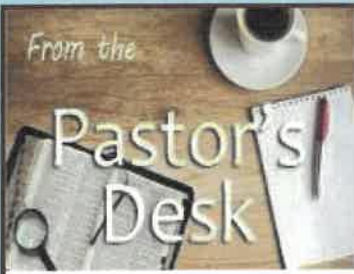


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The Many Faces of Grace

Grace. It is one of the most beautiful words in the Christian vocabulary—short, simple, yet infinitely deep. Scripture calls it the “gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8), and indeed it is a gift—unearned, undeserved, and overflowing from the heart of our Heavenly Father. Grace is not something we earn by good behavior or religious duty. It is the benevolent favor of God freely extended to humanity, both to the redeemed and to the unredeemed.

Grace for All Humanity

Jesus said that the Father “causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous” (Matthew 5:45).

This is the common grace of God—a love so generous that even those who do not acknowledge Him still live beneath its blessings. Every breath we take, every sunrise we witness, every moment of beauty or kindness in this world reflects that grace. It is God’s way of saying, “I am still here. My mercy still holds back the floodwaters of judgment.”

Grace for the Redeemed

For the believer, grace wears another face—the face of redemption. Through the cross of Christ, grace becomes saving grace. It pardons our sin, restores our relationship with God, and places us on the narrow path of sanctification.

The Apostle Paul proclaimed, “By the grace of God I am what I am” (1 Corinthians 15:10). It was grace that sought us, grace that saved us, and grace that now keeps us.]

Grace for the Pilgrimage

But grace does not stop at salvation; it accompanies us on every step of the Christian journey.

The same grace that justifies also sustains. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, grace becomes the power that strengthens weary saints, comforts broken hearts, and lifts us when we stumble. When Paul prayed for deliverance from his “thorn in the flesh,” the Lord answered, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Grace is not just pardon—it is power. It empowers us to persevere through trials, to face temptation with courage, and to grow in holiness.

Grace for Transformation

As grace continues its work, it shapes us into the likeness of Christ. This is sanctifying grace—the Spirit’s ongoing influence that teaches us to deny ungodliness and live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age (Titus 2:11–12). Every act of obedience, every victory over sin, and every moment of spiritual growth is a testimony to grace at work.

Grace for the Glory Ahead

And finally, grace will have the last word. The pilgrim who began by grace and walked by grace will one day stand in glory by grace. When we see our Savior face to face, it will not be because we were faithful, but because God’s grace was.

So, as we live, let us never lose sight of the many faces of grace—common grace that blesses all, saving grace that redeems, sustaining grace that strengthens, and sanctifying grace that transforms. Grace is more than a doctrine to be studied; it is a Person to be known, a power to be experienced, and a promise that endures forever.

“Grace isn’t just what saves us—it’s what keeps us, molds us, and one day, will glorify us.

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Rick



CHURCH IS HARD.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a convergence of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

Shared from Arianna Freelen

By Mary Murray

Notices/Events

If you have something you no longer need or want, an upcoming event, or have a notice to share with the church, feel free to advertise it here to the members of Crossroads. Give your info to Amos (office) for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

The **DECORATIONS COMMITTEE** needs help and someone to be the chairperson. The committee changes up the sanctuary decorations for seasons and/or special holidays. There isn't a lot of time required and even if you don't have the "gift" you can help take down and put up/out decorations. We especially need our "summer stayers" to join. Men, you are helpful as well!

The **HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to join the committee. With enough volunteers, Sunday mornings can have a rotation again and will have enough people to assist at other events like our business meeting potlucks.

TO SIGN UP/ASK QUESTIONS, SEE DAVID OR JOANNA ANY TIME.

Event not to be missed on 11/13/2025 for the annual convention for Arizona Mission Network.

for more info call
602-843-1030

MEN'S BREAKFAST !

First SATURDAY of each month at 8:00 AM at the church.

Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7

Sign up in the info area. If you can help in the kitchen, please come at 7am to help "Chef" Lafe.



Food, Fellowship, and God's Word

For more info Contact Lafe @ 719-342-0431



First SATURDAY of each month at 8:30 AM at a local eatery.

**Nov 1, at Gold Canyon Café
Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7**

Sign up in the info area. Bring a friend or family member!

**For more info Contact .Joanna @
480-560-9964**



**Potluck
Lunch**

Join us after service on Nov 2nd to enjoy a chicken potluck lunch. The Hospitality committee will provide the chicken and beverages. Please sign up to bring side dish or dessert.

The CLASSIFIED Page

If you have a need for repair work around your home, able to perform handyman or cleaning service, or know of job opportunities, this is the place to be. Give your info to office@

480-982-9120 for posting. If the info goes in the newsletter, remember that it will be posted online, so do not put in private information.

Handyman Needed

Homes need repair at times, and when those small but needed things break down, you need help. We have several members of the church who are experienced in many areas.

If you are experienced with tools, please let the office know of your talents. We are here to serve our church family in many areas, and you can be a blessing to others in need.

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT OFFICE**



Have something you want to sell or give away? Take a picture of it, provide a description, and send it to the office. We will place it in the newsletter and on the website.

Do you need something for your home? Before you buy it, we can put your need in the newsletter, and who knows, someone may be able to help.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of any job openings that would interest our church family or friends of the church, please let the office know.



Our church pantry is available for our church members, their families, and those in our community. We have a variety of canned and packaged goods, cleaning supplies and hygiene items. If you have a need or you know of a neighbor who is struggling, please let the office know. Contact the office if you need assistance

If you need prayer, our staff and deacons are always available. Please contact the office if you would like prayer.



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Missions News

- News off from missions supported by Crossroads Baptist Church

Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for

Have you ever caught the aroma of a delicious meal that caused you to have borborygmus? You may not be familiar with the word "**borborygmus**," but it is a word that has been in English dictionaries for centuries.¹ It means "to have a rumbling sound made by gas moving through the intestines." In other words, your tummy is growling!

I thought it would be interesting to use some of these lesser-known words as synonyms for words in scripture. This is not an attempt to **BUMFUZZLE** you, but perhaps to give you a new way to share Bible verses. The definition of the strange word follows each Bible verse.

Evidently some people are throwing you into **BUMFUZZLE** and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ (Galatians 1:7); [to confuse].

When the Israelites saw the man (Goliath), they all ran from him in great **KAKORRHAPHIOPHOBIA** (1 Samuel 17:24); [fear of defeat].

The Egyptian king said to his people, "the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. Come, we must be **SNOLLYGOSTERS** with them" (Exodus 1:9-10); [shrewd or cunning person].

Whoever loves **QUOMODOCUNQUIZING** never has money enough (Ecclesiastes 5:10); [making money by any means].

A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out **TARADIDDLES** will not go free (Proverbs 19:5); [lies].

There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away; they have together become **SLUBBERDEGULLIONS** (Romans 3:11-12); [worthless persons].

Come to me, all you who are **WABBIT** and burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28); [weary].

Cast all your **COLLYWOBBLE** on Him because He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7); [anxiety].

We all were once **slubberdegullions**, but thanks to Jesus our **collywobbles** have been removed. The obscure words are a knock on the door to engage others with the Gospel, that they might understand without bumfuzzle.

¹ <https://www.mentalfloss.com/language/words/> by [Cat DiStasio](#), 10-21-2025

Keep the SON in your eyes

Tom



October Average Monthly Attendance

Sunday Worship..... 55
 Sunday School..... 25
 Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study..... 18

Ministries/Other Actual

New Members:..... 2
 Ladies' Bible Study..... 5
 Ladies' Breakfast Attendance..... 10
 Men's Breakfast Attendance..... 15
 Visitors..... 13

GOD'S PROMISE

As long as God
 Continues to wake
 you Up,
 it means He still
 has plans for you.

Get Involved!

- **Sunday Fellowship** - coffee & donuts @ 9 am.
- **Sunday School** @ 9:30 am.
- **Worship Service** @ 10:45 am.
- **Ladies' Bible Study and Life Group** Tuesdays @ 10am.
- **Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study** @ 3:00 pm.
- **Choir** - (On Break) Thursdays-Practice @ 6pm
- **Ladies' Breakfast - Monthly**: First Saturday @ 8:30 am at a local restaurant.
- **Men's Breakfast—Monthly**: First Saturday @ 8:00 am at the church.
- **Connections Saturday** - One Saturday each month. Check church calendar.
- **Volunteering**: The church needs your gifts and talents. See a need? Want to help somehow? Contact the office or the committee chairperson.

8 Best Fall Destinations in the U.S.

1. Stowe, Vermont

- Renowned for its fiery maple trees and classic New England charm.

2. Aspen, Colorado

- Golden aspen groves light up the mountains—perfect for hiking and scenic drives.

3. Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia/North Carolina

- A legendary road trip route with sweeping views of the Appalachian Mountains.

4. Great Smoky Mountains National Park, TN/NC

- Offers one of the longest fall foliage seasons in the country.

5. Columbia River Gorge, Oregon

- Waterfalls and cliffs framed by brilliant autumn colors.

6. Lake Placid, New York

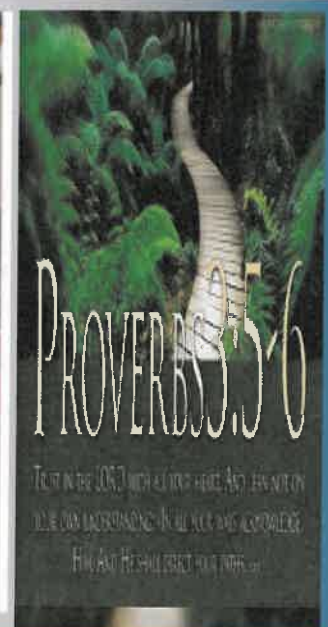
- Nestled in the Adirondacks, it's ideal for leaf-peeping and cozy lakeside stays.

7. Door County, Wisconsin

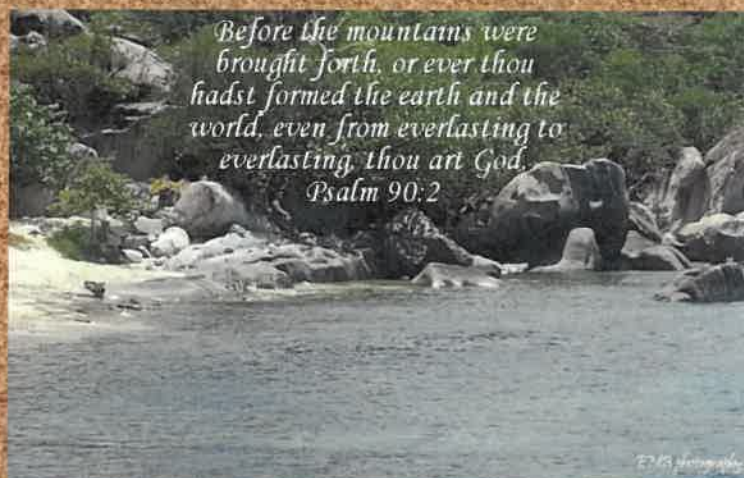
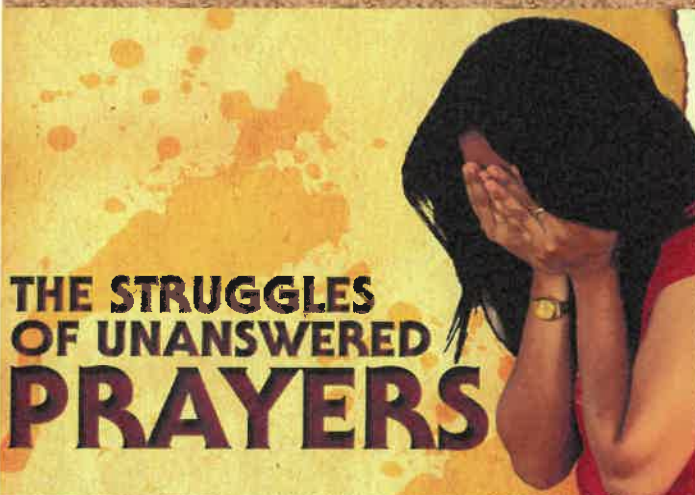
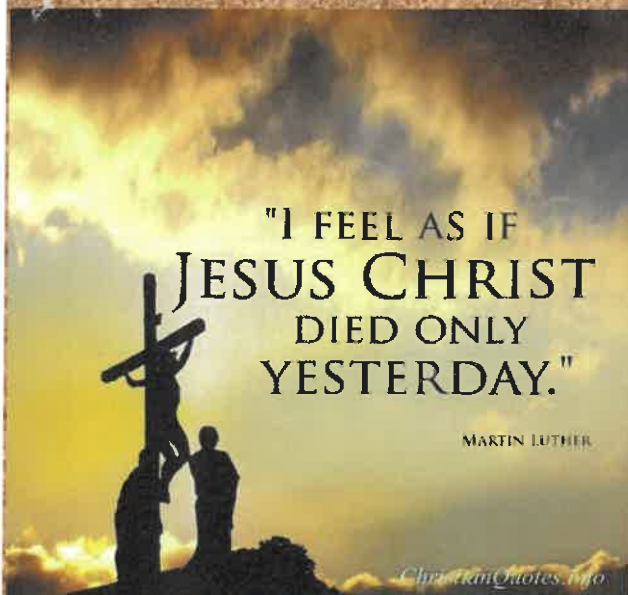
- Apple orchards, charming villages, and stunning lake views make it a Midwest gem.

8. Acadia National Park, Maine

- Coastal cliffs and forested trails explode with color in early October.

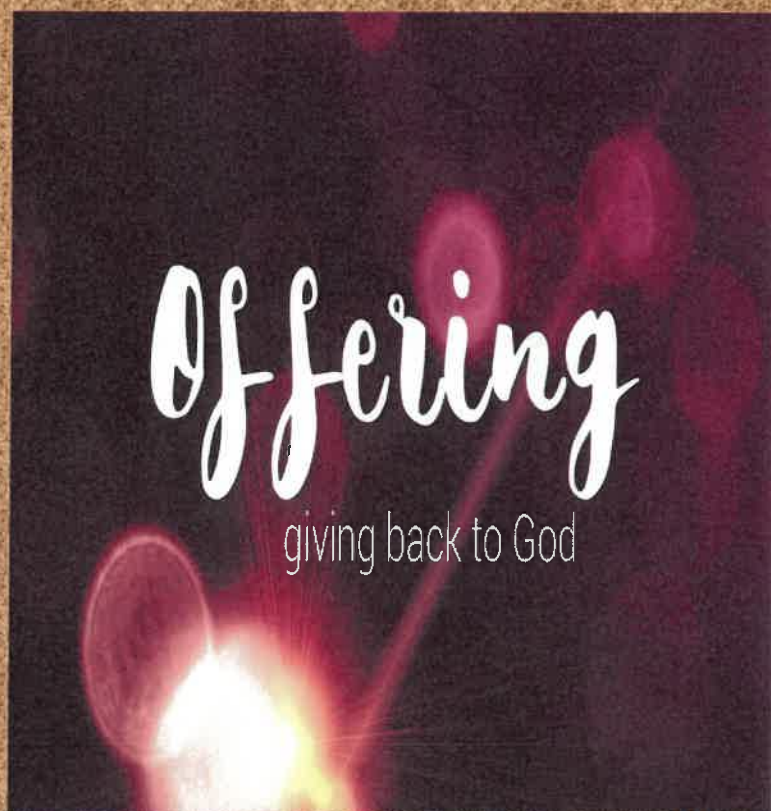


In France, the most expensive jewel pulled a real “now you see me, now you don’t” act right out of the museum. The thief tiptoed in like a cat in fancy shoes and left security scratching their heads. By the time they checked the cameras, (7mn) the jewel was already sipping champagne somewhere on the Riviera!



6 REMINDERS FROM ALL 6 CHAPTERS OF GALATIANS

1. Don't live for the approval of others
- Galatians 1:10
2. You are not defined by your past
- Galatians 2:20
3. Your worth is in Christ, not your job
or education - Galatians 3:27
4. You are no longer a slave, you are now
a child of God - Galatians 4:7
5. Don't be led by feelings and emotions,
be led by the spirit - Galatians 5:25
6. Don't grow weary while doing good.
When the time is right, you will reap
what you've sown - Galatians 6:9



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Start or continue your daily Bible reading plan today!</i>			Prayer Meeting & Bible Study			1 8:00 am-Men's Breakfast (Church) 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast (Gold Cyn Cafe)
2 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship The Lord's Supper Goo News Global Speaker.	3	4 10:00am-Ladies Bible Study	5 3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	6 10 am & 11 am Personal and Finance Meeting Committee	7	8
9 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship	10 Colombus Day	11 10:30am-Ladies Bible Study Veterans Day	12 3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	13	14	15 Church Workday
16 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship	17	18 10:00am-Ladies Bible Study	19 3:00pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship Mission Meeting after Services	24	25 10:00am-Ladies Bible Study	26 3:00Pm-Meeting & Bible Study	27 Thanksgiving Day	28 Black Friday	29 Decoration committee meeting
30 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship	<i>Catch up or get ahead in your Bible reading plan.</i> Let the PEACE of CHRIST Rule in your HEARTS, since as members of ONE BODY you were called to peace. And be THANKFUL.” . Colossians 3:15					

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MATTHEW 28:18-20
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