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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

Our Gathering Today



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.

When God became man

"But you Bethlehem though you are small among the clans of Judah out of you will come one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times." **Micah 5:2**

"The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." - **John 1:14**

"When the time had fully come, God sent his son, born of a woman..."
Galatians 4:4

May the Christmas story become our story. As Jesus was born may he be born again in us!



Love One Another!

Memory Verse For December: Job 38:32

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

Sips from the Well (by Doug Clayton)



Christmas

“Advent,” is a word we seldom use in our church heritage yet it reflects a beautiful image in Scripture conveying the idea of “expectant coming.” One of many such passages 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.”** (Similar “expectant” texts are Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, John 1:14, to name a few.)

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, this season recalls the coming of Christ in two ways: **First:** The opportunity to remember and celebrate the biblical truth of fulfilled prophecy for the coming Messiah when God would become man, **Immanuel** (God with us). **Second:** To remind Jesus’ followers to live lives of active kingdom holiness, abundance and faith as we in hope long for our Lord’s return.

God’s cosmic reclamation project began anew with the advent of Jesus in a manger. When we sinned life was surrendered. When we turned our back on the Father, peace was forfeited. When we traded a meaningful relationship with Jehovah for infatuation with the world, love’s essence was distorted. When we exchanged completeness for mere happiness, joy was compromised. Finally, when time was full and the universe painfully labored like an overdue mother...Mary delivered. **And at long last as the heavens pushed and the stars shouted joyful relief God’s response to sin burst forth in a holy moment of birth.** The infant King has come and His arrival marked the age of Jubilee that would free every captive and reclaim all that was lost.

The question of Christmas for us is not **“Was Jesus Christ born?”** As we celebrate God becoming man the probing challenge becomes, **“Will Jesus Christ be *born again* in me? Will we live by faith as we bring heaven to earth each day in expectant joy of the Second Advent of our Lord when graves will surrender their dead and all that was lost because of our sin is restored and renewed for the redeemed forevermore?”**

May **“Christ in us, the hope of glory”** be our gift of Christmas!

Merry Christmas Church!

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.

Homeless Shelter Meal

Instead of preparing and serving the Homeless Shelter meal on North Ave. over the New Year's Holiday, we have sent the shelter a check to purchase whatever they would like for that evening. Regular schedule will start the first Monday in February.

Hawkinson Nuptials

Dee and Jennifer Hawkinson will renew their wedding vows this evening at 7 PM in the church auditorium. John Cooper will officiate. The Hawkinsons request No gifts but they do invite everyone to this happy occasion.

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.

New Adult Bible Class

Vince Urbina will begin a new adult bible class in room 103 starting January 1. Class will focus on the Parables and is titled "Go and Do Likewise". Ron Wilson's class is in the auditorium and Wes Yeager's class is upstairs in 202. On Wednesday evenings, Doug Clayton will start an adult class titled "Daring Faith" in late January after the current video series ends.

Thank You!

From the bottom of our hearts we are grateful for everything you do for us in this rough time in our lives. We are blessed more than ever.—*Joel and Destine Trumbo*

Holli Heath Graduates

Holli Heath graduated from ACU this month with a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising and public relations with a minor in business. She will spend the next month touring Iceland and cooling off after 4 years of the heat in Texas. When she returns, she plans on entering the work force possibly in Dallas. Her parents (Bobby & Sheri) are so proud of her determination and thankful for her teachers, family, mentors and friends that have been a positive influence on her. Congratulations and God Bless you, Holli Heath.

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. Its so important and makes a difference for those you pray for. Thank You!

Kirby Franklin—Suffering from a veinous ulcer for 2 years and is unable to speak above a whisper. He asks for prayers as he is in GJ for a while undergoing treatment..
Pray for the son of Bobbie June Ball's son Jim Fisher, who is hospitalized with a head injury. Pray for healing and comfort for him. Pray for his family's strength and peace.

A prayer of thanksgiving that Craig Roberts is home and recovering from his heart surgery. Pray for his continued complete recovery.

Pray for Lily Smith and Destiny Gadberry, both who are in casts with broken arms. Pray their arms will heal well and quickly.

Pray for Scott Webb who had a mild stroke. Pray for his recovery and comfort. Pray for Patty also.

Continue to pray for Bryan Crowe as he recovers from eye surgery.

For Audra Gladstone—She asks for prayers for courage and strength as she goes through some family issues.

For Kay Lee as she recovers from pancreatitis.

For Tom and Robin English

For Shane Briggs as he continues to deal with the leukemia.

For David, Della's friend....who has leukemia

For Betty Jo Lewis....cancer

For our nation and the transition of power, and all those who are making decisions...pray for godly men who will make decisions that will be for the people and nation rather than their own interests...and within God's will.

Pray for the persecuted church around the world, for strength and strong faith for those who are in danger for their lives because they are Christian. And for those who are in camps and in dire circumstances..who have had to leave their homes to escape....also those who are providing assistance for them, the humanitarian groups there.

Do not forget prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the God who loved and cares for us...and who sustains us in everything. The One who came down to earth to live as one of us and die for our redemption.

YOUTH NEWS**Huddles:**

Sunday, January 8 - 6-8 pm at the home of Summer Franklin. (Peyton & Rebecca Franklin live at 657 26 1/2 Road - GJ 81506) Kids bring drinks and desserts! Please park on 26 1/2 Rd and not in the drive way.

Sunday, January 22 - Julia and Jonnathan Simoes' house

Sunday, February 5 - SUPER BOWL HUDDLE at the DeLongs'

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. 18, 2016

Attendance	271
Weekly Contributions 12/18/16	\$8,137.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$7,265.00
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 12/25/16

Kit Hatfield

Announcements - December

Eddie Tinkle

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

Ron Wilson	Auditorium
Wes Yeager	202
Vince Urbina	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