

Grace of Giving

Focus: The Grace of Giving

Function: Understanding of the nature of Grace

Introduction:

What are the attributes of God? Mercy, Love, Kindness, Grace

I. God's Favor or Grace shows us His Great Love and Care

When Jesus was born, God's Grace to man was seen: Luke 2:13-14; John 1:15-18;

John 13:1; Mk 10:45: Grace of Service

II. God Gives us Grace to Serve

Gifts and Opportunities come from the Lord's Grace: Luke 19:26; Rom 15:15-17; Acts 9:15-

16 Grace did not mean an easy time

III. How do we serve by Grace? Rom 12:3-7

What do we mean by sober judgment? - a mindset like Christ -

Eph 4:7, 11-13; 1 Peter 4:10: our use of our gifts reflects our faithfulness

Conclusion:

1. God has shown great favor or grace to mankind
2. God has given us grace in order to serve others
3. We serve as we have the opportunity, we have an obligation to serve within the family of God

Sermon outline and notes

PRAYER

Eunice Conn is in Texas recovering from surgery to repair a broken leg (femur). June Vogt's (Melbourne secretary) is recovering from a recent fall (June is in Montana caring for her.) Cheri Tate (knee surgery in the near future. Farron Sutherland is on a one-year work assignment in Iraq. Melissa Vangorder's cousin, DeeDee, was diagnosed with liver cancer. Mark Smith (Jeff Shepherd's friend) had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. Julie Clements is expecting a baby -- please pray for a smooth pregnancy. Four year old Deja Smith (daughter of a friend of Melissa Vangorder's) is having heart problems. Jeff Shepherd is going through some difficult times right now and is asking for prayers from the church. Paul Keller is looking for a new job. Jim Anderson needs a new job. Melissa Vangorder's mother is dealing fibromyalgia, lupus and depression. Her father will have tests on his lungs due to childhood asbestos exposure. Jimmy Hines is dealing with several serious health issues. Pray for Nancy Muriel and her family. Sandra Vangorder is struggling with diabetes and its side effects. Willie Bryant's unit (the 356th Quartermaster unit out of Lake Wales, FL) and their families, many of whom will be deployed to Iraq. Jose Gonzalez (Samantha and Joey's father) is in Afghanistan for a one-year assignment. Barbara Anderson (Jim Anderson's mother) has been diagnosed with bone cancer in her shoulder. Pat LeBlanc asks prayers for her brother, Gregory Hunter. The Newtons are dealing with some difficult legal and financial issues. Pray for the leaders of the church.

Eunice Conn will be unable to walk for the next 8 weeks while she recovers in Texas. Cards can be sent to: Eunice Conn C/O Memorial Hermann SW, 7737 SW Freeway, Room 941, Houston, Texas 77074

SINGLES HAPPENINGS

L.A.U.N.C.H Ministries provides counseling for singles. Contact counselor Ken Jones with questions or counseling needs at 321-723-8233 or email at ken@melbournechurchofchrist.org No Charge.

OCT. 16-26- GATEWAY has a booth at the Pensacola Interstate Fair.

NOV. 7-9- GATLINBURG RETREAT- See the leaves change. This group does an awesome retreat.

NOV. 14-17- ORANGE AVE- EUSTIS, FL. SINGLES WEEKEND!!! Classes with Lonnie Johnson, Joe Roberts and Jim. More info soon.

DEC. 5-7- CHRISTMAS IN SAVANNAH- Singles weekend hosted by the Parkway Church of Christ - more to come.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, FALL, 2008

Sunday a.m.: Exodus, (Various Men, Auditorium)
The Barnabas Factor, (various wom., Ldies Cism)
Old Testament Surv., (Scott Clements, Young Adults)
Wed. p.m.: The Parables (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)

TEEN HAPPENINGS

Check the Youth Page for further info
Sunday morning classes:
Hebrews, David Woodford
Wednesday night classes:
Devotional Topics, CJ Salie

Family Happenings

HONDURAS T.O.R.C.H. PRESENTATION

There will a short Honduras T.O.R.C.H. Missions presentation immediately after services (and before Dinner on the Grounds) today. David Logue, a member of the Melbourne congregation, has been going on T.O.R.C.H. mission trips to Honduras for the past several years. He has prayerfully made the decision to move to Honduras and work with T.O.R.C.H. Missions full-time for the foreseeable future. David is well known by many in our congregation, and would like to share his plans with us. In addition, he is looking for possible support while he is in Honduras.

New Members! Bonnie Paxton and her mother, Wilma Eubanks, have placed membership with the Oceanside family. Their contact information is provided below. Welcome to the family at Oceanside!

Bonnie Paxton and Wilma Eubanks
785 Palm Drive, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 321-779-8818

CENTRAL FLORIDA BIBLE CAMP FUNDRAISER

CFBC will be hosting their annual Fund Raising Barbeque on Saturday, November 1st, from 4:30 -- 6:30 p.m. This is the major fundraising activity for CFBC to help support all the activities they hold throughout the year, especially summer Bible Camps. In addition to a complete BBQ dinner, there will be a Bluegrass Band from Eustis/Mount Dora playing a variety of music. The cost (minimum donation) for Adults is \$10 and for Children (5 years and under) is \$5. There is an informational flyer posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL FOLLOW-UP REPORT - From Raymond Onwumere

Hello Sister Kathleen, With every confidence that you are well and with hope this will meet you striving for the faith which was once for all, given unto us. For me, I am fully involved with the Lord's work both in private homes (house to house) and in special invitation and bible classes in the church here. In all God has been blessing every effort and I am highly encouraged especially when after every studies souls are won to Christ. Preaching of gospel is really likened to a fisherman who sometimes smiled home with plenty fishes, but sometimes meet some obstacles by "toiling all night without anything fish." But generally what is expected of every gospel preacher is patience.

Sometimes people you feel to be tough will be easily convinced, while those you consider common in many occasions will prove to be tough and difficult. That is always the case with the gospel preaching, very easy for some to understand while very difficult for some. I really thank God that efforts this time were not in vain as God, has made it possible for me to baptized people of different faith and ages. I will give you one example. On 16th of September 2008, an 82 years old woman, Mrs. Bessie Onwuegbusi surrendered to Christ. This woman got almost all the titles in Catholic Church before her husband died in September 1987. Her conversion even attracted her former Rev. Father to her home. She spoke extensively on her conviction with the truth and all her children stood behind her new faith. In the church service on 21st September (which was her first service in the Lord's Church), it was something of great joy to the members of the church on her conversion. Not minding her age she stood up in the church after church service and thank God for saving her. Her children belong to different denominations. Every conversion gives tough time and needs regular visitations and humility. I have others in the list of those I am regularly studying with. I am hereby sending you some of the pictures of the recent baptisms. Pictures are very helpful in seeing the faces of the work in this part of the world. Keep on the good works you are doing. May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with you all. Your brother in Christ. Raymond Onwumere

New Christians in Nigeria: Ms Ngozi (Lagos State), Samuel Mayowa, Olitin Taiwo, Ruth Akinbola, and Makinde Ibidunwi (Oyo State), Monica Nwafor, Berninda Ekwo, Anayo Nwafor, John Onyemelu, Condridelia ebo, Okwudili Okozi, Kate Egwuonnu, Michael Nweime, J Kelechi, Anthony Maduegwuna, Joyson Okorator, and Bessie Onwuegbusi (Anambra State)

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1-Kristina Anderson
- 2-Suzanne Branard, TC Wilson, Kristen Vangorder
- 3-Sara Davis
- 14-Will Werner, Sandra & Lester Vangorder
- 15-Veronica Bazile
- 17-David Meredith
- 18-Margaret Grassman, Rachael Vangorder, Jackie Gonzalez
- 28-Edita Drago, Jenny Meredith
- 29-Loren and Lori Hackman
- 30-Rhonda Davis

Food Pantry Access

Open Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., to the neighborhood, community, and members. For access to the food pantry, please see **Sam or Rita Meredith.**

Hungry?? Don't you want some chocolate??

There's still time to buy SEE'S CHOCOLATE!! This is a fundraiser for the teens' accounts. Bars are available in the hall with a payment envelope. Buy your treat today before they're all gone!!

