

Grove's First Baptist Church

NEWSLETTER



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A Word From Our Pastor

It is not often that I receive a message while preaching a funeral service, but it happened the other day. The Clevenger family and I were listening to “Amazing Grace” being played at Joe’s graveside service in Tulsa. I know the hymn by heart. But the Lord spoke to me. There I was listening to the words sung by a familiar singer when the second verse leapt out at me. “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.” I have sung that verse a thousand times but, on that day, God got my attention.

I read a true-life story of a man who hollered at a boy on a bike that was about to get hit by a fast-moving truck. The man ended up screaming at the boy who stop his bike just in time to avoid the fast-moving vehicle. The man apologized for screaming at the boy, but the boy’s father responded, “No, thank you. You can scream at him anytime you like.” The young boy was headed for sure disaster. He needed someone to scream at him. Yes, he needed to be afraid. Did you hear me? He needed to be afraid. He was in extreme danger!

May I remind you of the verse in Proverbs 9:10; “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Fear can be a good thing and it has purpose. Now, listen to the line in the hymn again, “Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.” Go back to the boy for a moment. Is the boy still afraid after the near accident involving the truck? Of course not, he moved to a place of safety and the danger passed, so the fear also passed.

We need to be reminded of the fear of God that is sung about in Amazing Grace. Satan and all his allies are doing everything possible to run us over like the truck bearing down on the boy on the bike. We are in danger from this sin-sick world and our children and grandchildren are targets too. We need that grace to teach us to fear the Lord, and that same grace can relieve our fears once we are in the safety of our Lord’s care. The fear of the Lord is the first step into a lifetime of walking in His wisdom. Once we have moved from the place of danger into His protection, there is no longer any need to hang on to that fear. In His sanctuary — under His care — there is assurance and confidence.



Bro. Jim

Happy New Year, Church,

We want to use this newsletter to offer a huge "THANK YOU" for your participation in the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this Christmas season! We are once again humbled by and so grateful for your support of international missions work not only in Malawi but across the globe. God bless each of you as you continue to pray, give, send, and go so that the lost may be found among the unreached and unengaged for the glory of our great King and toward the fulfillment of the Revelation 7:9-10 vision!

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

For more information on LMCO and ways you can continue to pray, give, send, and go to the nations, visit <https://www.imb.org>.

For God's glory,

*Chris & Jamie Schitt
Your IMB Missionaries in Malawi*



January

1 Simon Missing
3 Darryl Lindsey
6 Ginger LeBlanc
6 Jaydon Hill
6 Katie Barrowman
7 Josh Carillo
8 Clark Pettit
8 Sondra Potter
9 Emmery Hinkle
9 Nevaeh Glass
9 Rick Deaver
10 Judy Asay
11 Lenora Flowers
12 Herman Drews
12 Justin Whitney
13 Frank Barbee
13 Teresa Tanner
14 Saige Manning
15 Gary Witt
16 Jim Talbot
16 Ann Barrowman
18 Debbie Moore
18 Payton Kerns
18 Sharon Bettes
20 Chris Schilt
20 Linda Williams
23 Alix Nelson
24 Canyon Nelson
25 Terry Lemons
26 Lynda Caudill
27 Jeremy Watters
28 Baylee Gregg
28 Cindy Hamm
30 Derek Wright
30 Donna Lindsey
30 Robyn Nelson
30 Tony Caudill

February

1 Kimberly Maddox
1 Marcia Hartgrove
2 Debbie Reynard
2 Scott Wyatt
2 Vernon Scott
3 Bowen Roberts
3 Richard Dayringer
4 Emily Mitchell
4 Jimmie Johnston
5 Don Ward
6 Conner Brown
7 Don Hill
8 Geneva Gazoway
8 Jeff Bliesath
9 Emily Rice
13 Blaine Smyth
13 Kristi Kerns
14 Carolyn Clinesmith
14 Rosa King
15 Beverly Doubledee
16 Benjamin Gage
16 Larry Moore
17 Janice Hynum
17 June Heitzmann
17 Konnie Wentworth
20 Jarentt Breuil
20 Steve Henry
20 Thomas Rowe
21 Karen Kemper
22 Jess Clark
24 Chrissy Roberts
24 Mike Spicer
25 Delany Everts
26 Amy Heard
26 Betty Thompson
27 Maxine Clark



Happy Birthday!



Save the Dates

Chili Cook Off

January 9 @ 5pm

Sign up at the Event Table to bring your award winning chili! Prizes to the winners!

SUPER SUNDAY! Games Fellowship

February 6 @ 5pm

Join us for the big game! Watch the game or play a board game or just hang out! Bring your favorite tailgating food. Invite a friend!

Discipleship First

Jan. 16 - Apr. 10

Sunday Night Bible Studies at 6pm

Pastor Jim Paslay in Sanctuary

Neil Noland in MPR / Fellowship Hall

Daniel Rasor in The Way Classroom by Youth Area



January at First Baptist

3 Mon - Church Office Closed
5 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
9 Sun - Chili Cook Off, 5pm
10 Mon - Finance Team, 330pm
12 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
16 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
18 Tue - Young at Heart Luncheon
19 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
20 Thu - WMU, 130pm
20 Thu - Properties Mtg, 530pm
23 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
25 Tue - TNT
26 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
30 Sun - Children's Worship Sunday
30 Sun - Quarterly Business Mtg, 1230
30 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm

February at First Baptist

2 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
6 Sun - SUPER SUNDAY
6 Sun - Board Games, Food, & More. 5pm
9 Wed - Adults, Youth, Teamkid, 6pm
13 Sun - Team Leaders Lunch, 12pm
13 Sun - Discipleship First, 6pm
14 Mon - Finance Team, 330pm
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2021 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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Thank you church
family for giving to
international
missions!