

Newsletter

First Baptist Church Pea Ridge
February 2019



We are what we are by His Grace

We have been talking about God's grace on Sunday morning for a few weeks. Since I'm not finished putting our focus on grace, let's talk about it.

Grace is the opposite of karma, which is all about getting what you deserve.

Grace is getting what you don't deserve, and *not* getting what you do deserve.

Grace means that God has made available to us— an unearned, undeserved gift.

The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, since there is no distinction. 23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 24 They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22-24 (CSBBible)

A biblical understanding of grace is directly related passages like Ephesians 2:8-9, but it's much more than that. *For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— 9 not from works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 (CSBBible)*

Grace puts us in a place where there is nothing about our Christianity that we can boast about. We didn't deserve it, earn it or do anything to attain our right standing with God. We also are not able to do anything in and of ourselves to remain in this right relationship with God. It's all of God – and has nothing to do with our ability, effort, obedience or goodness.

For who makes you so superior? What do you have that you didn't receive? If, in fact, you did receive it, why do you boast as if you hadn't received it? 1 Corinthians 4:7 (CSBBible)

But as for me, I will never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through the cross, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14 (CSBBible)

There's literally no place for boasting in Christianity. We are God's Children by God's Grace! We are becoming someone better, by God's Grace. We are serving God's Kingdom purposes, by God's Grace. We are what we are – by God's grace.

But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace. 1 Corinthians 15:10 (NLT2)

Grace. All that we are, ever will be, ever will accomplish or become as Christians – is by God's grace at work. May God help us see that with an ever-increasing clarity.

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To God be the glory!

Pastor Al

NEWS & EVENTS

Discipleship University

We are starting a 6 week class on knowing your Bible, February 10th, 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Child care ages birth thru 3 years will be provided.

Gideon Speaker

February 10th

We will take up a special offering to help with this wonderful program

Church Property Re-Zone

It has come to our attention that when we started our Mother's Day Out ministry in August 2010, we inadvertently began to be out of compliance with Pea Ridge Zoning Regulations. From our perspective we were simply starting a ministry that would provide a biblically based partial week daycare/preschool program for families in our area. However, since such activity falls under the definition of a daycare, and as such is required to fit within specific planning zones within the City, we have a compliance problem

In order to correct this problem, we are requesting to have our current zone changed from **A: Agricultural** to **C-1: Light Commercial/Office District**. We have requested to be on the agenda for the March 5 Planning Commission meeting, in order to request this change. This process involves sending a certified letter to all neighbors within 300 feet of our property, to inform them of the request. There will also be a sign posted on our property indicating that there will be a public hearing related to the request for a zoning change. It will also be published in the Pea Ridge Times.

This change will not affect our church in any way, except to bring us into compliance with our City's Zoning Regulations.

Online Giving

When we give, it acknowledges God the giver of everything we have. Reflects our trust that He will continue to provide everything we need and allows us to be a part of His work here on Earth. You can make giving easier by signing up for automatic recurring donations on our new upgraded giving platform. Visit our website and look for Online Giving to get started.



Birthdays & Anniversary's



Ice-cream/Dessert Social

We will be celebrating the newest member of the Jacobs Family

Feb. 10th after Discipleship University at 6:00pm. No gifts please, donations can be made to Haiti Fund or Project One.

Valentine Dinner

February 16th at 5:30pm.
Child Care will be provided.

Cost is \$5.00 a person.
Sign-up online or at the
Welcome Center.

- 1 Ashley Dossey
- 3 Barbara McCrary
- 3 Wren Hendrick
- 8 Marge Leonard
- 9 Shirley Harris
- 10 Shirley Ankeny
- 11 Bob Cottingham
- 14 James Hoggatt
- 14 Jason Villines
- 15 Meloni Cutberth
- 16 Gayle Hoggatt
- 19 Pam Marlow
- 24 Mary Grace Cutberth
- 25 Thelma Hall
- 27 Vivian Snow

CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Worship Service 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00AM | 4 | 5 | 6 Wed. Night Dinner-5:00pm BLAST-6:00pm PRSM-6:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm | 7 Senior Lunch - 11:00am | 8 | 9 Faith Riders Ride |
| 10 Worship Service 9:30AM Sunday School 11:00AM Discipleship University -5:00pm Ice-cream Social - Jacobs - 6:00pm | 11 | 12 | 13 Wed. Night Dinner-5:00pm BLAST-6:00pm PRSM-6:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm | 14  | 15 | 16 Men's Breakfast 7:00am Valentine Dinner - 5:30pm  |
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**Have you considered
going on our next
Haiti Mission Trip?**

July 13 - July 19

**Contact the church office
for more info.**

MISSION REPORT

OCT. - DEC.

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| 10% Cooperative Program | \$ 10,331 |
| 2% NW AR Association | \$ 2,066 |
| Lottie Moon | \$ 750 |
| Benevolence | \$ 50 |
| Community Missions | \$ 602 |
| Quilters Missions | \$ 216 |
| Misc Missions | \$ 228 |
| Haiti Missions | \$39,948 |

Total: \$ 54,191

Same period last year: \$ 40,830

God's Tithes.....Our Offering (January)

Budget Required: \$ 35,416

Offering Received: \$ 27,299