



Good for the Soul

Keith Wishum recently shared a little story that was good for my soul. I hope it will be good for yours, too.

The child was six and went to a restaurant with his mom. He prayed aloud, "God is good. God is great. Thank You for the food, and I would even thank You more if Mom got us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Customers nearby chuckled at the prayer, but one woman remarked, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!"

The boy burst into tears and asked Mom, "Did I do it wrong?" As she held him, an elderly gentleman approached the table, winked at the boy, and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" the little boy brightened.

"Cross my heart," the man replied. Then, nodding toward the critical woman, he added "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

*Naturally, Mom bought ice cream at the end of the meal. The kid hesitated, picked up his sundae, and walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "This is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."**

Grace. That's what's really good – and desperately needed – for our souls.

"God gives grace – the opportunity to be treated better than we deserve, to receive mercy rather than justice," says Wishum.

That's good news for our souls because, despite our best efforts, we "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and from others (Galatians 5:15), and they place us on the path to eternal ruin (Matthew 7:13-14).

But God loves us so much that He extends grace to us through His Son Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to pay for the redemption of our souls (Ephesians 1:7).

We understand what's bad for our souls: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." But because of God's love, we can be "justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:23-24 NASB).

God will extend His grace and give eternal life to those who place their **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to graciously cleanse us from sin as we continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Grace. We desperately need it, and God offers it to us in love. Won't you accept it on His terms?

Then, as Keith Wishum urges, "Having received [it], may we share with others the grace God has granted us. It's good for the soul - ours and theirs."

-- David A. Sargent

* From "How to Be Good to People Who Aren't" by Keith Wishum, minister for the Williams Road Church in Americus, Georgia.

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Sunday	Morning Worship	9:00 AM	Morning Bible Class	10:15 AM	Evening Worship
Wednesday	Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM	Evening Bible Study	6:30 PM	6:00 PM

April 7, 2024

WELCOME TO CREEKWOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like to welcome all our visitors to Creekwood! Please sign the guest register in the foyer. We also invite you to stay for our Bible classes immediately following morning worship services.

TODAY'S MESSAGES:

AM – "Holy, Holy, Holy"

PM – "Who is Worthy?"

Listening Devices for the Auditorium are available in the Control Room.

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Know Your Bible on the WHBR station on Mediacom channel 13/Comcast channel 7; Sundays at 6:00 PM CT.

Getting To Know Your Bible on Sunday on DirecTV-Uplift Channel 379 10:30 a.m. & Dish-Folk TV Channel 218 8:30 a.m.

Both of these broadcasts are co-sponsored by the Creekwood Church of Christ.

Please remember those listed below in your prayers and with other expressions of love (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)

OUR COUNTRY & THOSE SERVING: Chris Campbell - Navy (Italy), Nick Marcet – (Air Force), Lt. James Chapman III (Kuwait), Harry Lehman – (Coast Guard), Mitchell Englund – (Marine Reserves), Dylan Butler – (Navy), Jacob Jones - Navy (Charleston, SC), Pam Bradshaw - (Air Force), Charley and Neecy Burch – (National Guard), Kelly Leverett – (Army)

EXPECTING MOTHERS: Hannah (Presley) Newcomb (??), Britney Mitchell (boy) July, Haley Presley (boy) September

OUR MISSIONARIES: Jaya Paul (India), Michael Fordjour (Ghana)

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE & THE WAR IN ISRAEL!

PRAYER REQUEST for Makenzie Hall who is now HOME! Let's continue to pray for her as she continues to recover from her surgery.

PRAYER REQUEST for Jerrold Eubanks who is now home after spending several days in the hospital being treated for a gall stone that had caused jaundice. Surgery will be scheduled later. He is doing much better.

PRAYER REQUEST for Bernice Fables who is recovering from surgery on her leg. She was scheduled to be discharged on Friday (4/5).

PRAYER REQUEST for Sandra Dowling who was discharged from Mobile Infirmary and moved to Eastern Shore Rehab for a period of physical therapy. Please pray for Sandra.

PRAYER REQUEST for Sandra Ryals Shell. She underwent surgery on March 21st to help correct a rare brain disorder called Moya Moya. Let's pray for a great recovery.

PRAYER REQUEST for Peggy Holt who had an accident a few weeks ago that resulted in a broken leg, ankle, and middle toe. She underwent surgery and is not able to put any weight on her leg. Please pray for mental and physical strength and complete healing.

PRAYER REQUEST for Lester Sellers who underwent surgery to have the tip of his index finger on his right hand removed due to an infection in the bone.

PRAYER REQUEST for Bill Franks who is now home. He is improving. Please pray for Bill and Martha. No visitors at this time, please.

PRAYER REQUEST for Sheila Hudson. She is in Rotary Rehab, Room 3703, in Mobile Infirmary. Visitation times are 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM (Monday - Saturday) and 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM (on Sunday). She is improving. Let's continue to pray for Sheila & Fred.

PRAYER REQUEST for Rowena Leekley, who has begun chemo treatments. The doctor says it is curable! Please pray for Rowena and Phil.

MEMBERS: Betty Nichols, Bob Gobble, Ryan James, Sara Sargent, Bernice Fables, Dawn Sims, Kitty Morris, Betty Gunnells, Esther Boulanger, Nancy White, John & Sharon Bogle, Valary Smith, Tom Busby, Patti Mitchell, Kathy Stacy, Ken Grisham, Richard McDonald, Pat Parenteau, Martha & Bill Franks, and Jeannie Aldred

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF MEMBERS: Madeline Petite & baby (friend of the Buzbee's), Jimmy Linder (father of Angie Bacon), Marie Waters (aunt of Kristy Adams), Julie Todd (friend of Brook Oglesby Grice); Diane Glover, Logan Moore, Kruz Kohrumel (1st grader at Mobile Christian), Rick Gray, Penny Davis's brother, John & Betty King Fuller, Daniel Mitchell Brabham, the brother of Stephanie Hulon, , Lisa & Albert Andrews, sister and brother in law of Sheila Marcet, Barbara Bradford, grandmother of Erin Cunningham, Larry Tart, brother of Jerrol Sawrey, Betty Thompson, Donna Allsup's mother, Betsy McCaskill, friend of Larry Duncan; Nelda Carr, former member; Dawson Moorner, former member, Diana Pierce, Shawn Cobb's mother; Vic Johnson, friend of John Bogle; Bennett Gibson, member living in Omak, Washington; Donna Lucas; Sally Tindell (sibling of Nancy Moorner); Boots Carson (mother of Gina Englund and Ka Kinman); Alona Gobble (Penny Davis' mother); Kellen Franks, (grandson of Bill & Martha Franks); Don White, brother of Celeste Chandler; George Smith, (friend of John Bogle)

SHUT-INS – Martha Irvin Esther Barbara Roley Hurley Crews Betty Wheeler Pat Parenteau

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS. Many are struggling with health issues. Some of which are: **Betty Arnold.**

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL – We host a devotional on Sunday afternoons at Mobile Nursing & Rehab at 2:30 p.m. Please come and visit with the residents, sing a few songs, and have a brief Bible study.

SENIOR DAY will take place on Sunday, May 5 after Bible class. The five seniors we'll be honoring are **Sean Bean, Reagan Burch, Makenzie Hall, Douglas Leverett, and Seth McGaughy.** Immediately following Bible class, we'll have a potluck fellowship meal and a ceremony honoring each of the seniors. Please make plans to join! A table is already set up in the foyer where you can place gifts.

Silver Saints, TODAY after Bible class - *We are looking forward to a luncheon recognizing and honoring our generation of Christians that have been faithful for many years. You are a great example of dedication and faithfulness. The luncheon has proven to be a fun time of cross-generational activities. The teens in our youth group serve lunch and engage in games with the silver saints. Some of the games are aimed at the older generation and will challenge the younger generation. Some of the games will be aimed at the teens and the older generation will need help. Bonds will be created and strengthened between generations of our spiritual family at Creekwood. Please join us for a period of fellowship and laughter!*

ADULTS NIGHT OUT on Thursday, April 11th at Loaves & Fishes. If you would like to carpool, be at Creekwood by 6:15 p.m. The plan is to eat at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up at the welcome center by April 10th.

LADIES YOU ARE INVITED TO THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNUAL TEA on April 13th with registration starting at 8:15. A continental breakfast will be served and lunch at 11:00 a.m. The speaker is Susan Cagle "Walking by Faith" RSVP to Judy Luse at 251-344-2366.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND LADS TO LEADERS/LEADERETTES RECOGNITION on Sunday April 14th after the AM Bible Classes. Please bring your favorite potluck dishes and join us.

COME AND GO BRIDAL SHOWER for **Shelby Weaver and Carter Brown** on Saturday, April 27th 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. at Creekwood. Go to shelbyandcarter.com for gift registration.

From the Family Room (4/7//24)

Thank You Silver Saints!

"Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." -- Psalms 78:1-7

We are blessed with several generations of Christians in the spiritual family at Creekwood. Each generation has its own unique personality and view of the world. In the church, the body of Christ, there are many different parts working together as one body. We have several generations unified in Christ and working together as one. Today we are honoring the silver saints generation. We will honor the teens in a few weeks when the Class of '24 is honored.

We enjoy many benefits at Creekwood because of the love, faithfulness, endurance, hard work, and sacrifice from the silver saints. We appreciate your leadership and contributions. Your example has taught many people how to live the Christian life. The primary purpose of the luncheon today is to say "Thank you" for your contributions. We also remember and appreciate the contributions of the silver saints who have gone on to their rest. Thank you for the lessons you have taught. Thank you for the strong spiritual roots you have provided. Your generation has helped the younger generations to mature spiritually.

As we honor the older generation, we are also mindful of the generations yet to come. The contributions of current generations to this congregation will help teach future generations to remember the works of God. Then they also will put their trust in God. May the ties that bind all of our generations together grow stronger.

Ricky Butts
Family Minister
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