

# Real Life News & Notes

*church of Christ of Grand Junction*

## Look for People Across the River!

Last week I entitled my lesson and the article in this space, "Look For People in Trees!" The idea for the title came from when Jesus was "passing through" Jericho (Luke 19:1-10). A man named Zacchaeus had run ahead of him and climbed a tree so he could see Jesus. Jesus saw him in the tree, called out to him and then went to his home to visit him. Many of the villagers were offended that Jesus had gone to the home of a wealthy tax collector, "a sinner." But Jesus had come for that very reason; to "seek and save what was lost" (Luke 19:10). After sharing some guidelines for evangelism from Jesus' actions in Jericho I listed several ways I hope to lead us into greater evangelistic efforts locally. Most of these ideas are not novel or new, I have been trying them and/or proposing them for years. However, with recent changes it seems an opportune time to re-emphasize and re-vitalize these efforts.

### Here are the ideas for local evangelism I shared with you last Sunday morning.

1. Evangelism training classes for all interested (II Timothy 2:2).
2. Vacation Bible School here this summer and elsewhere in the future (Matthew 19:14).
3. Outreach to Colorado Mesa University (Acts 19:9-10).
4. Expand worker base for our ministry at the jail (Matthew 25:36)
5. Sunday morning outreach trips to help small congregations in our area (Acts 15:36)
6. Develop follow up teams for visiting new members and visitors (Acts 2:46-47).
7. Increased advertizing on radio, television and newspaper (I Corinthians 9:19-23)
8. Development of power point Bible teaching aids and companion student manuals.
9. Begin Christ centered "Celebrate Recovery" classes for those struggling with addictions.
10. Develop on line Bible courses for evangelizing through our church website.

Also last week, after concentrating my thoughts on local evangelism, I also indicated that I would use Jericho again to illustrate some important concepts concerning global evangelism. After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years because of their unbelief, the Israelites are again on the edge of a new chapter in their history...conquering a foreign land for God. There was much wickedness in this new land and the inhabitants seemed insurmountable. To begin with, the land to be conquered was on the opposite side of the river. The Jordan was running high and not easily forded. Even today rivers and oceans keep peoples apart. But people across the rivers/oceans need Jesus to. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15)

### **Five Lessons From Jericho For World Evangelism**

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| 1. | Joshua 2:8-12  |
| 2. | Joshua 2:17-21 |
| 3. | Joshua 3:11-13 |
| 4. | Joshua 4:20-24 |
| 5. | Hebrews 11:30  |

## YOUTH SECTION

BY DOUG CLAYTON

**Men's (and young men's) Retreat:** Friday evening March 2 and Saturday March 3 (until about 2pm). Patrick Mead, the new preaching minister at the East Side Church of Christ in Colorado Springs will be our speaker. I (Doug) have known of Patrick a few years and have heard him speak several times. Patrick is of Scottish descent and it's a bit like listening to William Wallace speak ; -) He will challenge us as men, as leaders, and as a church to flee our comfort zones and impact our community for Jesus Christ in relevant and practical ways! All men young and old will want to be there!  
If you have questions see Nathan Walker or Rick Wilkins, they are working out the details. There will be a cost involved and a meal or two as well.

**Thank you!** To the Brickers, Coopers, Walkers, and Heaths for hosting our progressive dinner stops this year. It was a great time of food and fellowship in the name of Jesus!

**WNL: *Star of Bethlehem*** conclusion this Wed night 7pm

**Men, young and old, mark your calendars for Friday night March 2 and Saturday March 3rd. Patrick Mead, the preaching minister at the Eastside Church of Christ in Colorado Springs will be here for our Men's retreat. You really wont want to miss this! More info coming. Make plans to attend.**

**"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

72 Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

**Children's Memory Verse**  
**Announcements**  
**Shepherds Call to Worship**

591 Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You  
 Mighty To Save  
 100/47 Holy Ground/Holy Holy Holy

**Communion - Lee Chance**

218 Blessed Jesus  
 20 We Worship and Adore You

**Offering - Parish Williams**

To The Least Of These

**Sermon - "Look For People Across The River"**

**John Cooper**

768 Jesus Let Us Come To Know You

**Benediction - Dave Scheurman**

To The Least Of These

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

**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

**For the Record**

**Dec. 11 , 2011**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>Average Attendance, 3rd q</b>	<b>244</b>
<b>Average Children's Church</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$4,556.00</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$5,289.12</b>

**Communion Preparation**

December-Jan Nelson, Amey Collazo

## 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.  
 CAROLYN DEBERRY—Foot Surgery. She must stay off her feet for some time in order to heal.  
 The Family of DOUG COLLARD. God be with them in this tragic, trying time of death and sorrow.

**Urgent Request**

Please do not use the laminator in the teacher's resource room. It was left on for an extended period creating an extreme fire hazard and now it is not working properly. Any time you need something laminated please contact Sharon Riddle.

Also, we would ask that if you use any classroom or allow children to play that you clean it up before leaving. This is especially true of the Middle school above the foyer. Please respect the hard work the teachers do to prepare for classes. It is discouraging to have to clean up the class room before they can properly conduct classes. If you or your children or classes make a mess (other than what is normal) it is not the teachers' or janitors' responsibility to clean it up! Let's teach our children to be responsible by our actions.

**Education Ministry**

**Welcome**

Welcome Bob and Linda Heath! They are the parents of Bobby Heath and have recently moved here from Arizona. It is wonderful to have them. At present, they will be staying with Bobby & Sheri until they find a place of their own.. They may be reached at 712-6495.

**Christmas Dinner**

Darlene Rettig is planning Christmas Dinner for those who are lonely and would like to have dinner at her home or here at the building on Christmas Day. Please RSVP to her ASAP or at least by Wednesday, December 21. Phone 260-0088

**Thomas English Hearing**

Thomas English sentencing hearing will be coming up on December 21 and the English family requests prayer that God will work in ways that will be in Thomas best interests.

**Updating Prayer Chain**

We are going to update the prayer chain list....so if anyone who is not on it now and would like to be will please let Lila know in the next couple weeks, we will add your name and get you a calling list.. (or if you are on it and wish to be taken off also let Lila know) To those who have been helping with this my deepest thanks, its an important ministry and you are appreciated. Lila

**Military Package Update**

All but two of the military boxes have been sent....waiting on addresses for those two. But if you still have items you wish to have sent, get them to Lila and they will be sent later. The boxes were full so they went out this past Friday. But we do send things at other times too....so can send anything you have later on. The phone cards and alpaca socks are a continuing thing so they can be sent whenever you are wanting to do that. The troops don't care so much when they get mail just that they do!....its the thoughts that count to them!!

I want to thank all of you who have helped in anyway with the military boxes, not only for the help you give me, but for the support for the troops....so on behalf of the men and women receiving the boxes and their families...thank you and God bless!! You have brightened the season for those away from their families at Christmas!!

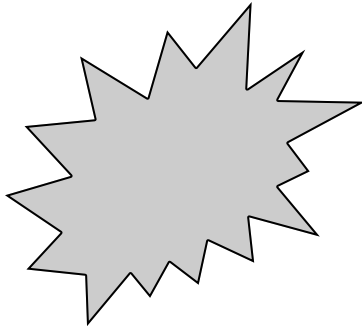
And I am sure you will be blessed by your kindnesses. Because of Him, Lila

**No Bible Classes Christmas and New Year's Day**

On Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will not have Sunday morning Bible classes. Services will begin at 10:15 AM on both days. Also, The quilters will not be meeting on December 27.

Season's Greeting to all our Grand Junction church family.

Hunt & Myrna Zumwalt



# church of Christ of Grand Junction

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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)

- Newsletter
- Announcements
- Women's Ministry
- Audio Sermons
- Audio Sermons

### 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**

*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me," for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11: 29, 30.*