

Sermon Notes

Scriptures: Matthew 18:1-5; Mark 10:13-16; Hebrews 11:6; Mark 9:21-24; Luke 7:48, 50; Mark 10:47 52; Matthew 16:16; Joshua 10:14; Psalm 16:7-11 & 1Corinthians 9:24

The Messenger

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Loving God / Loving People

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August 11, 2024

Order of Worship

Greeting / Prayer: Eric Wiwczarowski

Worship Leader: George Hewitt

Communion: Jacob Day

Scripture Reading: Mickey McDaniel (Mark 10:13-16)

Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt (Childlike Faith)

Announcements / Prayer: Stan Davis

Bible Hour Today: Lavana Tichenor

Bible Hour August 18: Crystal Miller

Nursery Today: GayLee Sutton

Nursery August 18: Rhonda Denzio

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm

Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Prayer Concerns

Richard Burris is not getting much relief from the root block in his spine. The next step would be surgery.

Cindy Dussia is moving in with her daughter around the 17th. Her cancer has returned and spread to her colon. She is considering not taking any more treatments. We will have an address for you shortly.

Moe Handy is struggling with back and sciatic nerve issues.

Lonnie Hewitt will be having an aortic ablation on the 19th.

Sonya Hewitt continues to recover from eye surgery.

Alex Nacio, friend of Hannah Hewitt, is struggling with the sudden loss of her dad a couple weeks ago.

Angie Parrott had knee replacement surgery last Monday.

Tim Scott, Cindy Strope's brother, had surgery on the 8th due to squamous cell carcinoma.

Bob Stewart, Angie Hewitt's dad, has been diagnosed with an UTI and really low blood pressure.

GayLee Sutton has some lesions on her spine and is being referred to a surgeon.

Shut-In's / Long Term Prayers

Juanita Brunner (shut-in); **Polly Burchfield** (shut-in); **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie's Sutton's sister, Parkinson's); **Cindy Dussia** (chemo), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's brother, bone & liver cancer), **Moe Handy** (arthritic & sciatic pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (radiation), **Ted Houchin** (leukemia); **Martin Julian** (shut-in); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (shut-in); **Terry Morgan** (Huesman's brother-in-law, radiation - bladder cancer), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Juanita Rodman** (dementia); **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, chemo - colon cancer), **Barb Surber** (shut-in); **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris' friend, breast cancer), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (shut-in).

Missionaries

Fiji Bible Institute (Jason & Devin Pierce family); **India** (Jerris & Juanita Bullard, Steve & Renee Gaudreau); **Shults/Lewis Child & Family Services** (Staff & Residents); & **Caleb Pierce** (Bear Valley Bible Institute)

You can find Mission Update Letters on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, August 11	Jeremiah 9-12
Monday, August 12	Jeremiah 13-16
Tuesday, August 13	Jeremiah 17-19
Wednesday, August 14	Jeremiah 20-22
Thursday, August 15	Jeremiah 23-25
Friday, August 16	Jeremiah 26-28
Saturday, August 17	Jeremiah 29-32



Celebrations This Week

Birthday

14th Tammy Burris

Anniversary

None to Report



Love Feast Fellowship

Today is our family fellowship meal following our worship service. You are encouraged to stay and fellowship with us.

Our Evening Bible Study today will be at 1pm following our fellowship

65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Benny & Gayle Stephens

Today at Heartland Church of Christ from 1:30-3:30pm

If you would like to send a card, there address is: 8879 East Big Rock Road; Morgantown, IN 46160.

Ladies' Inspiration Day

The Metro Church of Christ would like to invite all of our women to their ladies' inspiration day on Saturday, August 17th. Registration will be from 8:45-10AM. Their program will begin at 10am. The topic for the day will be "Intentional Love, One for Another!" Speaker will be Tamica Flowers. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Middlebrook (317) 679-1273 or by email: MIDDLE5259@gmail.com

If you are interested in going and would also like to carpool, please see GayLee Sutton.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, August 24th at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.

Meditation of God's Word

The Grace of God

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Eph 2:8-9, NASB)

This scripture has been a favorite text of many preachers for years. Perhaps, no verses in the Bible have been quoted more frequently. The object on many occasions has been to prove the fact that there is absolutely nothing man can do for his eternal salvation.

The word "grace" as used in this passage, means just what it does everywhere – unmerited favor. The grace of God is His free and everlasting love and favor. His grace is the source of all the blessings that have been so lovingly bestowed upon man. This free and unmerited love of God is the foundation that sought redemption for mankind. As man rebelled and sinned in the garden of Eden, he forfeited every claim he had to the mercy and love of God. Yet, God still loved His creation. Expressing His love, what could God give more than the life of His Son? John 3:16 reminds us, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" (NKJV) This is grace divine. God did and does for man what man could not do for himself. We read in Roman 5:8, "*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" (NASB)

Paul, in his letter to Titus (Titus 2:11) says, "*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.*" (NKJV) Therefore, the question must be asked, "Why, then, are all men not saved?" Peter reminds us, "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2Pet 2:9). Truth is man has a role in this as well. Jesus invites and man must respond. Man must respond with faith (Heb 11:6), with repentance (Ac 2:38, 17:30; & Rom 2:4), with confession (Rom 10:10; & Matt 12:32), and with baptism (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38, & 22:16); and then living a life of obedience. The Hebrew writer, speaking of Jesus, said, "*Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey Him*" (Heb 5:8-9, NASB).

Lest we begin to think we deserve this, we must remember this is all by the grace of God, lest any man should boast. Paul tells us, "*But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He richly poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*" (Titus 3:4-7, NASB).

Let me ask: How can you slight this expression of a Father's supreme love? How can you turn your face from the scenes of Calvary when you read: "*For God so loved the world*" and that Jesus "*tasted death for every man?*" Although, God truly does love you, there is no salvation for you without obedience on your part. Again, *He is the author (source) of eternal salvation for all those obey Him.* (Heb 5:9)

....Ronnie Hewitt