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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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## Complicated

We all have political views... even if we say we are not political we have a political stance. There are Christian democrats, republicans, libertarians and Christians who abstain from voting altogether. Even if are political view is "right", there is usually someone close to you who believes the exact opposite. We are lucky in the USA that every leap year we get a presidential election. So we get one more day next year to hear political ads and discuss politics.

Next year will be complicated. I would like to think that my political view is the right one but sometimes it is not so simple.

What I do know is there is not many political parables. I know that Jesus did not focus his energy on a politician even though his father has the ability to "changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others." -Daniel 2:21.

Jesus has political views but the red letters don't have many campaign slogans.

We must remember that Jesus never put the process above a person. When a woman is caught in adultery has compassion. When a woman touches the edge of his cloak he tells her to, "Go in peace." I encourage you to put politics in its place and live like the son of God.

*But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. -1 John 4:4-8*

God Bless,  
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Memory Verse For December—Isa 9:6

"for unto us a child is born"

## **Gathering Today**

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

**Scott Harris** (Sandy and Farrel's son) who is a missionary in Mozambique, Africa will speak this morning. I know the church family will be blessed by his message and report. **Scott and Lisa** have done and continue to do the hard work of church planting and disciple making as they have been planting and watering as God gives the increase. Thank you Scott and Lisa for your personal and family sacrifices for the kingdom of God and for being vessel's of grace and light in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ in Africa.

### **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 past week **Matt Lee** approached our **Ladies Ministry** informing them of three families that had some food needs. At the cookie exchange last week the **Ladies** stepped up on the spot and generously donated enough money to cover the needs and a few of those ladies went out, bought the food and prepared food baskets which were distributed to the families by Matt and our teens.*

*As a bonus of church unity, this is a wonderful example of cross-generational groups, older and younger, working together to bless and serve in the kingdom of God. **Thank you!** to all who were involved in this effort!*

### **Love One Another**

### **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.

### **Missing Video**

**"Missing!** Doug is missing his **Nooma #2 Video by Rob Bell**. It was loaned out some time ago and never returned. Please look around your home, office, bookshelf, under your coach, etc. to see if you have misplaced it or forgotten about it. Thank you!"

### **Thank You Note**

We want to say a huge thank you to all of those who had any part in providing the delightful evening for us at the Over 60's dinner last weekend. The meal was delicious and the time and effort that it took to make the evening a success was amazing....and successful it was!! We pray for you all to be blessed as you have blessed us. Words hardly seem enough but its all we can do. We have attended these I think every year since they began and you always bless and amaze us with your willingness to use your talents, and the work and love shown that make each year very special!!! Thank You from the bottom of our hearts. Lynn and Lila Briggs

### **Christmas Cards For Signing**

There are numerous Christmas Cards in the foyer for those who would like to send a warm greeting to our beloved shut-ins.

### **Bed Giveaway**

Doug & Ann Clayton have a firm full-sized bed in good condition to give away. If you are interested, see Doug.

### **Burn Victim Wants Christmas Cards**

A little girl whose father and three siblings died in an arson fire has a simple holiday wish; **She wants enough holiday cards to fill up her Christmas tree.**

Safyre Terry is the sole survivor of the blaze that killed her family two years ago. Safyre, now 8, has endured many surgeries for burns over 75% of her body.

If you would like to send greetings to a suffering, hopeful little girl that many of us have seen on TV, her address is:

Safyre Terry  
Box 6126  
Schenectady, NY, 12306

God Bless this precious child.

## Special Prayer Requests

We have several who need our continued prayers for on going struggles with health or other issues. They are:

Rick Kauffman...struggling with alcoholism  
Tyler Johnson...troubled and depressed...incarcerated at present  
Ron Wilson.... translated kidney problems  
Roy Caro....heart issues  
Bonnie Orr....recovering from hip surgery  
Taylor Lamkin....complication from surgery  
Taryn Connell...recovering from esophagus surgery  
Margie Nelson— in Hospital with cancer  
Thelma Davis-Recovering from a fall.  
Reese Norton-Recovering from hip surgery.

Also please continue to pray for Our nation and the leaders as well as world leaders at this time of chaos.  
For guidance for those in places of authority to a make godly decisions rather than selfish ones....  
For our military and law enforcement and others that are often in harms way. Pray for safety and guidance for them, that they may be safe and have insight to do what is needed to keep us safe also.  
For those who are so bound in hatred and evil to be shown a better way and hearts changed by recognizing the love of God for them.

Our church family...that we will be the people God wants and needs to do His work here in this world that so badly needs Him.

Persecuted Christians around the world...and here at home. Pray for strength and strong faith for all Christians that they may stand strong in the Lord in the face of the challenges they face.

Prayers of thanksgiving to the God of all love, for being called and treated as His children...for saving us and watching over us, for answered prayers and all the other blessings He provides for us on a hourly basis.

### Cards & Letters For Tyler

**Tyler Johnson is in need of encouragement.** Tyler is a young man with whom Doug has been working with for several years. Some of you may remember him as he attended youth group for a while and on Sunday's more recently. Tyler is currently in the Mesa County jail where he will remain for the next few months. He is very discouraged and lonely. If you can, over next several weeks especially, please drop him a card or note. If you have questions contact Doug. Thank you!

**Tyler Johnson #4217  
Mesa County Sheriff's Dept.  
Inmate Mail  
P.O. Box 20,000-5017  
Grand Junction, CO 81502**

## **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

I would like to thank our youth group. Many teenagers came out yesterday to help facilitate an act of love yesterday.

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER

**Friday, December 18th** We will meet in the parking lot at 4:45 PM and return at 10:00 PM. Bring a white elephant gift and a friend. The theme this year will be **Christmas Movie Characters**. There is a signup sheet today posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up so we can prepare the right amount of food. ***The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him - Psalm 24:1***

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### For the Record

Nov. 29, 2015

Attendance	?
Contributions	\$10,519.00
Budget	\$6,098.00

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

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

### Communion Preparation—December

Jan Nelson & Amey Collazo

### Communion Table 12/13

Phillip Bagga

### 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**