



It is not all that uncommon for folk to have a mantra by which they live. It is usually repeated frequently enough that it becomes a principle around which life is ordered. It may have a strong religious tone - "God is good, all the time." Or it may have a homespun touch, as did Grady Lippard's, which speaks of the necessity of practical wisdom - "Keep it between the ditches." A statement that holds meaning for me and to which I return often is "Live in gratitude."

No matter how dark or beastly life may get, there is still something in the midst of it all for which we can be grateful, if we just search for it. It may seem fleeting on some days, interwoven with the rawness of life, but it's there nonetheless. We may have to dig for it, but it's there. Always, always.....there is something for which we can be grateful.

A beautiful young wife and mother departed this life on July 28. Her name was Amber Davis and she was only 27 years old. The mother of three small children, she was stricken with an aggressive form of cancer. She fought hard against it, with both feet firmly planted in the midst of her faith. She wrote about her experiences in a blog followed by over 14,000 people in which she urged the importance of giving oneself to family, significant others, and even a larger world every day that we live.

Live in gratitude.....regardless.

CONCERNS

Family of Amber Davis, Eve Shaver, John Munson and family, family of James Dunn, Kurt - friend of Jean Simmerman, Ernestine Lanford, Wes Williams and family, Clay Bodenheimer; Mike Nigrelli, Helen - a friend of Louise, Savannah Garrett, Kristen Stokes, Joanna Jester, Barbara Lasher, Peggy Ree Cook, Susie Wiberg, Luke Cashdollar, Donald Joines, Davis Overcash, Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, Juanita Stroud, Helen Current, Diane Martin, Amy Hrabar, Logan Elkins, daughter of Reponda Powell, Kat Martin, Redallia Freeman, Miguel Angel Morrillo, Tony Bellamy, Sue Walser, Marian Grant, Fred Wilson, Jean Wilson, Sharon and Dennis Keller, Teresa Rimmer, Daniel Renegar, Mary Alice Woods, Jeff and Karen Coggins, Tressie and Allen Starrette, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Anita Tuit and family, Gail Germain, John Munson's father, Anita Johnson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don and Deborah Autrey -Cooke, Scott Cranford, Leisa Parks, Dalton Edwards

Those facing tough times: Ed and Nancy Clark, David and Teri Campbell and family, Faith Aiken, Dima Hanania and family, Robbie Harkey and family, Michael Teasley and family, Goodman family, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk, Felix Martin, JJ Golden

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

JULY 26 - PHYLLIS ROGERS, DAWN KAVANAUGH, LORI REAVIS
27 - NICHOLE TILLEY
30 - KATE BRADLEY

ANNIVERSARIES:

JULY 30 - JOHN AND LINDA MARSHALL

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

- Remember the family of Amber Davis - her husband, Derek, and children Noah, Nora and Reid.
- David and Janice are looking for places for Ernestine to go. The folks at Autumn Care feel as though they have done what they can do to help her. Please hold them all tight as they face yet another transition.
- Gary is doing much better!! He is walking without a cane and plans to be back on Sunday.

VOICES OF GRACE

"Jesus Saying: Should We Plan for the Future?"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

SEASON OF GRACE OFFERING

This summer our special offering will be donated to Stop Child Abuse Now, or SCAN. This organization works with local parents to help them better parent

Budget

Needed year to date: \$58,709.40
Received year to date: \$51,126.76
Under budget: \$7,582.64
Weekly needs: \$1956.98

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Church cleaning before Sunday
Hendrix

SECOND HOUR HELPERS

This Sunday - Doug Hendrix and Kate Bradley/Sheri Coarsey and Phyllis Rogers

CALENDAR

Wednesday: 7pm - Choir rehearsal
Friday: 8pm - NA
Sunday - 10am - Worship; Potluck after worship

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ICM is in need of canned vegetables and fruit.
Fifth Street is in need of big jars of mayo and bath towels

Potluck this Sunday!!

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Bring your favorite dishes to share and spend some good times with our Grace family.

Also mark your calendar for another potluck on August 30. You won't want to miss all this good Grace food.

Summer Loose Change Offering

We need your loose change, quarters, to donate to the 'Quarters for Laundry.' The lead social worker in the school district meets families in need at laundromats and provides them quarters and detergent to do their laundry. Laundromats charge between \$7 -\$10 for 1 load of laundry!