

Grace of Growing, 2 Peter 3:10-18

Focus: growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord
Function: to make us stronger Christians

Introduction:

Decision: which "grace" do we chose: this World's or the Lord's
I. The Reason for the Decision: 2 Peter 3:10

What is real for us?

II. The Emphasis on Growing in Grace. 2 Peter 1:5-11

How do we know that we are growing in Grace?

III. The Emphasis on a Godly life. 2 Peter 3:11, 14

What does it mean to live spotless, unblemished life at peace with God, are we wannabe Christians?

IV. The Emphasis on being on Guard. 2 Peter 3:17-18

Why do you lock you car, or your house?

V. The Emphasis on Growing in Grace and Knowledge. 2 Peter 3:18

What is the link between Grace and Knowledge of Jesus?

- Baptism: Mat 3:16-17
- Transfiguration: Mat 17:5
- Jerusalem before the cross: John 12:27-28

Conclusion:

1. This world is temporary - we need to make plans for the permanent
2. Growing in Grace takes effort: we must not be idle
3. We should never be satisfied with being a good enough.
4. We need to be careful who we allow to influence us.
5. We grow in grace when we are like Christ, who grew in Grace when he was obedient and humble before the Father

Elaine Deel (Heather Deel's grandmother) has pneumonia. **Eunice Conn** is in Texas recovering from surgery to repair a broken leg (femur). **Cheri Tate (Melbourne secretary)** is recovering from breast cancer surgery. **Pat LeBlanc** will be having 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 and Renee Munro** are expecting a babies -- please pray for smooth pregnancies. **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. **Jim Anderson, Paul Keller and Gary Newton** need new jobs. **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 Murrell** 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 is in a Houston Rehab facility for the next 6 weeks. Cards and notes would be very appreciated. Her address there is: University Place NSG Center, room 730 W. 7480 Beechnut, Houston, Texas 77074

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**.

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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, FALL, 2008

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

Wed. p. m.:

TEEN HAPPENINGS

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

Sermon outline and notes

Family Happenings

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Lauren Chudkosky recently received her College Credit Certificate for Preschool Specialization from Brevard Community College! AND Jackie Gonzalez was recently awarded "Employee of the Year" by her school!!

FLU SHOTS Flu shots will be given after services on Weds Nov 4th. Cost will be \$25 (possibly less). If you have Medicare, bring your Medicare card and the shot is free. If you are under the age of 19, the shot is also free with parental signature. Any questions, please contact Bruce Pierce.

The Miller building is in need of cleaning out. Please do not bring any additional goods into the Miller building. The following areas are to be left alone. 1) The Honduras area 2) The area behind the closed doors 3) the area in the far back beyond the plumbing. Members are encouraged to remove any items not in 1-3 above up to Thanksgiving. **Early in December all remaining items not in the designated areas will be disposed of.** Thank you for your cooperation.

OCTOGENARIAN PARTY

We will honor our Octogenarians Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, after services (12:30 - 2:30 p.m.) at the Lobster Shanty Restaurant in Cocoa Beach. We will be honoring a total of nine people. There is an informational flyer/sign-up sheet in the foyer. For adults, cost will be \$16.50 pp. Children's cost (12 and under) is \$7.00. Adults must PRE-SELECT from one of 3 entree choices; children will be able to select off the Children's menu at the restaurant. Julia Apple and Rhonda Davis will be selling tickets after services today in the Fellowship Hall. Menu choices need to be made no later than November 2nd. Please call Suzanne Branard if you have any questions.

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. 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.

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING "SHOE BOXES FOR HONDURAS" if you need a box, Margaret Wahtera has been collecting them and can provide you with one. They will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Look for sales and specials and let's get going! Last year we topped our goal—we can do even more this year.

Help is needed in stocking shelves and maintaining the food room. Rita, Sam and David Meredith have done this good work for many years with very little help. Now is the time for us to support Sam and Rita and let them know we will be there for this important endeavor. David brings in food for stocking the shelves 2-4 times a month and could use help getting it out of his truck. The food room hours are Wed. 3-5 P.M. and Sat. 9-11 A.M. Please call Linda Conn 676-7954 if you can help.

If you are not on the church email list, and would like to be, please let Lyn Newton know, either in person, by phone (321-960-0916) or by email (lynnewton@cfl.rr.com).

Piero and Edita Drago are currently in two years of training for full-time Spanish ministry. The training will be at the Alpha and Omega Bible Institute, 6004 west 53rd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209. The Alpha and Omega Bible Institute is under the supervision of the West Side Church of Christ, 702 West Center Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas, 72143 (www.wschurch.net). There is an information letter posted on the bulletin board outside the Library/WBS Room. Oceanside will be sending our monthly support to the West Side Church of Christ, with checks made out "West Side Church of Christ" with "Alpha & Omega Bible Institute/Piero and Edita Drago" in the bottom left-hand side of the check. Piero and Edita have also sent out letters requesting support from individual Oceanside members. If you are planning on supporting the Dragos, please send your support directly to the West Side Church of Christ. Let's all be praying for the Dragos as they are taking this step of faith in serving God.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1—Kristina Anderson
- 2—Suzanne Branard, TC Wilson, Kristen Vangorder
- 5—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

There will be a Federal Employment Job Fair on Monday, October 20th or Tuesday, October 21st at the Hilton Rialto-Melbourne (200 Rialto Place). The times for the job fair are 12:00 Noon, 3:00 p.m., or 6:00 p.m. each day. There is an informational flyer posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

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!!!

ELDERS
John Branard 454-4145
Bill Werner 254-0283

EVANGELIST
Jim Conn 676-7954

DEACONS
Chris Ankersen, Teens
777-0881

Michael Clarke, Children
728-4112

Gary Newton, Small Groups
777-1269

Bruce Pierce, Adult Ed
777-9823

Bulletin News: Lyn Newton
777-1269 (home)
321-960-0916 (cell) or
lynnewton@cfl.rr.com

**Counting People because
People Count**

October 12, 2008
Bible Study.....91
Worship.....91
Contribution.....\$1,428.00 *Budget, \$1,948.56*

**Sunday Evening
Small Groups**

Location
Beachside
Building
Palm Bay

Leader
Ankersen
Conn
Bryant@Clarke

Time
6:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

SERVING AS WORSHIP LEADERS

	October 26	November 2
Song Leader	Tyrone Carter	CJ Salie
Opening Prayer	Scott Clements	Bill Werner
Scripture Reading	Mat Provonsil	Gary Apple, Jr.
Closing Prayer	Juan Gonzalez	Ben Kleckner
Communion	Gary Newton	Chris Ankersen
Sermon	Jim Conn	Jim Conn
Greeters	Joe and Patti Montello	tbd
Lord's Table	Willie Bryant, Michael Clarke, Ben Kleckner, Bill Munro	Burt Kleckner, Joe Montello, Xavier Muriel, Gary Newton
Prayer Warriors	Lauren Chudkosky, Heather Deel, Eugene Foreman, Marilyn Salle	Jim Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Tyler Anderson, Rhonda Davis, Annie Garner

**Church of Christ
Oceanside**
104 NE 3rd St.
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

321-779-4688
Fax: 321-779-5032

www.cofcoceanside.net

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Kids Kingdom
Children's Bible Hour 10:30

Sunday Evening

6:00 p.m.
Bible Study at the building
and in homes (communion
available at all locations)

Wednesday Evening

7:00 p.m.

stamp

Celebrations

A Guide to Special Occasions at the Oceanside church Family
Church of Christ Oceanside ♦ October 19, 2008 ♦ Vol. 13 No. 42
Access this bulletin and more online at cofcoceanside.net

prayer warriors

Scott Clements, Song Leader
This World is Not My Home 496
A Wonderful Savior 58

Welcome, Bill Werner
To God Be the Glory 27
Nearer, Still Nearer 349

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:17-18, Tyler Anderson

Opening Prayer: Bob Grassman
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 326
Why Did My Savior Come to Earth? 176

Communion/Offering: Bill Werner
There Is No Condemnation 675

Dismiss Children
Sing and Be Happy 335

Message "Grace and Growing as a Christian" Jim Conn
Invitation Song: *Amazing Grace* 50

Closing Comments: John Branard
Closing Song: O They Tell Me of a Home 539
Closing Prayer: Eugene Foreman

Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.
2 Peter 3:17-18

This Week's Prayer Warriors:

Malinee Allen, Julia Apple, Rita Meredith, Sam Meredith, Margaret Wahtera,
Kathleen Withers **prayer warriors**