

# Wildwood Church of Christ

## Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

February 7, 2021

### Welcome & Announcements

Song: #125 Amazing Grace

Song: #111 His Grace Reaches Me

Prayer

Song: #458 He Paid A Debt

Lord's Supper

Song: #766 I Am Bound For The

Promised Land

Sermon: God's Amazing Grace

Song: #854 What A Day That Will Be

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## God's Amazing Grace

Two books that I have enjoyed reading in the past are "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey and Scott Peck's book, "The Road Less Traveled". Both books stayed on the New York Times best seller's list for a long time. In Philip Yancey's book, he tells about a friend of his riding a bus to work, overhearing a conversation. A woman was reading Scott Peck's book, and a man across the aisle asked the woman, "What are you reading?" "A book a friend gave me" she said. "It changed her life." "What's it about," he asked. "I'm not sure, some sort of guide to life. I haven't gotten far. Here are some of the chapter titles - discipline, love, grace." The man stopped her. "What's grace?" he asked. "I don't know. I haven't gotten to grace yet."

Is it really possible that people in the world have no concept of what GRACE means? Does that last line, "I don't know, I haven't gotten to grace yet," describe you today?

What is so amazing about grace? To help us all answer that question, we will study in our lesson during the worship hour, the four parables in Luke 15. But for now consider another parable Jesus told in Luke 18:9-14. In this parable, you have a Pharisee and a tax-collector who went up to the temple to pray. Note the contrast of these two men: a Pharisee (self-righteous), and a publican (humble). Two prayers: one prayed to himself, the other prayed to the God of grace. Two results of their prayers: one went home justified, the other did not.

As Christians living in a sinful world filled with many temptations, we should, everyday respond to **God's Amazing Grace** in prayer with the right attitude (humble). The Point - acknowledging that we are sinners in desperate need of the grace of God, will remind us to appropriate the right kind of faith in action that will give God all the glory He deserves.

It will do us all well to remember the lines from a song we sing together, "Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far and grace will lead me home . . ."

~David

Please Note: The two books referenced above have some good, scriptural points that can be applied to our lives, but they are not written by members of the church.

## Prayer List

**Darrel Ponsford** just found out that he has cancer in his colon and will be having surgery in Ocala on the Wednesday, February 10th.

**Alicia Barrett** is home after her stroke and is still having problems with dizziness and her speech slurring. She has started therapy at home.

**John DaSilva** will have CT scans done to see the effects of the radiation treatments for his lung cancer and to see if the cancer has spread to other parts of his body.

**Keith Jones** had surgery on his carotid arteries and we praise God for a good report from the doctor. He is home and doing well.

Any news of cancer is not good but **Guy Grove** received news that the cancer he has is not as bad as they first thought. He will be starting treatment soon.

Remember **Lois Hutsenpiller** and her family in the recent loss of her son and brother-in-law.

**LoisAnne Freeman** has not been feeling well for quite some time and has had several tests run. They hope to have answers soon so they can help her feel better.

**Fred Casteel**, Reida Glenn's brother, has stage 4 mouth and throat cancer and will be having surgery again on February 24th.

**Dale Dean**, David Myers' nephew, is in a lot of pain with stage 3 lung cancer and they cannot operate because part of the baseball size tumor is attached to his spine.

**David Deason**, the Yarborough's son-in-law continues to struggle with stage 4 skin cancer.

**Remember:** Dale Jones; Linda Grove; Pat Ponsford; Marlin Kilpatrick; Charlotte Martin; Martha Pope; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Ken Scott; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Lew Faulkner; Teresa Broyle; Levi Cook; Martha Haltaman

## Announcements

~Thank you everyone, for staying diligent and wearing your mask to service as the elders have requested. We appreciate it so much.

~Remember the sheet sets we collected last year for the children's home in Guyana? Since we have not been able to go on our mission trip, we are going to be sending the sheets and we would like to also send each child in the home a Bible. A lot of the children do not have a Bible and those that do, their Bibles are in very poor shape. If you would like to help purchase Bibles and send them to Guyana, you can give your donation to David Myers, Mike Whisenant or Larry Hyder.

~The new edition of **Spiritual Sword** is on the table in the foyer. The timely theme of this issue is: "Remaining Faithful In Times of Crises" Pick one up and after you read it, share it!

~After several tries, we were finally able to contact **Avis Steele**, a former member. Her husband, **Harold** passed away on Nov.29th at age 91. He had several falls resulting in broken wrists and surgery, kidney infections, a staph infection and also Covid. Avis was with him as much as she could be. She has been struggling off and on with shingles, but otherwise is doing well.

~**Ron Clayton**, our missionary to India that we support, recently lost his son to physical and mental health issues. This have been a very hard and sad time for Ron and his family. If you would like to send a card: Ron & Karen Clayton, PO Box 1448, Hamilton, AL. 35570

~**Postcards** with a picture of the church building on them are in the foyer for anyone who would like to use them to send a note of encouragement or invitation, etc. They have been in the workroom for many years and need to be used. Please help yourself.

## Pantry Items

Toilet Paper    Paper Towels    Spaghetti Sauce    Peanut Butter  
Grape Jelly or Jam

Thank you so much for all your support with our pantry. Because of your generosity, we have an abundance of food that we are able to share with those in need.