



Prayer Concerns

Blake (Hanshaw's grandson) is feeling better after having pneumonia.

Mike Gillespie (former member) had a cardioversion and is back in regular rhythm. They also did not find any blood clots.

Rex Hembree (Della's brother) will be having a marker procedure on Nov. 5th and will be starting radiation treatments on the 11th.

Lonnie Hewitt is still dealing with shingles but is getting better.

Family & Friends of Greg Kellow (Hewitt's friend & former member at Greenfield), he passed away Thursday.

Nova Pearson (Inez's great-granddaughter) bacterial infection from previous surgery.

Kay Roberts has lost the use of her left hand. She is in a nursing home in Mooresville for therapy.

Juanita Rodman is now on oxygen.

Long Term Prayers for Family and Friends

Juanita Brunner (Shut-in), **Polly Burchfield** (Shut-in), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Tom Gardner** (Rachel's former teacher, colon cancer), **Moe Handy** (shoulder & back pain), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung cancer), **Marilyn Hiser** (cancer treatments), **Ted Houchin** (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), **Martin Julian** (Shut-In), **Greg Kellow** (Hewitt's friend, recovering from sepsis infection); **Sharon Lasiter** (cancer treatments), **Noah & Gay Logsdon** (Shut-in), **Andy Mytides** (Cindy Davis's friend, kidney failure), **Kay Roberts** (former member) is in nursing home for rehab), **Juanita Rodman** (Dementia), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Bob Stewart** (Angie Hewitt's dad, hospice), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, cancer treatments), **Barb Surber** (Dementia), **Nancy Vermillion** (Burris's friend, cancer treatments), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Don & Mary Walton** (Regina Anderson's, shut-in's), **Charlie Weaver** (A fib w/premature ventricular contractions), **Wanda Weaver** (stage 4 kidney disease and lupus), **Joel Westberry** (neck & spine), and **Nancy White** (John Denzio's aunt, hospice).

Missions

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)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, October 27	Luke 19-21
Monday, October 28	Luke 22-24
Tuesday, October 29	John 1-3
Wednesday, October 30	John 4-6
Thursday, October 31	John 7-9
Friday, November 1	John 10-12
Saturday, November 2	John 13-15



Celebrations This Week

Birthdays

None to Report

Anniversary

30th Joel & Marissa Westberry (42yrs)



Friday, November 1 @6pm

Dinner and Breakfast will be served.

There is a sign-up sheet on the involvement board. Please indicate if you will be staying the night and/or coming for breakfast.



Morning Glories' Ministry

The next brunch for our ladies will be on Saturday, October 9th at 10am in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to join them for a time of fellowship, food, devotional and ministry planning.



Love Feast Fellowship

November 10th is our Family Fellowship Meal following our worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite dish and dessert to share. Following our meal, we will be having our evening Bible Study.



All men are invited to join us on Saturday, November 23rd at 9am for a meal, fellowship, devotional, and prayer time.

Meditation of God's Word

Grace, It Really Is Amazing

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 5:20-21, NIV)

A study of the grace of God is a study of contrast, a contrast between the desperate plight of man and the abundant and gracious remedy God has provided for us through Jesus. This contrast is beautifully described in the words of an old hymn: "Guilty, vile and helpless we, spotless Lamb of God was He; Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah, what a Savior!" All of us are equally in need of God's grace. Let's consider God's gracious provision for our desperate plight.

I've heard that when someone goes into an expensive jewelry store for a diamond, the jeweler will often set a dark, velvet covered pad on his counter, then carefully place each diamond on the pad. The contrast of the dark pad provides the background that enhances the sparkle and beauty of each diamond. Our sinful condition hardly qualifies as a velvet pad, but against the dark background of guilt and moral pollution, God's grace sparkles like a beautiful, clear, and flawless diamond.

The apostle Paul used a contrasting background when he described God's gracious remedy for our ruin in a series of Scriptures that I like to call God's wonderful "buts." Paul painted a dark background in his indictment of man, both religious and irreligious, in Romans 3:10-12, *As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹ there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹² All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."* (NIV) In Rom 3:13-20, he elaborated on that indictment, finally concluding in vs. 20, *"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."* (NIV)

Having painted the dark background of our ruin, Paul proceeds to set before us the clear, sparkling diamond of God's remedy. He says in Romans 3:21-22, *But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile.* (NIV) God has provided the remedy: a righteousness that comes from God through faith in Jesus Christ. This righteousness is said to be "apart from law," that is, apart from any consideration of how well or not so well we have obeyed the law of God.

Under God's grace, the extent or quality of our law-keeping is not an issue. Instead, those who have faith in Jesus are *"justified freely by His grace"* (Rom 3:24). It actually means to be declared righteous before God. It means God has imputed or charged the guilt of our sins to His Son, Jesus, and imputed or credited Christ's righteousness to us. It is because of God's grace we are declared righteous before Him. He could have, with total justice, pronounced us all guilty, for that is what we were, and given us all to eternal damnation. He owed us nothing; we owed Him everything. But because of His grace, He presented Christ as our sacrifice of atonement.

...Ronnie Hewitt