rd thru 5th Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 208  
Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ 213  
High School \_\_\_\_\_ 203

### **Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study**

2 & 3 yr. old \_\_\_\_\_ 104  
Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_ 205  
1st & 2nd Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 209  
3rd thru 5th Grade \_\_\_\_\_ 208  
All teens meet in \_\_\_\_\_ 203

**Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM**

*Connecting the World to God by following the Great Commandment and fulfilling the Great Commission.*