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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the Word!

"How will this be? I am a virgin!" "Nothing is impossible with God." "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." We recognize these words from Mary, the mother of Jesus. As we Gather this morning on Christmas Eve we will learn from this young, unwed mother about what "Calling" really means in our life. We will go back to **Luke chapter 1 and 2** and reflect on the miracle of God becoming man, Jehovah becoming Jesus and how each of us, like Mary, can be the Bethlehem in whom Jesus is born.

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us this morning! May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. Please enjoy the coffee, juice and donuts you will find in the fellowship hall.

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

Honor!

- **Jeremy Antwine!** Jeremy was awarded and recognized as "Employee of the Year" for the Coke-Cola Co. Grand Junction district. (This is the 3rd time Jeremy has been given this award.) He is a very special man and Christian brother as we all know. Thanks Jeremy for all you do and for being our "Kid's memory verse dude" and "Children's church" ministry leader! We appreciate you!

Thank you! To Charlie, Joel, Ty and a few other unnamed angels who put all the chairs back in the auditorium this past Wednesday afternoon! They look great :-)

And there was light! If the auditorium looks a little brighter it is because we cut the "globes" during the repair project so that **more light can get out.** (Sounds like a metaphor for church ;-))

"For Christmas is not merely a day like every other day. It is a day made holy and special by a sacred mystery. It is not merely another day in the weary round of time. Today, eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified is caught up into eternity."

- Thomas Merton

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For December: Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given".

The elders would like to share an article from long ago. The message still applies today.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS FOR ALL THE YEAR

By the editors of McCall's Magazine , December 1959

CHRISTMAS is celebration; and celebration is instinct in the heart. With gift and feast, with scarlet ribbon and fresh green bough, with merriment and the sound of music, we commend the day—oasis in the long, long landscape of the commonplace. Through how many centuries, through how many threatening circumstances, has Christmas been celebrated, since that cry came ringing down the ages, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11 KJV)

Christmas is celebration, but the traditions that cluster sweetly around the day have significance only if they translate the heart's intention—the yearning of the human spirit to compass and express faith and hope and love. Without this intention, the gift is bare, and the celebration a touch of tinsel, and the time without meaning. As these attributes, exemplifying the divine spark in mankind, informed the first Christmas and have survived the onslaughts of relentless time, so do they shine untarnished in this present year of our Lord.

Faith and hope and love, which cannot be bought or sold or bartered, but only given away are the wellsprings, firm and deep of Christmas celebration. These are the gifts without price, the ornaments incapable of imitation, discovered only within oneself and therefore unique. They are not always easy to come by, but they are in unlimited supply ever in the province of all.

THIS CHRISTMAS, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

These are but inklings of a vast category; a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured. Christmas is celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning—with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of the first Christmas—to savor in the inward ear the wild, sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

Merry Christmas,

Jerry, Rick, Tony, Tom, Bryan, Curtis, Dave

Youth Corner

Upcoming Events and Activities:

December 31st – New Year's lock-in. 6pm – 8am. We'll have pizza and snacks at 6pm. Bring your favorite board games or video games, as well as your favorite snacks. We'll also have 2 escape rooms set up for you to go through with a group of friends throughout the night. Make sure to invite your friends!

HELP!

We need hosts for Huddles! 2018 is knocking on the door and will be here before we know it. Please take a look at the schedule and see what date you can sign up to host.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The elders will host an "Evening with the elders" on January 21st, 5 PM. Please mark your calendars.

Pantry Needs for December

Canned Vegetables (not Green Beans)
Soups
Canned fruit
Canned meat (tuna Spam, etc.)

Dille—Yeager Wedding

Kris Dille and Bree Yeager will be getting married Friday, January 5th, at 6pm here at the building. All are welcome.

Attention Photographers

If you have an SLR or DSLR camera we need you to take pictures for the new website. Please contact Bryan Crowe. Also, if you have old photos of church activities (camp, VBS, Over Sixties, Christmas parties, Youth activities, etc.) please send digital copies to the office.



*May your Christmas
be filled with Joy!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers this week Thank You on behalf of those who are in need of prayer....your prayers are such a blessing!!

Pray for Chuck and the family of Wanda Dunlap who passed away last week. Pray for comfort , strength and peace for them.

Continue to pray for the Richardson family in the loss of Lance's mother.. and the family of Matthew Bruens, and Vickie Biocic's family in the loss of her sister's grandson.

Continue to pray for Bobbie June Ball suffering from cracked ribs. Pray for healing and comfort for her.

Pray for good results from the tests that Jeannette Sanburg has been having done.

Pray for Bernice Fox for healing and comfort as she recovers from a broken leg and goes through rehab.

Continue to pray for Kosi Mpofu , youth minister in Pueblo, as he goes to Africa for mission work. Pray for safety and God's protection and sustaining strength and wisdom as he works to spread the gospel there.

Continue to pray for Kirby Franklin, who has a serious infection in his leg. Pray for comfort and healing, and God's wisdom and peace as he struggles with this.

Pray for Darlene Rettig as she travels to Arkansas and back, during the Holidays.

Bob Heath will have back surgery at St. Mary's Hospital on January 2. He thinks he will have to spend two nights in the hospital.

Continue to pray for our nation, our president and his cabinet and for all those in positions of authority. Pray for our nation to repent and turn back to God. May the decisions made by the leaders be what God would have them make.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the great love that brought God to this earth to become one of us, and show us how to live, and then die for our redemption. Be thankful for the ongoing love that He show us in so many ways. God came down!!! And thanksgiving that He has given us such a loving and caring church family!!

Coffee Can Ministry Needs

Socks (Adult)

Blankets (see Pam if you need details)

Deodorant (travel size)

Flashlights (small)



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For the Record

December 17, 2017

Attendance	224
Weekly Contributions 12/17/17	\$5,306.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,675.25
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—December

Jan Nelson & Amey Collazo

Communion Table 12/24/17

Bobby Heath

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in December

Ray Gehrett
 Kayden Gerber
 Larry Glenn
 Nolan Grigsby
 Leonard Harvey
 Bo Hill
 Timothy Hughey
 Mike Hughes

Announcements—December

Joel Trumbo

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

Bill Wade	Auditorium
Vince Urbina	103
Tom Deister for College/Young Adult	213

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	203
High School	203

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

John Cooper	Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway, Ladies Class	103
Singing Class	Library

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 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays
 Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

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 5 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM