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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers



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Elder of Month

Tom Deister

Bread of Life . . . The sermon

"To Caesar you must go!" We started walking through **Acts** together back in late July. It's been an enlightening, challenging and wonderful tour of the early church. We witnessed thousands claim Jesus as Lord as the Jewish ceremonial "washings" take on new meaning in baptism in the name of Jesus. We watch the church grow and spread to the far reaches of the world as people abandon pagan life styles and claim Jehovah as God and Christ as Lord. And then the past few weeks we journeyed and struggled with Paul as he was rejected and persecuted trying to convince his Jewish brothers that Jesus is in fact the Anointed one of God. Paul, after a perilous journey with shipwreck, snake bite, starvation, and stormy seas is finally in Rome awaiting a hearing before Nero Caesar. Under house arrest Paul teaches and preaches the gospel of grace. **I'll see you in Acts 27 in a few minutes as we bring our study of Luke's account of the early church and the "acts" of the apostles to a close.**

New Wednesday night Bible class January 4th!!

Doug (me) will begin teaching a video based series entitled "Daring Faith." This is a study of selected texts in John's gospel. Randy Harris introduces each segment with a 12-15 minute video then we will dig into the text in the class time that remains. Please plan to join us. John's Gospel is my favorite and I trust this will be an encouraging and challenging study!

****Christmas Day (Next Sunday): No Bible class, Donuts or Children's Church next Sunday. Our worship Gathering time will remain the same starting at 10:10 AM. We will have an abbreviated sermon focusing on the theme of "When God became man."**

Welcome Guests!

May you be fed and encouraged by our gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share the Lord's supper, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. We dismiss by about 11:30. Please stay around and let us get to know you a little better.

View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page **Church of Christ of Grand Junction to discover a little more about us.

Love One Another!



Memory Verse For December: Job 38:32

"Can you lead forth a constellation in its season?"

“They Bowed Down and Worshipped Him”

Most of us remember the story of “the three kings” who came and worshiped baby Jesus. Though we don’t know if there really were three kings we do know they offered three different gifts. We are told “they bowed down and worshiped him”. **Matthew 2:1-12** tells this familiar story. There are seven letters in the word “worship” and I would like us to use the first letters of this word to consider *seven necessary ingredients for meaningful worship*.

Willful search- (2:1,2) Apparently these men had come quite a distance to search for The one whose star they had seen. We too must search for God.

Overwhelming sense of awe- (2:3) Even Herod and all Jerusalem was touched by the thought that the King had come. God has become flesh-unbelievably wonderful!

Reliable standard- (2:5-7) The Word of God, Micah 5:2, directed them to where they would find the one who they came to worship. God’s word guides us in our worship.

Sheer joy- (2:10) When the Magi saw the star which indicated where the child would be, “they were overjoyed!” Worship involves great joy that we have found God.

Humility- (2:11) The Magi bowed before the child. We must humble ourselves in God’s presence. It is an awesome thing to be close to God.

Irrresistable urge to give- (2:11) The Magi gave gifts of value to Jesus. We show our gratitude and worship by giving things of value to the One who saved us.

Profoundly changed lives- (2:12) These men changed even the route of their return home. Encountering God changes everything. This is worship; putting Him first!

Let’s worship Him today, let’s worship Him everyday,

John Cooper

Roberts On-Line Account

There has been a “Go Fund Me” account set up to help the Craig Roberts family with expenses related to Craig’s recent heart surgery. Your prayers and financial help are greatly appreciated.

Meal Calendar For Roberts Family

A meal calendar has been set up for Craig Roberts and family, as he recovers from surgery. If you can help in providing a meal, it would be greatly appreciated. Here are the log on codes from www.carecalendar.org
Calendar ID: 247379
Security Code: 2569

Prayer Requests

Lily Smith fell down stairs last week and broke her arm. She is in a full arm cast but did not need to have surgery. Also, Scott Webb suffered a mild stroke and was admitted to hospital for observation. The Webbs have requested No Visitors. Craig Roberts is recovering from bypass surgery and Bryan Crowe from eye surgery. Please keep our loved ones and their families in your prayers.

Christmas Day

Bible classes, Children's Church and the donut fellowship are cancelled on Sunday December 25th. Our worship time will remain the same and start around 10:10 AM. Doug is planning an abbreviated sermon focusing on the theme of "**When God became man.**"

Christmas Dinner Invitation

Darlene Rettig invites anyone who is alone or would just like the company of warm friends on Christmas Day invites you to join her for Dinner at her home right after church on Christmas Day. She asks that you let her know that you will be attending and that you bring your favorite holiday dish to share. For questions, contact Darlene.

Malawi Project

We are accepting donations for vinyl disposable gloves to be sent to Malawi. Please see Dean Blanck if you wish to donate or have questions.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Guild will meet Sunday December 18 in the Fellowship Hall at 1 PM. They will have a homemade Christmas Ornament Exchange.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week. Those who are the benefactors of your prayers lifting them to God, as well as their families are forever grateful to you and have helped more than you know! God bless.

Pray for Craig Roberts and his family. He had a quad heart by pass this past week. Pray for a complete and speedy recovery for him and for his comfort and peace & strength for the family as they care for him.

Pray for Bryan Crowe for complete healing from the retina surgery recently. Pray for his comfort as he recovers.

Pray for a friend of Robin's, Kay Lee, who is suffering from acute pancreatitis and is very ill. Pray for healing and a complete recovery for her, also strength and peace for her family.

Pray for Melody Haight, who is having tests in the hospital today....pray for them to find the problem and that it will be treatable and not a serious issue.

Pray for Tom and Robin English....as Tom continues to have health issues. Pray for healing of the removal of some teeth last week and for comfort in other health issues. Pray for strength and wisdom for Robin and Tom as his health issues continue.

Continued prayer for Shane Briggs, who is dealing with some very difficult side effects of chemo and medication he must take before and after the transplant. Pray the transplant will work and rebuild his bone marrow and that his system will not reject it, and for comfort & strength for him and strength & peace for his family.

Continue to pray for Betsy Brown, - C Diff

Larry and Lula Collins...heart valve replacement surgery

David who has leukemia,

Betty Jo Lewis, cancer

Our nations and those who are in process of a transition of power in Washington, pray for godly men/women to be chosen for the different positions, and for God's will to be done in all things.

Pray for Elaine Roberts cousin's friend who just had a liver transplant that it will work and he will recover and heal from both the surgery and the illness the diseased liver he had caused to his system.

Prayers of thanksgiving to God for his love and care and all the answered prayers, for the wisdom He provides, the strength He gives and the assurance of His abiding presence.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

December 18 - 6-8 pm at the home of Oakley (Charlie & Kristen DeLong). Their address is 712 1/2 Willow Creek Rd - GJ 81505). Invite a friend and watch for what to bring next week!

January 8 - at the Franklins' house

January 22 - at Julia and Jonnathan's house

New Years Eve Laser Tag Party

December 31 - 5pm-12:30am at the Church building. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite snacks and a friend and bring in the new year the right way: with laser tag!





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For the Record

Dec. 11, 2016

Attendance	256
Weekly Contributions 12/11/16	\$6,109.50
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,316.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,100.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in December

Bill Wade
Gabe Wilkins
Rick Wilkins
Jeff Yeager
Wes Yeager
Hunt Zumwalt
Jeremy Antwine
Jerry Austin

Communion Preparation—December/January Jan Nelson

Communion Table 12/18/16

Ryan Smith

Announcements - December

Eddie Tinkle

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

Ron Wilson	Auditorium
Wes Yeager	202
Bill Wade	103
Young Adult (Under 30)	207

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper	Auditorium
Singing Class	103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2	Nursery
2 & 4 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 & 5 yr. old	104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd	205
1st thru 5th Grade	208
All teens meet in	203

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School for Pre-Schoolers	9:30 am—12:30 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
Sunday Evening Class begins at 6 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM