



Happy Fall Y'all!

I am very excited to be writing this month's Bits and Blessings. I hope that this reaches all of you well. September was a month full of change for Mackenzie and I, but also for you. Getting acclimated to a new church and a new town, but also you getting used to a new pastor. It has been very good though. I have enjoyed spending time getting to know each one of you, and I cannot wait to learn more.

Last month we started by having the teachers from Grand Junction Elementary School at the Church for lunch. We had over 20 of the teachers & staff come and we were able to have good conversations with them about the gospel. Eddie was able to give a brief gospel presentation at the end of the lunch. It was a very successful event, and I am very thankful to all who helped put this event together.

Then, towards the end of the month, on the 20th, we started studying *The Letter to the Philippians*. Ms. Lorna, Mr. Ryan, and Ms. Beth helped us read the whole letter during our morning worship service. I am very excited for this sermon series called "Joy in a Futile World" through Philippians. In the letter to the Philippians Paul uses the words **Joy** or **Rejoice** some 16 times, but he was also sitting in chains for the defense of the Gospel. Two questions I asked the church on the 20th were: 1. How can Paul be filled with joy in prison? & 2. How can Paul call the Philippians to this same joy? I hope as we go through this book, we will be able to answer these questions in a way that we may also be filled with joy while also living in this futile world.

Looking into October there are lots of things coming up. Like the Associational Worship Night and Meeting on the 18th and 19th, and the Arizona mission trip, and the trunk or treat in Grand Junction on the 31st. While all this is going on I pray that we can find ways to encourage and support each other while we worship, pray, and reach out into the community.

- Bro. Dawson

Sunday, October 18th Harvest Day Fellowship Meal following the Morning Service



Trunk
or Treat

October 31st 11:00 am – 4:00 pm
Grand Junction City Park

