

## Abundant Grace

Every day it seems as if sin abounds more and more in our world. “But,” the apostle Paul tells us, “where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Romans 5:20b). These are words of hope when we grieve over people we care about who seem to be going their own way rather than following Jesus.

When their sin is blatant, it’s easy to focus on their lifestyle when we need to be praying for their heart. When God changes their heart, the desire of their heart will be to please Him. Referencing the Bible story of Moses’ mother, missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot said, “There comes a time—many times, actually—in the lives of our children where we have to put the basket in the water. We have to let go and trust the plan of the Father. The world is a scary place—a place where we fear our children could drown. But we must remember that we have to let go so that God can draw them from the waters for His great purpose. He has called us to be their parents, but they were His first. My friend, whatever water you may be getting ready to put your basket into—remember that you have to put them in the water for God to draw them out and place them into His perfect plan. Though you might not be physically present with your child as much during the next phase of life, you can always petition the heart of the Father on their behalf.”

When God doesn’t seem to be answering our prayers, it’s easy to give up praying. We think maybe God has no plan to change the ones we love so much. It’s then that I remind myself of the heroes of the faith listed in Hebrews 11 and the thirteenth verse that tells us, “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them.” They lived their whole lives believing God would answer their prayers and fulfill His promises, though they never saw His answers. I pray that God would give me faith like theirs.

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**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Welcome and Announcements  
Greet Your Neighbor  
Praise and Prayer**

**HYMNS PEGGY LOVES**

**#635 In The Garden (v. 1 & 2)**

**Scripture - 1 John 1:7-9**

**Prayer of Thanks**

**Worship In The Word - Pastor Chris**

**Understanding the Sermon on the Mount**

**Matthew 5:1-2**

**#147 How Great Thou Art (v. 1 & 3)**

**#492 At Calvary (v. 1&4)**

**BAPTISM**

**#329 There is Power in the Blood (v. 1,2,&3)**

**#330 Are You Washed in the Blood? (v. 1 &2)**

**Communion**

**#334 The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power (v. 1)**

**Meeting to Confirm Membership - Fred G.**

**Prayer**

**#602 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (v. 1,2,&4)**

**Benediction**

**Sunday, April 14**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service, Baptism and Communion

10:50 am Facebook Live

**Sunday, April 21**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

10:50 am Facebook Live

**Sunday, April 28**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

10:50 am Facebook Live

7:00 pm The Community Choir will perform their concert "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus...Hope and Healing" This will be at the Congregational Church. All are invited.

**Upcoming Events:** Saturday May 4, **Ladies Spring Luncheon** at the Harbor/Lighthouse in Edgeley, guest speaker will be Rachel Stephens, Contact Pat for more information 493-2528, or Stella, 493-2449.

Reservations are required, ticket will be a Free Will Donation.

The **Senior Recognition Day for Jameson** will be rescheduled for a future date. It will be announced soon.

**Prayer Requests and Praises**

Remember those in our community or families that have recently lost loved ones, or are struggling with an illness and need our support and encouragement.

Offering for April 7<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School 9.35

Offering 2685.00

Total \$2694.35

Happy Birthday April 17 to Macie T. and April 18 to Marcy. The Lord bless you on your special days!