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Words of Encouragement...

John 1:16 ➤ *“From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.”*
2 Corinthians 9:8 ➤ *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you.”*

I get a daily email devotional from Max Lucado Ministries. Recently, I received several addressing the wonder and majesty of God’s grace. Below is my compilation and editing of those devotionals, along with my own reflections on the audacity of God’s grace.

I’ve never been surprised by God’s judgment—but I’m still stunned by his grace! David the psalmist becomes David the voyeur, but by God’s grace becomes David the psalmist again. Peter denied Christ before he preached Christ. Zacchaeus, the crook... the cleanest part of his life was the money he’d laundered, but Jesus still had time for him. The thief on the cross...hell bent and “hung-out-to die” one minute, but heaven-bound the next.



Story after story. Surprise after surprise. It seems that God is looking more for ways to get us home with Him than for ways to keep us out. I challenge you to find one soul who came to God seeking grace and did not find it. Search the pages. Read the stories. Find one person who came seeking a second chance and left with a stern lecture. I dare you! You won’t find it!

Furthermore, it seems to me that God gives a lot more grace than we’d ever imagine. And, we could do the same. I’m not trying to water down the truth or compromise the Gospel. But if a man or woman with a pure heart calls God Father, can’t I call that same person Brother or Sister? If God doesn’t make doctrinal perfection a requirement for family membership, should I?

If God can tolerate my mistakes, can’t I tolerate the mistakes of others? If God can overlook my short-comings, can’t I overlook the short-comings of others? If God allows me with my foibles and failures to call him Father, shouldn’t I extend that same grace to others? If God so marvelously and audaciously shows me grace, shouldn’t I audaciously show grace to others?

One thing is for sure. When we get to heaven, we’ll be surprised at some of the folks we see. And it might be that some folks will be surprised when they see us!

Many blessings to you in this journey of God’s audacious grace.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- September 4th: Labor Day, Church Office Closed
- September 7th: Clothes Closet OPEN
- September 10th-17th: Week of Prayer for Mary Hill Davis Offering
- September 10th: Missions Committee Meeting/Luncheon, Kids’ Choir Kick Off, Girls’ Night In
- September 12th: Advanced Group Luncheon
- September 17th: Special Offering for Mary Hill Davis/Texas Missions
- September 20th: Deacons’ Meeting
- September 27th: See You at the Pole, Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting, Saw You at the Pole
- October: Holiday Food Drive for Bangs Food Pantry, Coat & Blanket Drive
- October 1st: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch, Girls’ Night In
- October 4th: 2018 Calendar Planning Meeting
- October 5th: Clothes Closet OPEN
- October 8th: Ministerial Staff Appreciation, CMT Meeting
- October 10th: Advanced Group Luncheon
- October 11th: Fields of Faith Youth Event
- October 14th: Budget Workshop
- October 15th: The Lord’s Supper
- October 18th: Deacons’ Meeting
- October 25th: Maintenance Committee Meeting
- October 29th: Fifth Sunday Breakfast served by the Deacons, Kids’ “No Fear” Party
- October 31st: Trunk or Treat

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH FOR LABOR DAY.

CELEBRATE LABOR DAY!

Let's honor our leaders

OCTOBER IS MINISTERIAL STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH!

and show our appreciation!

SENIOR PASTOR:	Dr. Pepper Dill
MINISTER OF WORSHIP:	Corey Ash
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR:	Joy Mitchell
OFFICE MANAGER:	Cindy Boyle
OFFICE ASSISTANT/WEB MASTER:	Marsha Zabecki

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We have a game plan, growth plan, business plan, lesson plan, emergency plan, diet plan, day planner, etc....BUT, do we have a spiritual plan for ourselves, our church, and our families? Our fall schedule will fill up fast! Don't let your schedule crowd out what is most important! Let's be intentional about our spiritual growth & leading others as they grow! Jesus gave us HIS plan. He said these are my greatest commandments! #1 – Love God! #2 – Love People!

Our Mission is to LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE!

Go & Make Disciples! Teach & Baptize them!

Let's be the Salt & Light! Starting at home... to the ends of the Earth!

Join the kids in memorizing these verses before Jan. 1st!

BELIEVE-LOVE-PRAY-GO-SERVE!

iBelieve: Romans 10:9

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

iLove: Mark 12:30-31

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.

iPray: James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

iGo: Mat. 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

iServe: Gal. 5:13

Serve one another humbly in love. Blessings on you!

JOY 😊

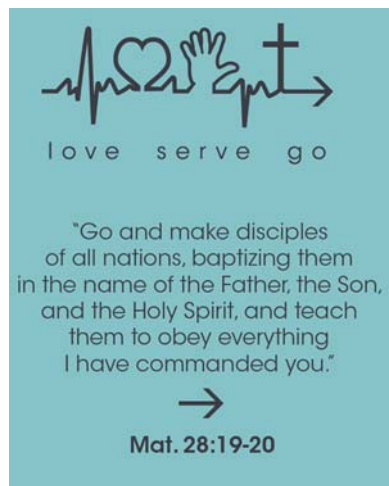
We are THE CHURCH! LIVE READY TO LOVE, SERVE & GO!

If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

God created us to....**DO SOMETHING!!!**

SAVE THE DATES!

- Sept. 10th: Kid's Choir Kickoff 6:00 pm
- Oct. 29th: NO FEAR PARTY 6:00 pm
- Oct. 31st: Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:00 pm
- Nov. 15th: Thanksgiving Meal & Praise Service 5:30 pm
- Dec. 3rd: All Choirs' Christmas Musical
- Dec. 9th: Parade- 6:00 pm/ Nativity & Carols at Christmas in the Park
- Dec. 13th: Christmas Meal/ Happy Birthday Jesus Party



MISSIONS



Clothes Closet OPEN! Thursday, September 7th & October 5th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Bangs Food Pantry OPEN! First and Third Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Our Goal is \$3,000

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TEXAS MISSIONS
and the MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING

SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2017
STATE GOAL: \$3,600,000
Together we can win Texas for Christ!

A special offering will be collected on Sunday, Sept. 17th

Coming soon!

- Holiday Food Drive for Bangs Food Pantry
- Coat and Blanket Drive

Update on the Search Process for our next Associate Pastor & Youth Minister

We have already begun the process of seeking who the Lord would have help lead FBC Bangs as Associate Pastor & Youth Minister. So far, several groups of people have been engaged in the process: the Youth Ministry Team, the Personnel Committee, and the Deacons.

A Search Plan has been developed, the job description has been reviewed, and a Search Committee has been appointed by the church. In populating the Search Committee, several key aspects of representation were considered. We sought to have church membership representation from the following groups:

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| Deacon body | Parent(s) with youth at home |
| Personnel Committee | Parent(s) with future youth at home |
| Youth Ministry Team | Adult(s) without youth at home |
| A mix of women and men | |
| Current active youth recommended by the youth group | |

The Search Committee members appointed by the church successfully address those representation goals. Those who will be serving our church on this Search Committee are:

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| Ronnie Purcell | Kialie Dodson |
| Kesi Prescott | Ethan Dill |
| Clint Dodson | April Cassady (alternate) |
| Ashley Belez | Steve Whittenberg (alternate) |
| Terry Buzzard | |

Please be in prayer for the members of this committee as they begin the important work of seeking for our next Associate Pastor & Youth Minister.

MUSIC NOTES

Hello, Church Family!



It's that time again!...football and band, school and piano lessons! What a great time of year! And, Thanksgiving will be here before we know it!

The worship choir is meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00, and we've got some great music that we are working on! We always have fun rehearsals! You really should check it out!

We're always seeking others who would like to give the gift of music. So, if God has gifted you to sing, and you aren't using your voice for ministry to His body, well.....do I actually have to finish this idea for you?

I'm also always so excited to have new folks who want to share their singing and instrumental talents through special music and offertories. If God has gifted you in these ways, please, be sure to let me know. We'd like to add you to our list of regulars. It's so great to see boys and girls using their talents for the Lord's glory. If you have or know of young'uns who have musical gifts, we love to have them use them!

Thank you so much for the blessing that each of you are to me! I am always so encouraged and uplifted every time that we get to worship together! Your encouragement reminds us to keep on keeping on in what God has called us to do!

Have a blessed and productive week! See you at church!

Soli Deo Gloria, Bro. Corey

BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

JUNE 2017 MINUTES

- June 2017 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- There was no old or new business.
- Miscellaneous items were mentioned.

JULY 2017 MINUTES

- July 2017 minutes were approved as printed.

- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- There was no old or new business.
- Miscellaneous items noted were progress on the parking lot paving and the roof project. A report was given by the Pastor concerning the procedure for a Youth Minister/Associate Pastor search committee. The Youth program during this interim time is being taken care of by the youth workers.

JUNE 2017 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions:	\$32,325.24
Weekly Average:	\$8,081.31
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,480.75
Fund Balance:	\$7,872.25
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$106,712.14 (6/30/17)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$44,947.82 (6/30/17)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,274.61 (6/30/17)

JULY 2017 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions:	\$34,295.64
Weekly Average:	\$6,859.13 (5 Sundays)
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,480.75
Fund Balance:	\$8,219.19
BUILDING SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$109,447.14 (7/31/17)*
CHURCH ROOFS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$47,682.82 (7/31/17)
GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$8,275.31 (7/31/17)

* Includes funds for the roof projects