



N O V E M B E R

KEITH'S QUILL

I read this morning a passage from 1 Corinthians 7 regarding marriage. The Apostle Paul wrote it at an interesting time for the church. There was obvious opposition and persecution lying ahead and Paul's instructions here are weighted because of it. At first reading one might think that Paul who at the time was single looked at marriage as a liability. He said such things as if you are not married don't seek to get married. And marriage it seemed to Paul was a concession to man's inability to deal with his passions without it. He even in verse 29 instructs those who are married to live as if they weren't married. That is not real solid marriage advice. What I am impressed with in this passage is Paul's real concern. That concern is living with divided devotion. Here is verse 35. *"I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord!"*

I can't help but think about the time that we live in and the temptations that we have all around us that divide our devotion to the Lord. If Paul were writing to us today what do you think he might use as illustrative material concerning the things that have our attention? Would they be good things that God has even ordained like marriage? Could it be that the good gifts that God has given to us might become obstacles to our devotion to God? Jesus did say that if we love our families more than we love God that we then create a negative issue in our relationship with God. (Matthew 10:37). Most of us, if asked, would most likely say that Jesus is our number one priority. It is like, we answer to Him first. I wonder, however, how that gets translated into our daily lives?

I fear that many, if not most of us, live with divided devotion to the Lord. Our hearts might be devoted to Him but our time and attention go other directions often. Like have you had this happen? *God, I sure love*

you, but I don't have any time today to talk to you or even listen to you. We have so much on our plates that God doesn't even get a portion. I'm not sure I have a good answer for us. But I am convicted in my own spirit that God doesn't have my undivided devotion. And the real quilt trip begins when I realize that I have His.

I am wondering if we might consider how to change this with the belief and understanding that such a change would enhance our lives rather than diminish them. Would we be willing to fix it this being the case? I have an idea that most of the people who read Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 7 actually went ahead and got married. Then they like us had to continually deal with divided devotion. Maybe at times they that were married had to live like they weren't for the glory of God. Maybe we have to let slide some of those family duties so that God can be magnified in us. Have a great Thanksgiving! God bless you as you figure it out! PK

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF MOAB SUNDAY SERVICE

TIMES:

10:00 a.m. -

Morning Worship

11:00 a.m. -

Fellowship Time

11:15 a.m.

Connection Classes

GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 6: Brad & Janet Weis

Nov. 13: Karisa Larsen & Tamara Larsen

Nov. 20: Steve & Deb Hren

Nov. 27: Brian & Tara Penner





UEA weekend in Southern CA was amazing. Young Life Moab, along with SLC, Logan and Park City embarked on this adventure with nearly 150 students, 31 of them being from Moab. The trip was amazing and incredibly exhausting and so filled with God's love and grace. I am so very thankful for this ministry and for all of you who make this possible.

Silas



This month, in the foyer of the church, there is a laundry basket available for you to put in items that can be used in the upcoming OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shoeboxes. There are shoeboxes available for you to pick up and fill your own shoebox if desired. We will be having a PACKING PARTY on Wednesday, November

16 at NOON here at the church. A light lunch with dessert and beverages will be provided or bring a sack lunch if you wish. Please consider supporting this wonderful ministry with prayer, packing a shoebox or two or helping us pack shoeboxes at the PACKING PARTY. Psalm 96:3 *"Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all peoples."* Each shoebox presented to a child is a Gospel opportunity for that child and his/her family to learn of the life-saving grace of Jesus Christ.

COLLECTION WEEK IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 THRU SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Community Church Library.

All shoeboxes will be taken to the main Collection Center in Grand Junction at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21. Thank You, Thank You for your ongoing support and participation in **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.**

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1.	2. **6:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast	3. Young Life Banquet	4.	5.
6. Communion & Baby Dedication	7.	8.	9. ** 7:00 p.m. Night of Worship	10.	11. Veterans Day	12.
13. Deacon's Fund Offering Received	14. Operation Christmas Child Collection all week	15.	16. ** OCC Packing Party. 6:30 - All Boards Meet	17.	18.	19.
20.	21.	22.	23.	24. 	25.	26. Maggie Johnston/Troy Langworthy wedding
27.  FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent	28.	29.	30.**	If your Birthday is missing from our church calendar, please let the office know! We don't want to miss anyone's special day.		

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1)Keith Hughes, Mallory Maughan 3)Jayelen Knowles 4)Helen Becker, Sondra Washburn
6)Gary Jacobson 8)Karisa Larsen, Olivia Martinez, Darleen Nelson, Skip Nightingale,
Jason Parriott, Laura Senter, 10)Lucas Crain, Peggy Taylor 11)Paul Drake, Tate Schleider
12)Valerie Patrick 13)Jana Smith 18)Shawn Welch 21)Arlene Barnum, Silas Rappe,
Joel Tuhy, Larry VanSlyke 23)Sheree Maughan 24)Bradley Maughan 25)Lillian Scott,
LaRee Vetere, Gayle Weisbecker 26)Cindy Cheney 27)Connie Baty, Trenton Lesmeister
28)Shirley Keogh 29)Jackson Knowles, Adyson Schleider 30)Sharilynn Tsosie

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October Funds Report

Given in 2016: \$205,297.95

Budget Need: \$194,200.00

On-Line Giving for September: \$2,521.00

Income for the month: \$45,408.95

Expenses for the month: \$41,988.83

Average Worship Attendance: 132

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS



- Congratulations to our Helen Kimber on winning the Gold Medal in Women's Golf, at the World Senior Games in St. George, UT on October 11 & 12.
- Also, a BIG Congratulations to Jayelen Knowles. She was just informed, by the National Headquarters of The American Legion, that she has been named as one of the Samsung American Legion Scholars and the recipient of a \$20,000 college

Scholarship. Jayelen is the daughter of John and Jacque Knowles and the granddaughter of Don and JoAnn Knowles. We are so proud of her and all her accomplishments. She is a Senior here at Grand Co. High School and will be graduating in May.

- Congratulations to Jacob Johnston for being selected as one of the October Students of the Month at GCHS. Jacob is also a Senior and son of Dwight and Susie Johnston.



Samantha and Lonnie Campbell are dedicating their baby girl, Dani Brynn, to the Lord on Sunday, November 6th during our Worship Service. We are all so grateful for this new addition to their family.

Yay Trustees! A special "Thanks" to the people who helped change all the lightbulbs in the Sanctuary. It was a huge project. They put special LED bulbs in that should last a long time. Boy, what a difference this makes!