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Dear Friends,

God's amazing grace is a central piece of our theology together. We speak often of God's grace; how it sets us free, redeems us, and saves us. And in response to that grace we are called to be grace-filled and grace-full in our daily walk. We often focus on offering grace to the other, the stranger, the outsider. But for me, most times the folks I find difficulty offering grace to isn't the person I don't know, but exactly the opposite. I struggle with offering grace to those I know best and am closest to in life.

With strangers, generally my exposure to and time around them is limited. It is brief encounters in my day, where I can hunker down and be graceful for a few moments. But to those closest to me, my family and friends - we spend much more time with each other. Little things can crop up and become irritants in our relationships. We can wear on each other and frustrate one another, sometimes for years. In these familial relationships, sometimes my grace is strained. Sometimes my grace is difficult. Sometimes my grace is forgotten.

In these times, I find myself being mean, short, gruff, and even harsh with people I love, and have deep relationships with. Having forgotten my grace in these everyday ways, I have to

refocus myself on offering grace to those who know me best, who know my short comings (and love me anyway!), and who choose to be with me anyway. When I stop and consider our journey together, I find myself in need of their grace quite often. Shouldn't my kindness and caring be extended then to them just as well? Consider your friends and family this week. Who is it that is so close to you they get on your nerves, rub you the wrong way, and even step on your toes. What grace do you have for them today?

In Christ,
Mark

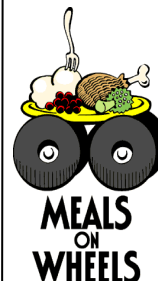
NEEDED

We are still in need of items for the Sarah group basket for the Tall Oaks Gala.

We are making a romance basket. Suggestions are wine glasses, sparkling cider, candles, cloth napkins, snacks, anything romantic.

Monetary donations are welcome also. Thanks to all who have already donated. We need these by this Sunday, August 18th.

Thanks
Connie Hennigh



MEALS ON WHEELS

August 20: Pam Boyd
August 27: Carole Prentice
& Anita Collins

“THE BREAD OF LIFE”

I have a question for you today. What does it mean in the Bible when the Lord or God says: “Be still and know that I am God?”

Many of us live such busy lives; not me of course, because I think I am going down, mainly because it’s time to ask a question or two: What does it mean in the Bible when the Lord says: “Be still and know that I am God?”

In our minds, we often think we have the answers, so we try to create the solutions to fix every problem. But God is basically saying, “WOULD YOU JUST STOP AND LET ME DO IT ACCORDING TO MY WILL?”

It’s like a surgeon trying to perform an operation; but you keep trying to tell him how to do it until he finally says, “WOULD YOU PLEASE BE QUIET AND LET ME DO MY JOB?”

I believe that’s what God is saying in Psalm 46:10 when He says, “BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.” JUST BE QUIET AND DO NOTHING AND TRUST HIM TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT HE’S ABLE TO PERFORM. THAT’S WHAT IT MEANS TO BE STILL. LET’S BE SILENT, STOP TRYING TO INTERFERE, AND LET THE LORD HAVE HIS WAY.”

In John 14:1-7 the Bible reads these following words from Jesus Himself to His disciples, and especially doubting Thomas:

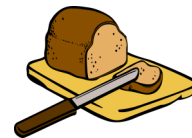
“LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED; BELIEVE IN GOD, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE THERE ARE MANY ROOMS. IF IT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? AND WHEN I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO. AND YOU KNOW THE WAY WHERE I AM GOING.” THOMAS SAID TO HIM, “LORD, WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING. HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?” JESUS SAID TO HIM, “I

AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER BUT BY ME. IF YOU KNOW ME, YOU WILL KNOW MY FATHER ALSO. HENCEFORTH YOU KNOW HIM AND HAVE SEEN HIM.”

Believe it or not, we really do!

Love ya!

Rex and Irene



BREAD PUDDING

Here is the recipe for the bread pudding we made for the shrimp dinner. The secret to this recipe is the French Bread that is sold in all the grocery stores that is by the bakery and is in a long paper bag. It has the right texture to make this.

- 1 loaf French Bread
- 1 quart milk
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 Tablespoons of Vanilla
- OPTIONAL 1 cup of raisins
- 1 Teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons of butter

Buy the bread at least 24 to 48 hours before and cut and let dry out. When you get ready to make the bread pudding, take and cut or tear the bread into small pieces (around 1 inch) and soak the bread in milk. Crush with hands to make sure milk is soaked through. Mix eggs, sugar, vanilla and cinnamon and pour into bread/milk. Stir well. Melt butter and pour in bottom of heavy 9 x 14 baking pan (I use a glass pan) Add bread mixture and bake till very firm, approximately 40 minutes.

SAUCE

- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 stick butter
- 1 egg beaten



Cream sugar and butter and cook in a double boiler until very hot and well dissolved (this seems like it takes forever) Add well beaten egg in a slow stream and whip very fast so egg doesn’t curdle. COOL And EAT.

Jackie Watts

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

We are now in the eighth month, August. I am pressing on with my "Jewell for the rule" invention. So, for my 8th Jewell I've selected the Tanzanite. It can be worn on the left hand, middle finger, which is the eighth finger. It helps us remember the eighth commandment: Thou shall not steal. This eighth rule is the saddest and most disturbing for me. I was hurt by robbers at a tender age. I should have become aware and suspicious, but I never did. I was hard-wired to be trusting and forgiving.

William Shakespeare said, "This above all else, to thine own self be true, and as day follows the night, you cannot be false to anyone. Its all about recognizing dishonesty in the words and actions of others and speaking up. I sometimes struggle with this, even today. I am, at times, afraid to speak up. I find myself a victim of thieves. So let us focus on this Eighth Commandment - do not steal! My verse for this month:

Lavender is the color of the tanzanite. Thieves steal in the day and in the still of night a thief brings grief, heartache and shame, and leaves you believing you're the one to blame.

Be Blessed,
Bev McDonald



REVISION, PLEASE READ

SAVE THE DATE

REGIONAL EVENING DWM 9/26/19
At MCC

The ladies of MCC will host the Regional Evening DWM on September 26th. We would like everyone help to support us in this event. I am sorry to report that Karen Yount will NOT be giving the program this month but she will next month. Our speaker will be Sylvia Terry, President Shawnee Community Services. We are planning to have salads, garlic bread and desserts. Please plan to help us out and everyone (Men and women) are invited to come. We will put out a more detailed signup sheet after our meeting on September 3.

Thank you,
Jackie Watts, President
CWF/DWM

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you for your cards and phone calls after my brother, Richard Strange, passed away.

Betty Bohn

I want to thank my Merriam Christian Church family for allowing me to attend summer camp this year at Tall Oaks.

I learned about faith, friendship, and appreciation of my blessings.

Thanks again,
Madycen Reynolds

Dear Friends at MCC,

I thank all of you, both new and old acquaintances at Merriam for the thoughtful get well and birthday cards. They just made my days go a lot better! I still have a long time to be well. I guess it's all just part of aging.

I was in a nursing home for two weeks, with my son, Doug and his wife for two weeks; then my son, Randy and his wife came from Michigan and helped for a while. There's nothing like a loving family.

I wish you all a happy, healthy future!

My thanks and love,
Mary Ann Borchardt

Watch for the next Newsletter the week of August 31, 2019. *Submissions for publication may be edited for size, clarity, and tone.*



Prayer List



Those Needing Prayers: Joe Myers, Opal Seals, Harold Leakey, Connie Hennigh, Dixie Wheaton

Requests for Family and Friends:

Pastor Mark's grandma, Jean Spring
Joyce Campbell's niece's husband, Sean Knowles
Donna McEndree's nephew, Bradley Mauzey
Patty Harper's daughter & son-in-law,
Alice & Luke Braddock

The Communities of El Paso & Dayton
Francis Shafer's grand-stepson, Kyle & his wife
Cynthia Gross

Paul & Alice Goff's grandson, Adam Awad
Joyce Campbell's brother, Louis Schibel
Irene & Rex heavin's daughter-in-law,
Nadine Wise

Praises:

Connie Hennigh's daughter Christy on her marriage to Garland Johnson

Those in Grief:

Liz Spiegel and family on the passing of Merrill
Pam Boyd's daughter-in-law, Susan Vandeline on the passing of her mother

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Names added to the prayer list will remain on the prayer list for one month. Let the office know if a prayer request needs to stay on the list for longer or shorter than one month.



Calendar

Sunday - August 18

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - August 19

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

6:30 Sarah

Tuesday - August 20

12:30 Esther

Wednesday - August 21

5:30-7:00 JCCB-LIB

7:00-8:00 JCCB-CH

Sunday - August 25

8:30 Early Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:45 Worship

Monday - August 26

9:00-12:00 Finance-LIB

Wednesday - August 28

1:00 NTCC-LIB

Thursday - August 29

1:00-5:00 PRPR

Friday - August 30

12:00 Newsletter Deadline

Saturday - August 31

9:00-12:00 Shandra Soltact-CH

ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY

This is a reminder, on Sunday September 1st we will have

ONE Worship Service at 10AM

Please mark your calendars accordingly.



OUR GANG CLUB

Next Meeting
September 19th
1:00-3:00

