

TO SERVE TODAY:	AM	PM
Opening Prayer	Mark Wright	Nick Bryant
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Preside Lord's Supper	David Bryant	
Scripture Reading	Mickey Keen	Dylan Holt
Closing Prayer	Noah Brasher	Keith Peevyhouse
NEXT WEEK:		
Opening Prayer	Keith Peevyhouse	Mark Wright
Song Leading	Nick Bryant	Dale Ballentine
Preside Lord's Supper	David Bryant	
Scripture Reading	Noah Brasher	Monte Morris
Closing Prayer	David Brasher	Dylan Holt



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The Follower

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How Grace Works

The way much of the world views God's grace can be illustrated in the parent/child relationship. Many parents intervene when their children are subject to punishment. Perhaps they've gotten into trouble at school, or worse, have broken the law, and these parents want to obtain pardon for their children instead of allowing them to take the punishment due. This is a misguided example of God's grace, which is an offer of pardon but not a get-out-of-jail-free card.

On the other hand, some parents are the antithesis of grace when they behave like my dad who said, "If you are smart enough to get into the mess, you should be smart enough to get out. Don't call me to get you out." While that may be tough love, it surely does not exemplify grace. So, how does the grace of God work?

All accountable people commit sin (**Rom. 3:23**), and the punishment for sin is death (**Rom. 6:23**). Grace, being a free gift - something good which is not deserved - is God being willing to save us through faith because we cannot save ourselves (**Eph. 2:8-9**). That gift is in the form of Jesus who died for our sins (**Rom. 5:15**). This grace which brings us salvation comes with strings attached: *For the grace of God which*

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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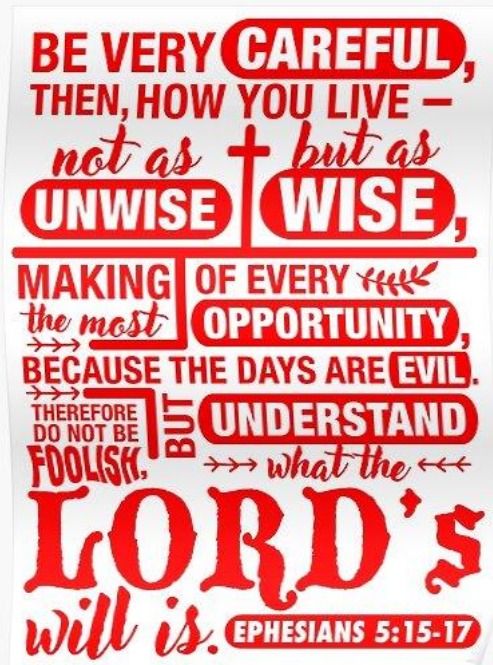
**SUNDAY:** Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM  
(Meet-Eat-Meet each second Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study 6:30 PM  
(Fellowship & devo each fourth Wednesday)

bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world (Tit. 2:11-12). Not a get-out-of-jail-free card with nothing expected on our part, but rather an expected acceptance of the grace through an obedient faith (Rom 1:5; 16:26). When we respond properly, God applies His grace through the blood of His son Jesus who died for our sins.

The gift of grace is free because there is nothing we can do to repay God for forgiving our sins. But we must obey Him in order to benefit from this gift. Let us receive the grace God has offered that we might be His children.

~Freeman



## Remember in Prayer ...

- **Kyle** has been dealing with severe abdominal issues for several days. He has an appointment with a surgeon Tuesday and expects to undergo tests.
- **Shannon Butler** was admitted to Jackson hospital Tuesday with low blood pressure and a high sugar count. He is improving and expects to go home tomorrow.

**PRAYER LIST:** Miss Mary; John Henry; Collin Vestal; Carolyn Lovelace (Dale Aden's sister who has Alzheimer's); Shirley's bro-in-law Richard Flowers (diabetes complications); Ginger Avery (breast cancer)....

## News and Notes...

- We welcome our visitors; we are indeed honored to have you with us. Please complete a visitor card and leave it in the pew or the collection plate, and please allow us the opportunity to get acquainted with you following services.
- **Devo Wednesday evening: Dale Ballentine**
- **Ladies Day at Sikta** this Saturday. Details are on the bulletin board.

### MEMORY VERSES - John 3:14-17:

*<sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (NKJ)*