

God's Grace

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

After these forty-two years of ministry, I have learned two important things. First, God's servants are totally dependent upon the grace of God. God's grace or favor provides far more than forgiveness. God shapes and molds us into the kind of people that He wishes us to be.

In Philippians 1:6 Paul wrote, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Yes, God expects us to use the talents and abilities He gives us, but we should never forget that every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Paul urges us, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13).

Second, we are wholly dependent upon the kindness of God to provide for our needs and the needs of this ministry. God does not send us into His vineyard empty-handed and ill-equipped. God's grace abounds so that we have all sufficiency in all things at all times for every good deed. When faithful Christians ask, God answers; when they seek, He helps them find; and when they knock, the Lord opens the door. God truly answers prayer (Matthew 7:7-9).

—Phil Sanders

Author of *A Faith Built on Sand and Adrift*
Speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way"

PRAYER LIST

- Lauren Babb (health)
- John Beiler (health)
- Brooke Bertling (Haley Ratliff's friend—breast cancer)
- Jane Brady, Elsie Clements, and Jorja Clements (health)
- Dawn Clarke (Shirley Kuchynka's daughter)
- Betty Cox (Brent Barnick's sister—homebound, rheumatoid arthritis)
- Dixie (Debbie Faires's mother—Alzheimer's)
- Leon Giesecke (Jan Moerbe's father—throat cancer)
- Herbert and Nelle Hahn (health)
- Sandra Jetton (health)
- Debbie Jalufka
- Edward Jungbauer (Moerbes' friend—health)
- Junior and Ada Powell (Sharron Mason's brother-in-law and sister—health)
- Jocelyn Seals (Hallettsville—cancer)
- David Taylor (Cody Chrismon's uncle—cancer)
- Family and Friends of Leo Walls
- Patsy Watson (Victoria Johnson's mother—recovering from surgery)
- Adrienne Zingrich (Susan Barnick's cousin—cancer)

PRAYER UPDATES

We extend sympathy to the family and friends of **Leo Walls, Mary Mason's father**, who passed away on Saturday, July 23. Funeral services were held this past Wednesday at Bundick Cemetery in Smiley. Thank you to everyone who supported the family through the gift of food for the fellowship meal.

Herb Hahn moved to a rehab facility on Wednesday evening. He did well with his first work out and continues to make positive improvements. Nelle has been staying in the room with him.

If you have any announcements or prayer requests you wish to have included in the bulletin or to sign up for weekly e-mail updates, please contact Victoria Johnson: 325-518-9205, victoria@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 5th-Sunday Fellowship

Make plans to join us at The Chrismons' house in Shiner **TONIGHT at 6 p.m.** for our 5th-Sunday fellowship. Tacos and fajitas will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Kids may bring their swimsuits! **Transportation is available and will leave the building at 5:30 p.m.**

Summer Campfire Series, Part 3

Grades 6-12 are invited to the Johnsons' house for our summer campfire series finale **next Sunday, August 7 from 6-8 p.m. Dinner and s'mores will be provided.** Please bring your Bible and a lawn chair. Invite your friends!

August Calendars

August Calendars are now available. Be sure to pick up a copy in the foyer to take home with you.

Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

Stuff the Bus is hosting a school supply drive on **August 11 and 12.** The drive will be at the Gonzales Wal-Mart on Thursday, August 11 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On Friday, August 12, the drive will be at the Gonzales HEB, also from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. You may drop off supplies at the building, or at the stores during the drive.

Hunter Education Class

On **Saturday, August 13,** Texas Parks and Wildlife will host a Basic Hunter Education Class in the annex beginning at **8 a.m.** The cost is \$15 per student. An information packet is available in the foyer

Registration is required. To register, please contact Clay Mason, email gcoc@gonzaleschurchofchrist.org, or sign up in the foyer.

Teachers Workshop

Kings Crossing Church of Christ in Corpus Christi is hosting a Teachers Workshop on **Saturday, August 13 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Registration is free and lunch is provided. For more information, please see the flyer on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

Promotion Sunday

Promotion Sunday is **August 14.** Please join us for this special Sunday honoring our children and youth. Immediately following morning worship, you are invited to a potluck lunch in the annex.

Area-Wide Singing: La Grange

The La Grange Church of Christ is hosting an area-wide singing on **Sunday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m.** If you would like to lead singing, please let Victoria Johnson know which songs you have selected.

Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to the annex each Tuesday morning at **6:20 a.m.** for a time of breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Sunday Night Small Group

There is a small group that meets in the annex each Sunday evening from 6-7 p.m. The Lord's Supper is available.

Wednesday Evening Meal & Bible Study

Please join us at **5:15 p.m. this Wednesday** for dinner in the annex. This week's entrées are tacos and taco salad. Anyone who is able is asked to bring sides to share, but please do not let that prevent you joining us. Classes for all ages follow at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed: Wednesday Night Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare the entrée for meals on Wednesday evenings. **If you signed up to prepare a meal, please send your menu to Victoria by Wednesday the week before your turn.**

Volunteers Needed: Communion Prep

Volunteers are needed to help prepare communion in the coming months. Please sign up on the large bulletin board in the foyer.

Mark Your Calendars:

- August 14—Monthly Men's Meeting, 8 a.m.
- August 15—Gonzales ISD Convocation Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- August 20—Back-to-School Bash, 6-8 p.m.
- August 28
 - Fellowship Meal
 - Signing at The Heights, 3:30 p.m.
- October 1—Come & Take It Parade

