

GRACE NOTES

July Birthdays:

5th – Marilyn Harrington
5th – Deb Wilson
9th – Todd Wilson
24th – Gerry Watson
28th – Jeannie Tuman

Ladies Birthday Luncheon: We'll celebrate June and July birthdays at Marylin Harrington's, 4712 Lake Shastina Dr. on July 11th @ 11:30. Let Marylin know what you can bring; and let's carpool. Phone #: 859-1079

July Anniversaries:

9th – Jim and Sharon Ray
14th – Nick and Rachael Welch
26th – Bill and Nancy Hoy
28th – Meri and Charley Pace

Potential Grace Events

July 5th – 8th: Carnevale
August 4th: Celebration Dinner
Joint Worship with McCloud
Yard Sale
5th Sunday Community Worship
Parents' Night Out
Christianity Explored
October 31st: Weed Elementary Harvest Festival
Thanksgiving Celebration
Community Christmas food baskets
Christmas Celebration

Treasurers' Report:

Annual Budget: \$55,160.00
Budget to date through May: \$22,983.33
Income to date: \$24,977.09
Expenses to date: \$24,247.10

Account Balances

General Account: \$47,458.05 **Memorial Fund Account:** \$3005.08

Recovery Account: \$2,056.15 **Insurance Account:** \$126,557.80

	LAY READER	GREETERS & USHERS
1	Sharon Grace	Betty Clough & Fred Lennard
8	Nancy Buck	Marylin Harrington & Jan Mauck
15	John Pitzer	Eileen Blankenship & Rita Heikura
22	Mike Krause	Don VonTunglen
29	John Christ	Jim & Sharon Ray

COMMUNION – JULY: JOYCE CHRIST AUGUST: SHARON RAY

Brothers and sisters,

Last month I wrote to you about the importance of understanding the difference between outreach and evangelism. Understanding this difference is very important if we are to evangelize in a manner consistent with God's word. But there are many other essential aspects of God's truth that we must understand in order to share His Gospel according to His will. One of those essential truths is God's total sovereignty over salvation. That means that God is the creator, the cause, and the One who accomplishes salvation. This is not a work of man but a work of God. It is God that elects the lost to salvation by name before we were ever even born (Rom. 9, Eph. 1:3-4), it is God who calls us to Himself through the Gospel message (Rom. 10:14-15), it is God who regenerates our dead hearts (John 3:3-8), it is God who changes us (1 Peter 1:23), and it is God who justifies, adopts, sanctifies, preserves, and glorifies us (Rom. 5:1-10, 8:15, 1 Thess. 5:23-24, 1 John 2:19, 1 Cor. 15:12-14, Rom. 8:23-25, 30). But if God is the one who does all the work in salvation, doesn't that make our participation unnecessary? By no means! Just as God has ordained the *end* (salvation itself) so too has He ordained the *means* (the preaching and sharing of the Gospel message). This means that we are responsible and accountable to God for communicating the message of the Gospel to others. Theologians call this an *antinomy*, an antimony is an apparent contradiction or a paradox. But it is not a real contradiction. Rather, it appears that way because of our limited knowledge and that causes two truths of God to appear to be at odds when in fact they are perfectly in harmony in the mind and plan of the Lord. Practically, keeping our minds clear about our responsibility to share the Gospel on one hand and God's sovereignty over salvation on the other, means that we will be careful not to either shirk our call to share the Gospel or to act as though the salvation of lost souls is completely dependent upon our words and actions. J.I. Packer makes this point very well in short but very helpful book, "Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God".

It is right to recognize our responsibility to engage in aggressive evangelism. It is right to desire the conversion of unbelievers. It is right to want one's presentation of the gospel to be as clear and forcible* as possible... But it is not right when we take it on us to do more than God has given us to do. It is not right when we regard ourselves as responsible for securing converts, and look to our own enterprise and techniques to accomplish what only God can accomplish... But this is something that we must not forget, Christ's command means that we all should be devoting all our resources of ingenuity and enterprise to the task of making the gospel known in every possible way to every possible person. Unconcern and inaction with regard to evangelism are always, therefore, inexcusable. And the doctrine of divine sovereignty would be grossly misapplied if we should invoke it in such a way as to lessen the urgency, and immediacy, and priority, and binding constraint, of the evangelistic imperative. (pg. 33-34, 38)*

(*In the context of the book "aggressive" and "forcible" evangelism do not indicate violence or antagonism. Instead, it is best understood as passionate or bold evangelism.)

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...continued from page 2...So, is God alone sovereign over the salvation of sinners? Yes! And are we totally responsible to make sure that the message of the gospel is shared with the lost? Yes! Let these two complementary truths be a source of wonder and awe in your efforts to share Christ with the lost. It is truly amazing to know that God is completely sovereign and unlimited in His capabilities to save to the uttermost and yet He calls you and I to be His ambassadors, to proclaim this incredible message. I pray that this will be fuel in your engine as you seek to share Christ with your unsaved friends, family, neighbors, and even strangers.

Peace and Rest, Pastor Nick.

BUILDING UPDATE

We have been in our new facility for almost one year. There are several issues that we are still working to get fixed. 1. Lights 2. Doors. 3 Heating and Cooling. Books to be shelved in library, Security system installed. Sign placed at the entry from street, Plants and benches to be placed on patio on left side of front entrance.

We are still trying to decide where to put the Aluminum cross given to us by the Lafayette Orinda Church and what to do with the bricks salvaged from the fire. (any ideas?).

We still need to put some shelving in the shed. We have purchased two sets of 4x6 shelving to installed. We will buy two 4X8 sheets of peg board to put on the walls. Anyone wanting to help? Once we get the shed completed we will begin moving some of the items in the storage room to the shed.

Christian, our landscaper, has just a few more touches in the landscape areas and our landscaping will be completed.

The top of the heat and air box on the right side of the sanctuary had developed a crack/split. The maker of the cabinet has removed the top and taken it to his shop for repair. Might just be put back in place by the time you read this.

We should enter the facility through the front door, side door or the rear door. People are working in the kitchen and don't need to be disturbed.

Please clean up when you drop food on the floor.

QUESTIONS

Ask Gerry Watson or John Christ

Building Committee Report - Session July 2, 2018

Security Cameras:

I have called the firm that did the electrical installations here at the church but have never gotten any response. The installation of the cameras requires that a coax cable be installed from each camera to the location of the master controller and recorder location and a source of 120 VAC be available at each camera location be connected to power each camera. This requires that the coax cables be installed through the inside of the building to the camera's location. Gerry will provide additional information.

Bird Problem:

I came up to church and washed the deposits off the wall, door, sidewalk and windows that had been hit. I did not remove the nests at that time as it has been difficult to be environmentally correct in destroy bird nests. We had this problem at the college and when the custodian washed them away a protest resulted so I will install some decoy artificial birds to see if these will solve the problem.

Landscaping:

The landscaping has continued to work towards completion with Gerry Watson careful planning and oversight. We should thank Gerry for all of the careful planning and overseeing the work of getting the landscape completed.

John Christ, Committee Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Children's Sunday School: We enjoyed having Debbie Bailey's grandchildren visit: Riley (8), J.D. (10), and Katie (11). The lesson was on Saul and all three children knew the story! And we were happy to have Dennis and Kathy Poehlmann's granddaughter Gretchen (age 4) again. That Sunday Robert Robert read Bible stories to Gretchen, we sang, prayed and played. Elder Betty Clough, 938-2019

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Plans for this new program are underway! We're hoping to get started on a Friday evening this September, running from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., for toddlers through age 12.

To be a successful outreach program, we're asking Grace members and friends to take advantage of this opportunity and volunteer in some capacity: reading, playing board games/puzzles, cooking, crafts, music, etc. See Betty (938-2019) or Terry (574-6549) if you're in!!