



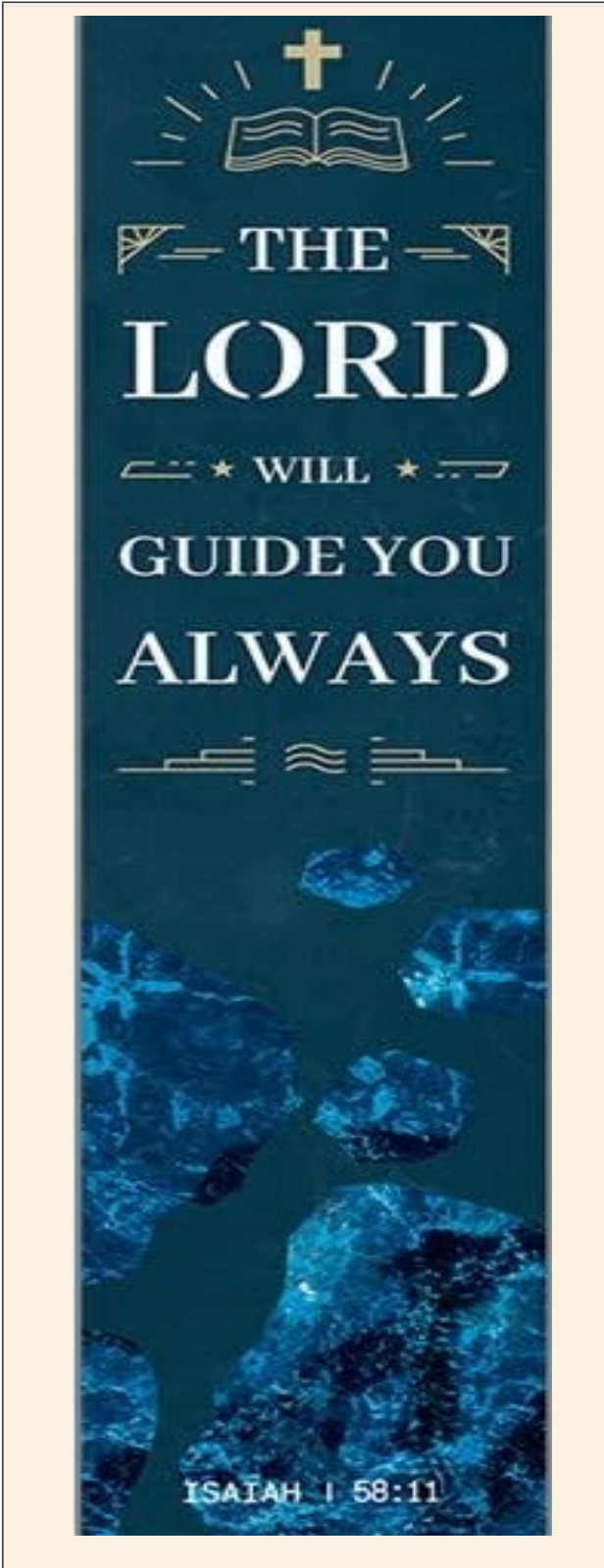
September 2024

The Mustard Seed

If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20

Where Have You Seen Grace?

by Paul King



A few weeks ago, I came across a Facebook post that quoted this statement by Hanna Reichel, “Sin might be a universal condition with many faces, but grace is always local.” I must admit that I have never thought about grace that way, but it is so true! We are bombarded each day with the sins of the world as we witness the effects of our inclination to make war nation upon nation, our increasing inability to discuss our differences with each other with civility, and our mistreatment of the environment. But we witness grace in more personal, intimate settings. When Jesus was asked about the most important commandment, he responded, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Jesus was teaching us about grace.

The Facebook post went on to ask, “where have you encountered local grace today?”. To address the question, I had to sort of reprogram my mind to reframe how I see the

Grace:

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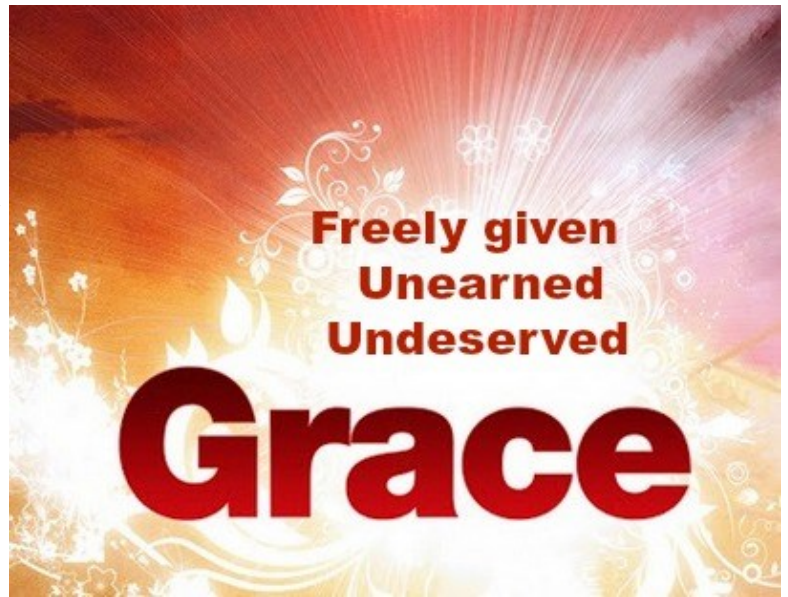
1. The excersize of love, kindness or goodwill; disposition to benefit or serve another
2. The devine favor towards man; the underserving kindness or forgiveness of God; devine love or pardon
3. Beauty, physical, intellectual or moral; easy elegance of manners

world. The question caused me to stop to think for a minute about where I saw people being deliberately nice, pleasant, and generous instead of focusing on disappointments, delays, and roadblocks the world throws in my path every day. In a word, I had to think about where people were being ‘Christlike’ in my midst.

Once I reframed my thinking it did not take me long to think of several examples. Like sharing a laugh with the receptionist at the

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doctor's office, who had to ask me at check-out to complete and sign a form I had missed in the stack of ten I signed when I arrived. Grace, almost imperceptible grace. Some examples I thought of were more impactful for the recipient. Like the troubled young man who approached my wife and me at Walmart asking for food and transportation money, unable to articulate how he would accomplish transport even if he had sufficient funds. As we walked with him to the prepared food section to buy him a meal, a store manager stepped in and paid for the food. She could have just as easily cited store policy against soliciting and escorted him to the door empty handed. But she bought him a meal instead. Grace. Or the day a pastor I know, on his day off, helped an individual just released from jail find lodging for the night. Calls on his part to find a place resulted in rejection after rejection. The task became increasingly complex as the day wore on, but he didn't give up. It took him most of the day, but he succeeded in helping this one person who was down on their luck. And I never detected any complaint from him. Grace.



Where have you seen local grace recently? Are you in need of reframing your view on the world to be able to see and acknowledge local sightings of grace? I believe when we train our spirits to look for grace in our midst we become inspired to pass it on by showing grace with others. And in every small act of kindness, in every small gift of grace we offer to others, we help just a little in bringing about the kingdom of God here on earth, right now.

*Grace & Peace,
Paul*

~ STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of August 22, 2024

YTD Income: \$36,656
 YTD Expenses: \$39,982
 YTD Net Income: (\$3,326)

Parenthesis indicate negative number.

*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.
Deuteronomy 16:17*

~ PRESBYTERY PRAYER CONCERNS



Below are prayer concerns from the Presbytery of the Mid-South for this month. Please add these to your prayers for the week:

- Week of 9/1: Oakland Presbyterian First Presbyterian, Paris, TN
- Week of 9/8: Christian Formation week begins
- Week of 9/15: Theological Education Seminaries
- Week of 9/22: First Presbyterian, Rosemark
- Week of 9/29: First Presbyterian, Savannah

As always, pray for CPC and its members.

Evangelism Conference 2024



A Lifestyle
That
Exudes *Justice*

A Lifestyle That Exudes Justice

October 3-5, 2024
Louisville, KY

Come join us for this journey into a more expansive and authentic understanding and practice of evangelism!

For too long, evangelism has been used to grow our churches or convert people to a certain way of believing in God. This expression of evangelism has hurt many people and promoted injustice. We will explore how we are called to embody the good news of God's healing and compassion through A Lifestyle that Exudes Justice! **Offered in-person and virtually.**

* Spend time together in worship, with preaching by Rev. Dr. Debra J. Mumford (Dean of Louisville Seminary).

* Gather for plenary sessions with Rev. Dr. Elaine A. Heath (co-author of [Trauma-Informed Evangelism: Cultivating Communities of Wounded Healers](#)).

* Engage with gifted workshop leaders: In-Person Attendees will choose 3 workshops to attend during the conference. All 5 workshops will be recorded and made available online to both Virtual & In-Person Attendees to watch when convenient.

* Three meals are included in the cost of In-Person registration and will be provided in the Presbyterian Center: Thursday Dinner, Friday Lunch, Saturday Boxed Lunch.

Registration Fee:

In-Person: \$175 Virtual: \$75

[Click here to register.](#)



Festival of Choirs

September 13-14, 2024

Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians Mid-South Region is excited to partner with Idlewild Presbyterian Church in hosting the Mid-South Festival of Choirs!

This two-day festival will feature music, fellowship, and an organ recital from Dr. Patrick Scott. Join us for a musical tune up and bring some new anthems home to your choir!

Registration includes:

- worship service led by the Idlewild Chancel Choir and clergy,
- an organ recital by Dr. Patrick Scott,
- breakout sessions for directors,
- fellowship with like-minded church musicians, and
- Memphis BBQ!

[View the event schedule, repertoire, and hotel suggestions here.](#)

Meals and fellowship will take place at Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

Registration Fees

PAM Member - \$25 (\$40 after August 15th)

Non-Member - \$50 (\$90 after August 15th)

[Click Here to Register](#)

[Click here to find out what's happening at your library!](#)



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it's always **FUN** **AUG. 30 - SEPT. 8**
at the
Delta Fair

Senior American Day
Wednesday, Sept. 4th

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Memphis, TN

SCHEDULE

DELTA FEST.COM



9:30 AM - MPD Presents Colors

10:00 AM - Delta Fair Senior American Spelling Bee

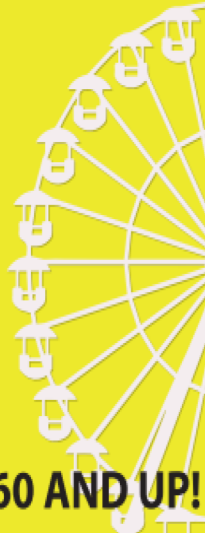
10:45 AM - The Memphis Police Department Peacemakers

11:30 AM - Senior Talent Contest

1-3 PM - Annual Delta Fair Tea Dance with Jim Mahannah, Jr., Band

ALL DAY - Senior Vendors

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING SEPT 4th 9AM - NOON FOR AGES 60 AND UP!





At the Memphis Zoo

Wednesday, October 2 - 9am-2pm

- Free Zoo Entry
- Free Parking
- Free Entertainment
- Free Tram Rides
- Free Exhibits

Plus access to information on healthy living, financial planning, housing, insurance, caregiving, hospice, home health and more from sponsors who help the Professional Network on Aging and the Memphis Zoo make this free day possible to our 55+ community here in Memphis! **For more information, visit www.pnamidsouth.org.**



Dear CPC Brothers and Sisters,

I thank God for every remembrance of you. For the years we shared in worship, fellowship, and service. For your impact on my family and our community. For sharing His love.

Grace and peace to you always,
Melanye Lunsford






© Birthday ♥ Anniversary



September 2024

Collierville Presbyterian Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm) Season of Peace begins	2 	3 ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm)	4	5	6 © Suzanne Dunn © Melissa Billiard	7
8 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ GS Troop 13139 (2-4pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm)	9 ♦ GS Troop 13920 (5:30pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	10 ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm)	11	12	13	14
15 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm)	16 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	17 ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm)	18	19 © Linda Stamps	20	21 International Day of Peace
22 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ GS Troop 13139 (2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm) First Day of Fall	23 ♦ GS Troop 13920 (5:30pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	24 ♦ Hopetuls AA (5:30pm)	25	26	27	28
29 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ GS Troop 13139 (2pm) ♦ Hopetuls AA (3pm)	30 ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) © Wesley Nicholson					