

Real Life News & Notes

church of Christ of Grand Junction

Outreach Update

Last week my sermon and bulletin article was concerning world evangelism. We looked at lessons we could learn from Joshua's conquest of Jericho. One of the lessons was "don't prejudice people." Rahab, who hid the spies, was a prostitute and perhaps not the most obvious one to be a believer in the God of Israel. Yet she is listed as one who through faith "welcomed the spies, and was not killed with those who were disobedient" (Hebrews 11:31). People around us, who we may think have no interest in knowing God may surprise us.

One of the outreach efforts to reach our local community has to do with seemingly "unlikely prospects", those imprisoned for criminal offenses. As you probably already know I teach a Bible class at the county detention facility (jail) every Thursday. Members of my classes will either be sent on to a Colorado Department of Corrections facilities, put into Community Corrections programs or released after serving their time. I believe that we can reach some of these men and women for Jesus.

On Sunday evening January 8 at 6:00 p.m. at our home (2376 S. San Miguel Dr.) we will have our first "Jail Ministry Orientation and Organizational Meeting" of 2012. We will be discussing how you can assist in reaching out to these precious souls with the good news of Jesus. You will not be going into the jail pods, however some inmates may want visits through the glass or via closed circuit TV's. There are many ways you can help while they are incarcerated- writing letters and notes, helping them plan for their release, etc., and more ways to help when they are released- helping them find employment, bringing them to church, studying the Bible with them, helping them find a place to stay and set up housekeeping, mentoring them and their families, etc. Come find out how you can help. If this conflicts with your small group schedule let me know. This is only a one time meeting and I can bring you up to date if you cannot meet this one time. May we all pray for this effort and encourage those who will be involved.

Let's "reach out" for Jesus,

John Cooper

YOUTH SECTION

BY DOUG CLAYTON

Next Huddle: Sunday January 8th
Huddle Hosts needed! There is a sign-up sheet outside my office.

Incarnation

That word means, "becoming flesh." When God transported himself from eternity to time he chose to do it in the ultimate act of empathy, with pain, water, and blood (the same way he left BTW). God became a baby. In hindsight, God's idea of how to do this made a lot more sense for a lot of reasons, all of which had to do with our good at the expense of His comfort. He could have used a form of the Star Trek transporter "energize" method showing up full grown with a tri-corder and phaser in hand but that would not have been quite as culturally appropriate as a seven pound, seemingly illegitimate homeless boy sliding naked and vulnerable through a warm birth canal into a cold world. The result, the King arrives dressed as a poor person, the Master entered clothed as a servant, the Creator came as a fugitive running for his life from the start. Welcome to earth God!

Despite being a guy, I admit I wonder at this time of year what it must have been like to be a woman, not any woman, but Mary the mother of

Jesus, the mother of God. The women in our lives who know what it is like to conceive, carry, and give birth can truly relate to Mary in a way that men can only grunt and wonder about.

Mary's body was the vessel and womb through which eternal mind and spirit became flesh and human. It was her body that fed, nourished, protected and incubated the son of God. Other than the obvious (the way Mary conceived) there is nothing to indicate that her pregnancy was otherwise out of the ordinary. I am fairly confident that Mary had a small idea of what this was all about but she really did not understand the full ramifications of who her baby Immanuel would become, what he would do, and how he would do it.

A point to ponder: Even though Mary gave birth to Jesus, she too had to allow Jesus to be reborn in her own heart the same way each of us does. Through faith, her son became her Sacrifice. Yeshua her infant, her baby, her toddler, her teen, her son, became... her Savior. *Jesus was born twice in Mary, once at birth and then again when He was born into her heart through faith as resurrected Savior and Lord.* Mary's confession and baptism must have been an emotional sight to behold!

May Jesus be reborn in each of us. Merry Christmas!!

Doug

Memory Verse For December: Matthew 1:23
They will call him Immanuel which means "God with us."

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1016—This Little Light Of Mine

Children's Memory Verse—John Cooper

Announcements—Ron Wilson

Shepherds Call to Worship

Song Leader—Lane Coale

1001—Hark The Herald Angels Sing

1002—Angels We Have Heard On High

1003—Silent Night

Scripture <1000>

571—Something Beautiful

364—Come Share The Lord

Communion

68 Give Thanks

Offering

Magnificat

Sermon - Curtis Fleming

028—O Holy Night

Closing

018—Joy To The World

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. 18 , 2011

Attendance 265
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr. 244
Average Children's Church 20

Contributions \$7,095.00
Budget \$5,289.12

Communion Preparation

December-Jan Nelson, Amey Collazo

Outreach Minister—John Cooper	241-4075
Minister—Doug Clayton	523-1654
Visitation Minister—Hunt Zumwalt	210-8960

Special Prayer Requests

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 is still awaiting the doctor's decision on how to treat him. 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. Pray for the rehabilitation of their Grandson, THOMAS as he faces incarceration for a long time and may a way be found for him to obey the gospel as he has long been waiting to do..
PHYLLIS HAIGHT—Is in St Mary's with several health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
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. A number of our family are sick with colds and flu. Keep them in your prayers.
JAN NELSON—Fell on the ice and injured her hip and arm. Please keep her in your prayers

Food Pantry Dive

Please pick a grocery bag or two with a list of items needed for the pantry attached. They should be returned full of the listed groceries by January 8.

Welcome

Last week I inadvertently left off a daughter of Bob and Linda Heath when welcoming them into our church family. I was advised that they also claim Dana Mahoney. I knew that and I am so sorry for the oversight. PS- Dana has already forgiven me.

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

No Bible Classes New Year's Day

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

Congratulations!

Lane & Carol Coale have just returned from Oklahoma where they celebrated the graduation of their daughter from college. Also, Eddie & Vicky Tinkle have just returned from Arkansas where Alicia graduated from Harding. Congratulations to the young ladies for their accomplishments and the parents who saw them through it.

Wednesday Evening Classes

Teachers for Wednesday evening (December 28) will be absent for the young children so Wilma Seela and Darlene Rettig have agreed to show a video on that evening for all pre-teen age groups. See one of them for details. All other classes will proceed as usual.

Quilting Ministry

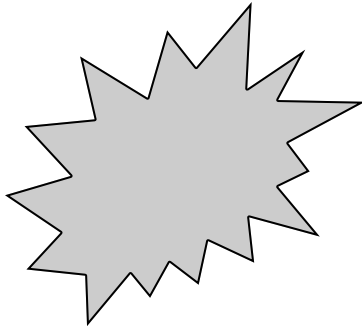
The quilters will not be having their regular work session on December 27 due to the holidays.

The church staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Jesus is the reason for the season!

The Greatest Gift

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, and they bowed down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 1: 10,11*



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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

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- Announcements
- Women's Ministry
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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.