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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.” (1 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.

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Church Services

Collective Worship on April 25 at 10:30 am only. No evening services or Bible classes at this time except the teens will meet at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. For your own safety and that of other worshippers, please follow recommended guidelines.

-Online Worship each Sunday morning on Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ website, YouTube, and Facebook.

-Karen Ferguson, friend of Phil and Carolyn Collier and frequent visitors with us, is suffering from an evolving hemorrhage in the brain.

-Dale Pendley recovering from 2nd and 3rd degree burns on face and head.

-Gilbert Behel, Al’s brother, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Surgery is planned.

-Al Behel had knee replacement surgery on Monday. Danny Cline will be speaking the next two Sundays. Al hopes to return by Mother’s Day.

-Terry Adkins is in ICU in Chattanooga with Covid. Ann also has covid and is confined to their camper. Terry’s sister, Sherrie, has covid as well.

-Ray and Faye Parker are back with us this weekend. They spend part of their time with us and part in Alabama. Ray and Faye experienced covid in January while in Alabama.

-Thank You! To every expression of love and support during this time. You many cards, texts, emails, and calls have been very encouraging. See you soon!

in turned to his younger brother and said,
Food Contact For Month: Tracey Kilberg

Elder Contact for Month: Mark Haynes (865-805-2293)

Online Sermon Topic: A.M.—“Upon This Rock” (Al)

In Person Worship: “Ler There Be Light: (Danny Cline)

Archived sermons and Al’s Blogs available at albehel.com

Our Known Sick

-Doug Hill is is doing well. And is able to be back in worship.

-Don Mayhall—still needs our prayers. His condition is fairly stable.

-Hubert Compton—recovering from hip replacement.

-Carolyn Yates is improving steadily from her recent shoulder surgery. She appreciates the thoughts, prayers, cards, and food. Keep praying.

-June McGowen, is in Pigeon Forge Nursing Home. Her condition has deteriorated significantly over the past few months.

-Jeanette Dyer is struggling with several health issues.

-Linda Valentine— battling cancer.

-Anna Ruth Franklin— Prayers for several health issues.

Friends and Family News/Prayer Requests

-Carolyn Yates’ daughter, Linda Wolf, - battling cancer

-Tracey’s mom, Judy Pitt, is recovering from colon cancer. She is weak but improving with some weight gain. Once she gains another 15 lbs corrective surgery can be performed. Please keep Judy, Ron, Tracey, and their family in prayer. Her address is: Judy Pitt, 313 Monticello Rd., Franklin, TN 37064

-Treavor Hayes, 7 year old grandson of Marc and Sue—preliminary report shows that his tumors are stable. His ophthalmologist is not recommending chemo for tumor on optic nerve at this time.

-Jan Luft, sister of some of George and Melanie’s best friends in Michigan (Jim and Kim), is not doing well. Chemo has been stopped. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Chris Heathcox, brother-in-law of Bryan and Beth, is sufferin from pancreatic cancer and is having to increase his chemotherapy. This is a hard time for him and his wife, Bena. Please keep Chris and Bena in your prayers along with their children.

-George Tolliver’s sister, Mossie Simpson, is battling COPD and recently recovered from Covid. She is staying with her son. Prayers still needed.

-Reggie Webber and his wife Judy. Is responding well to chemotherapy. They are friends of George and Melanie Tolliver and have visited our services in the past. Their address is 1503 Landmark, Sevierville, TN 37862.

Sunday AM Online Worship & Bible Class

Al is teaching an online Bible class on Sunday mornings that can be accessed beginning at 9:30 am. Current study is in 2 Peter. Worship

Online Worship and Bible class available at
www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com

Wednesday Night Bible Class

Danny Cline is leading our study in the gospel of Mark each Wednesday night by Zoom. Just respond to the email invitation to join the study at 6:45 each Wednesday night.

Ladies Bible Class

The weekly ladies class meets on Mondays from 6:45-7:45 pm EST by Zoom. Polly will be leading the study. Subject: “God’s Unshakable Faithfulness.” Please join in.

Teen Bible Class

Tomorrow at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Jacob Forman will be leading the class

Current Building Loan Balance

\$703,517.67

Additional Contributions Appreciated

CHURCH MAILING LIST

We have had problems with our email server and some have not been receiving mail. To ensure that everyone is receiving mail we have created a new group. You may receive 2 copies for a while.