



Real Life News & Notes

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A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)

Advent

“Advent,” the idea of “coming” is seen throughout scripture. Despite it being a word that we seldom use it conveys a wonderful biblical truth regarding *expectant coming*. One such passage is Galatians 4:4-5: **“But in the fullness of time God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law that we might receive the full rights of sons.”**

The Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia* in the New Testament and is commonly used to refer to the Second Coming of Christ or of being **present**. For Christians, the season of Advent anticipates the coming of Christ from two different perspectives: First: The season offers the opportunity to share and remember the biblical truth and glory in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah when God became present in **Immanuel** (God with us). Second: To live lives of holiness and faith as we wait, expect, and long for his Second Coming.

Since before creation God knew we would need a savior. He knew we would need hope. He knew we would need a way back to Him. He knew we would need all things that were lost in the fall when sin entered the world. Since that day there has been a constant looking forward, a perpetual longing for a prophetic fullness to bring redemption to a lost and hopelessly wandering world.

It is in the Advent of Jesus Christ, the arrival of the infant King that all things are bathed in light as he walked this sinful and guilty sod. When we sinned hope was surrendered. When we turned our back on the Peace, unity with the Father was lost. When we abandoned relationship with God for infatuation and desire, love was lost. When we threw away completeness and fullness with the communion of heaven for shallowness and temporal happiness, joy was lost. Finally, when time was full and all of creation groaned like an overdue mother, Mary painfully gave birth as the stars shouted relief and heaven’s answer to sin burst forth in a holy moment of delivery that would deliver every captive and reclaim all that was lost.

The question of Advent is not will Jesus Christ be born, for that is an undeniable past historical event. The question for you and I is will Jesus Christ be born again in our hearts as we live by faith and await the second Advent of our Lord when all that was lost will be renewed and restored for the redeemed forevermore.

Memory Verse For December Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest”

Our Gathering Today

Sermon

As we approach Christmas our hearts are tuned to the goodness of God as it was manifested in the Savior being born of Mary in Bethlehem. "**Advent**" is a word we seldom if ever use in our fellowship and yet it is descriptive of what we anticipate in the coming of Christ, not only at His incarnation but at his return as well. This morning we will explore the beauty of what "Advent" is and means to people of faith.

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!

Thursday School teachers: What a blessing it is to hear and see little faces and young hearts each Thursday at our building absorbing the truth of God's word as they learn about Jesus and the many stories in the Great Story, the Bible. Thanks to **Sharon Riddle** and all her helpers who spread the seed of the kingdom in young hearts each week.

Our Shepherds and wives: *I am grateful and thankful for these dedicated men and women who are so willing to lead God's flock in such a patient and loving way. We are blessed as a church to have such men, and I am sure they would readily admit they are blessed to have their wives beside them in this great kingdom ministry. thank you and bless you all!*

"Love One Another!"

God Gives The Increase

With great joy we welcome Clarissa Tofel and her family into our church family. Clarissa has expressed her desire to place membership. Recently moved here from Gunnison, the Tofel's have twin daughters- Nina Grace and Gemma Grace. Their address is

Michael & Clarissa Tofel
318 E. Dakota Dr.
Grand Junction, CO 81507
Phone-970-275-9663

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.

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.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all the wonderful, wonderful people who pulled off the Over 60's Dinner!! Eddie and Vickie Tinkle, you are awesome!! To the Youth Group & Parents and all the others who worked so hard to make it a success. The decorations were beautiful the food delicious, the table service was spectacular but all that was overshadowed by the love and fellowship that was lavished upon us by so many on that delightful evening. We are so blessed and you made us feel very special!!

We love you all so much.
From the oldies but.....goodies.

Quilting Ministry News

The quilters who meet here on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month will not meet again until January 13, 2015 due to the holidays.

Nursery Attendants Needed

If you can help in the nursery on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the clipboard just outside the nursery door in the hallway. See Sharon Riddle if you have questions.

We have received requests for prayers for a number of people, please keep the following in your daily prayers.

TERRY DAVIS—Son-in-law of Melva Willbanks. He had surgery in Glenwood Springs 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.

TEDDIE GOODNER & FAMILY—Teddie's sister-in-law passed away last week after a long illness.

CHUCK & WANDA DUNLAP—Both took a fall last week injuries. In addition, Wanda's brother passed away and they will be flying to Missouri on the 19th to attend services.

PAUL DELANCEY and FAMILY—Paul suffered a very serious stroke last week and was air lifted to Swedish Hospital in Denver. At latest report he is now home and doing well. Thank God for his recovery and pray he continues in his healing.

BILL BARSLUND—Has been suffering from cold and flulike symptoms for at least two or three weeks.

BRUCE GERBER—Prayer of Thanksgiving that his foot surgery was not nearly as serious as first thought and he is recovering well.

DELLA FISKE/TURNER—She is suffering from a painful eye infection.

JOHN CHAMBERS—He is in VA Hospital in failing health.

DON & PAM BOWMAN—Prayer request came in on voice mail. The Bowman's live in Dallas County, Texas and are in ill health and having financial problems. Caller asked for prayer from congregation and for the minister to offer special prayer that both health and financial difficulties will be overcome. The caller stated that they are members of the church of Christ.

LAURA WEBB—Her Parkinson's has stabilized for the moment. The tremors are present but not to the extent where she cannot work or take care of herself. Thank you all for your prayers and concern. It is appreciated. Give thanks to God for her improvement.

Continue to pray for safety for all those traveling this time of year.

Pray for the missionaries and families. Pray for God to keep them safe and give them wisdom, and for many to be brought to Christ through their efforts and sacrifices.

Pray for our military people and their families. Pray for safety and strong faith for them as many will be placed or already are in harms way.

Continue to pray for those who are the areas where Christians are being persecuted in all sorts of horrendous ways. Pray for strength for them and strong faith and courage, pray for the humanitarian groups to be able to help many and for their workers to be safe. Pray for God's comfort for all.

We have many who are fighting long term illnesses and ongoing issues of health or circumstances. Pray for them for healing, strength, comfort and God's peace as they deal with these things on a daily basis.

Always remember prayers of praise and thanksgiving to our loving God, who hears and answers prayers. We have much to thank Him for!

Youth News

Huddle Tonight at 6:00 join us at Dan and Ada Marie Vorse's home for dinner, devo, and fellowship. Their address is 584 Ford St., Grand Junction. Youth are asked to bring drinks or dessert. See Keri Fleming for a map.

Huddle hosts are needed. Please let Keri Fleming know if you are interested in hosting. Thank you!

Progressive Dinner All youth are invited to the Progressive Dinner on Friday, December 19. Meet at the building at 5:00 to load the bus. The theme is "Disney". Bring a white elephant gift for the exchange. Sign up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.



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For the Record

Dec. 7, 2014

Attendance	275
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$8,018.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Communion Preparation—December

Dielle Norton & Daughters

Communion Table 12/14

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 14 Jerry Austin, Leonard Silence
 Dec 21 John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman
 Dec 28 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt

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."