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“God’s Multi-colored Grace”

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (I Peter 4:10)

God’s grace is “tailor-made” for each person who comes into His presence. Peter is speaking of God’s “varied” grace. The word he uses literally means “many colored” or “multi-colored”. It is tailored to fit each person in each situation. It doesn’t come off the rack in one size designed for everyone.

My mother tailor-made many of her children’s clothes. Each one had different needs and she was an expert seamstress who knew just how to meet our needs. God’s grace is like that. It is designed to fit specific needs in specific circumstances. The needs of the rich are different from the needs of the poor, and the needs of the elderly may not match the needs of the young. Some struggle with sins of disposition and others struggle with fleshly desires. Still, God designs His grace to meet us where we are.

Peter says we are “stewards” of God’s grace (KJV), which means that He expects us to “administer” that grace to others. The grace of God is dispensed through His servants. What does that mean? It means that He depends on us to see that others are able to receive His grace. Anyone who has a need should find the fulfillment of that need in us. If someone needs to know the message of the cross, we teach him. If he needs encouragement, we encourage him. If he needs help financially, we relieve that need.

God’s grace is custom made grace packaged for specific persons with specific needs. It is up to us to deliver the “packages” to those God has chosen to receive that grace. Having delivered that grace to us first, He now expects that we will pass it on to the proper recipients. Let’s not be guilty of non-delivery.

— Al Behel

Mark Your Calendars: October 4-6—Brad Harrub will be with us for a weekend series on Creation/Evolution and related topics. This is an opportunity to reach out to our community.

Libby and Larry Gilley, friends of **Dwight Grizzell**, needs our prayers. Libby has a recurrence of breast cancer which has metastasized in her abdomen. The Gilleys have been close friends of Dwight’s for many years. They live in Chattanooga.

Sermon Topics: A.M.—“Our Unshakable Faith, No. 7—:Paradise Lost”; P.M.—“Great Stories of the Bible: King David”

Meetings Today: Men and Ladies meetings today at 4 p.m.

A Little Church Humor

(Taken from church bulletins)

- Thursday Night Potluck Supper: Prayer and Medication to Follow.
- Remember in prayer those who are sick of our church.
- For those of you who have children and don’t know it we have a nursery downstairs.
- Sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on Water”; Sermon Tonight: “Searching for Jesus.”

Other Prayer Needs

Jan Messick received good news regarding her PET scan—NO TRACE OF CANCER LEFT. Keep praying!

Helen Costner, sister of Polly Pack—continuing to improve

Betty Langdon, Ginny Cliett’s sister, is now in rehab following shoulder surgery.

Rose Parker, daughter-in-law of Ray and Faye Parker from Hatton, Alabama is suffering from leukemia. Ray and Faye will be spending a lot of time in Pigeon Forge.

Jennifer Fulk, 39 year old daughter of Billy and Barbara Helms (frequent visitors from Milton, FL) has a recurrence of cancer.

Afghanistan—Bryan Darilek, Major, U.S. Army, in a 9 month deployment He is the son-in-law of Rick and Ginny Cliett and husband of Laura. Woody Chambers, cousin of Rick Cliett, is also deployed.

Bob Klingerman (Al & Linda’s son-in-law’s father) is in Shannondale Rehab Center with complications from a fall. He has Parkinson’s and is struggling a great deal.

Bottles of Love: pick up your baby bottle in foyer and fill it with silver or GREEN. Money allows ladies of the congregation to assist newborns at local hospital. Return bottles by Mar. 17.

Sunday Adult Bible Class
The Holy Spirit

Next Book of The Month Meeting—Mar. 26, 7-9 pm
Book: Ezekiel

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM
Wednesday 7:00 PM

Our Known Sick

Dez Anderson—MS and several other health problems. She has been having increasing difficulty in recent weeks. Please keep her in prayer. Cards are appropriate and encouraging.

Johnny Bryan—continues to need our prayers.

Debby Bryan—battling cancer.

Clara Mayberry—at home.

Christopher Howell, 23 year-old son of Phil and Terrie Howell and grandson of the Littletons, - spinal cord injuries in an auto accident

Brenda Scott’s sister, **Arania Blount**, is improving following stomach surgery in Dayton, OH.

Coleen Thomason’s mother is in Ben Atchley Veteran’s Home.

Angie Daimwood is in Memory Care, Rm. 401, Wellington Place.

Bill England received news that he does have bone cancer. Early test results showed no cancer. Let’s keep Bill and Pat in our prayers as doctors determine the best course of treatment.

Regen Morris, 11 year old student at Phi Beta Phi (son of Dan and Tisha Morris) is in St. Jude’s in Memphis with brain cancer.

Deb Elkins is recovering from knee surgery.

Building Fund

Loan balance as of 02/15/13 is **\$1,214,158.20**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pew.

Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.