

Those To Serve

Sunday, August 6, 2023

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Dwayne Millikin

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Butch Minyard

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Gary Bridgman

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, July 30, 2023

AM 82 PM 40

[Average for the Year]

AM [55] PM [36]

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

43 [Average for the Year] [38]

Contribution:

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Actual \$ 2,455.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 73,605.00

[Average] \$ 2,374.35

[+/- Budget] \$ (45.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (3,767.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Promise of Grace

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

We do not know what Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was. However, we know it was given by Satan in an attempt to "buffet" Paul. The word "buffet" conveys the meaning in Greek of beating or striking with the fist. This is how intense the buffeting of Satan was to Paul. What we want to consider in this article is the teaching that Paul provides on the promise of the grace of God that came to his aid.

The **promiser** of this grace made Paul able to bear his thorn in the flesh. Why? The promiser was none other than the Lord who cannot lie (Num. 23:19). If the Lord promised Paul grace, then that is what Paul would receive. The Lord knew exactly what Paul needed because the

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for August 6, 2023

A.M.—The Promise of Grace

P.M.—Faithfully Focused—

Lesson from Zach Harber

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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Lord was Paul's advocate (1 Jn. 2:1) and mediator (1 Tim. 2:5).

The second thing we want to consider is the **sufficiency** of the promise of grace. The Lord told Paul that His grace was going to be sufficient for him to bear his thorn in the flesh (v. 9). The word translated "sufficient" conveys the idea of something that is enough. The Lord's grace shown to Paul was sufficient because of its **ability to save**, and it enabled Paul to continue working in the Lord because the Lord's grace was made perfect in Paul's weakness (v. 9). The Lord's grace was sufficient because of its **ability to supply** (Phil. 4:19) all the needs that Paul had. The Lord's grace was sufficient because of its ability to provide **support** to Paul and the help it gave him bear up amid trials and temptations (1 Cor. 10:13). Finally, the Lord's grace was and is sufficient because of its ability to **give Paul the power to overcome** his thorn in the flesh. One needs to consider the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 about the strength that Paul received from the grace the Lord bestowed on him.

Finally, we want to consider the **result** of the promise of grace. The Lord's grace allowed Paul **to be glad** because he suffered for the Lord (v. 9), and he could even rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4:4). Paul knew if God did not spare his only begotten Son for him, that God would surely provide for Paul's needs (Rom. 8:32). The Lord's grace allowed Paul the **power to overcome** even in weakness knowing he would be victorious in the end while leaning upon the Lord's promises (Phil 4:13; 2 Tim. 4:7-8; 1 Cor. 15:58). Christians today have the same hope if they live faithfully for the Lord.

Dear friends, remember, the Lord still provides sufficient grace to His followers today. He knows just what we need, and His grace truly reaches us.

2 Corinthians 12:9—And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Bill Coles'** cancer has returned. He had a scan done at CARTI in Little Rock and is waiting on the results. **Shelia Smithee** will have a knee replacement done on August 10. **Paula Millikin** fell Thursday. She was checked out at the ER and is okay.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Faye Bradley (LaKrista Knabe's aunt), Ed Hager, Melissa Larson (Shelia Smithee's sister who has cancer), Jane Massey (Shelia Millikin's friend with multiple health issues)

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an Elders and Deacons Meeting today at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything that needs to be discussed with them, please let them know.

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Let's Eat: Let's Eat in August will be at Millie's in Cave City on August 8. We will meet at the church building at 5:15 p.m. and take the van. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to attend.

Children's Home School Supplies: We are collecting school supplies for the Paragould Children's Home. There are lists of items needed on the table in the back.

Fellowship and Singing: We will be having a monthly fellowship and singing beginning in August. The upcoming fellowship and singing will be on August 12 at 6:30 p.m. and will be hosted by the Clines. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for all who would like to attend.

Children's Home Shopping List: Pickles

Visitation Meeting: There will be a Visitation Meeting next Sunday after the evening service.