

December 31, 2017



Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Elder Of Month

Jerry Austin

Our Gathering Today



Feeding on the word Word!

Scott Ferguson will be preaching for us this morning (Ann and I have gone to Denver to visit family on this final weekend of 2017). I don't know his topic or title but Scott always has a good word from Scripture that is an encouragement and a challenge. Thanks Scott for filling in for me Scott!

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.

Gratitude!

Thanks to all of you who did so much to help and serve the many needs in our community and across the world via our **Angel Tree and **Christmas Shoe Box** outreach and other donations of time, money and kindness made in secret. Special thanks to **Kay Gehrett** for again coordinating our annual **Angle Tree!** A dozen local families were helped this Christmas!**

Happy 2018!! May God's Spirit daily reveal himself in those who claim Christ as Lord. May our testimony be our life and may we trust in Him who makes all things new!!

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For December: Isaiah 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given”.

From the Shepherd's Pen



Breathe. Take a deep breath.

Inhale.

Exhale.

We come to another ending of a year. Life is fast and can leave us breathless. Holidays, work, school, family, friends and life in general all take their toll. It is easy to get caught up in the turmoil that surrounds us.

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is when Peter walked on water (Matthew 14:22-33). There was a storm raging and the apostles were having a hard time crossing the sea. Jesus, who had stayed behind, walks out to them...actually walking on the water. That must have been something! Peter seeing an opportunity to do something supernatural asks for permission to come to Jesus on the water. To Peter's credit he was willing to get out of the boat and take those first steps while the others remained in the boat. However, Peter was only able to walk on the water as long as he was looking at Jesus and not being distracted by the storm that surrounded him. It says that when Peter saw the wind he became afraid and began to sink calling out for Jesus to save him. Jesus did reach out and pulled Peter to safety. Peter climbed back into the boat with Jesus and the wind died down.

I have felt like Peter many times. I want to get out of the boat, I want to walk on water, I want to do something great, something supernatural, I want to love and serve others like Jesus did. However, I get distracted, I have fears, I have feelings of despair, I have disappointments and stress. The winds and waves, the storms of life, surround me and I begin to sink. Fortunately, I can call out for help just like Peter did. Jesus has rescued me time and time again. Can you relate? I imagine so.

The beginning of a New Year is upon us, maybe it's time to climb back into the boat with Jesus. Not every moment this year is going to be a "walking on water" experience but there will be some breathtaking experiences ahead if we stay focused on Jesus!

Have a blessed New Year!

Jerry Austin

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.



2018

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following who have requested prayers. It is important to them and pleases God to have us bring these before Him. God bless and thank you.

Please pray for George Robinson who is in ICU with serious injuries from a car wreck last week. Pray for His recovery and comfort. Pray for the family as his wife Brenda was killed in the accident. (She was the former Brenda Shipp, Don and Geneva Shipp's oldest daughter , whom some of you will remember.)

Pray for Bob Heath who is having back surgery this week. Pray for successful surgery and a complete and quick recovery for him and comfort during the healing process. Pray for his family's peace and strength .

Pray for Kirby Franklin as he is to undergo surgery on his infected foot this week. Pray it will be successful in saving his life and perhaps his leg. Pray for strength, comfort and peace for him in the surgery and healing process.

Pray for comfort for Wes Beaver and family in the loss of His mother to cancer. Pray for God to comfort them and give them peace.

Also prayers for comfort for Sharon Riddle and family, especially her mother whose sister passed away a week ago in OK.

Pray for Bobbie June Ball as she has rehab and recovers from some injured ribs. Pray for her comfort and strength...injured ribs are very painful. Pray for quick healing for her...and for Larry as he cares for her.

Pray for Midge Downey (David's mother) for quick recovery from some fusing in her back for relief from pain, which she had done this past week. Pray her pain will be gone and she will not have to have more done., and for her comfort.

Continue to pray for Bernice fox as she is in rehab for a broken leg, for quick healing and complete recovery, and comfort.

Continue to pray for Jeanette Sanburg as they get the test results and decide what the problem is and how to treat it. Pray for comfort and strength for her.

Continued prayers for our nation, president and others in positions of decision making. Pray they will lead us in the right ways, in the ways God would have them. Pray for all of the evil plots to destroy will come to naught. Pray for wisdom from above for all those trying to keep our nation...and the world safer.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the safe travel of those traveling over the holidays. and the blessings of once again being reminded of the wondrous event of Jesus birth.. with thanksgiving that He was willing to become one of us...God came down!

UPDATE: Jeannette Sanburg in Room 1123, St. Mary's

Bobbie June Ball—Center at Foresight —Room 313



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For the Record

December 24, 2017

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| Attendance | 287 |
| Weekly Contributions 12/24/17 | \$16,789.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average | \$9,601.50 |
| Weekly Budget | \$6,521.00 |

Communion Preparation—December

Jan Nelson & Amey Collazo

Communion Table 12/31/17

Jeremy Antwine

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

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

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

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| 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

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

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

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| 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