



# *Bits and Blessings*

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Hello Church Family!

Well, I have been here 2 months, and it becomes more and more of a blessing to be serving as your shepherd! There are several people in the Directory that are members of FBCGJ that I don't know yet, so I need your help in getting to know them.

I have a heart for lost people, so when I drive through Grand Junction my question is always the same: Does this person and that person truly have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Another month and another funeral and it's really sad to lose church members who have been members for many years. Lucy Watkins, 95, went home to be with the Lord on March 7 and we had her funeral at the church on March 13. We served the family some refreshments after the graveside service. Please continue to pray for the Watkins family.

February 25 – We had the monthly business meeting and prayer meeting, and Bible study was changed to Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. It will be that way every Wednesday except the last Wednesdays of the month when we have Finance and Business Meetings and it will revert back to 6pm on those dates. The youth will continue to meet at 6pm every Wednesday evening.

March 1 – We began the month of March with a sermon on “Why Do You Live in the Church?” God has called for us to go and make disciples, and the church is where we come to get our marching orders. So, start marching to the beat of God's holy drum.

March 4 – This was the first day to have Prayer meeting and Bible study at 1pm and we had a delightful time together.

March 8 – We came together today and we learned that if you still had a stone in your hand because you had not forgiven someone that it was high time you laid your stone down and forgave the person who caused you harm. “If you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:15 I can't think of any better reason to lay your stone down.

March 11 – Always a wonderful time praying over the needs of our family and friends!

March 15 – Today's message was all about faith. I used the word “faith” over 100 times in my message. Hopefully everyone learned what the definition of true faith is. “For it is by grace you have been saved, **through faith.**” Ephesians 2:8

March 19 – I leave out for Birmingham on my 2<sup>nd</sup> mission trip of 2026. There are 8 of us in the county from different churches going to share Jesus and His love.

March 22 – I will be back from Birmingham in time to discourage everyone from ever self-worshipping. It is basically what the 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment says, “Have NO other gods before Me!” The sermon is called “Self-Worship.” Don't miss it!

March 25-28 – “The Way” begins and goes from Wednesday through Saturday and some of our members will be participating. I want to see all of you come through at the old Fred's Building in Bolivar. And be sure and invite a family member or friend.

March 29 – I get the pleasure of bringing you a message on “Not My Will, but Your Will Be Done” on the Pastor's birthday. What a joy sharing God's word with each of you!

April 5 – He has risen! He has risen indeed!

Dear Christ Followers,

Do your very best to be a “just say the word” disciple! What is that, Brother Eddie? It is believing that whatever God says, He will do, and you firmly believe it!

I hope to see you soon! Let me know if you ever need to meet with me and God bless! ><>



### CHECK THIS OUT!!!

We are no longer using cards to check out Church library books! If you see a book you want to read, take it home. Be sure to return it to the Church when you're finished reading it. Hopefully this will make using the Church library easier for you.

God's Seeds of Kindness....grow grateful hearts.

Thank you with our love and deep appreciation for the wonderful meal following the funeral for Lucy Watkins.

Paul & Becky Gregory