



Sunday Recap: We are coming to the end of Season of Grace for 2015. During these days, we have been considering some of the different sayings of Jesus. Most of them are difficult and cannot be interpreted in a casual way. We just looked at a saying from Luke 12 wherein Jesus reported that he had not come to this world to bring peace, but division (sword).

Wow!! We spend a fair amount of time considering Jesus as the Prince of peace and our being called as peacemakers. Is this a denial of all that we have believed. It does seem to be true that the more militant and aggressive a people become, the more they want their religion to fall in line with that stance. Do unto others before they ever have a chance to do unto you.

One of our failures in the history of the church is that we have not announced clearly that the way of discipleship really is difficult. If there is a group particularly to blame it is probably us preachers. We have been afraid of the difficulty ourselves and we certainly do not want to offer that challenge to someone else lest they move away from us. How do you grow a larger church by speaking realistically of some of the challenges of being faithful. Jesus was willing to speak of such and as a result he was considered divisive. His own family thought him crazy and wanted to get him off the streets for his safety (and probably to relieve their own sense of embarrassment).

Faithful living may bring a sense of comfort. But it will certainly bring a sense of challenge.

CONCERNS

Sam Pace/Bobi Arnold, Family of Debi Autrey-Cooke, Chase - son of a friend of Chris Shuford, Shirley Hinkle, Ray Berryhill, Ben Watts, J.E. Wilson, Family of Amber Davis, Eve Shaver, 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, Anita Johnson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don Cooke, Scott Cranford, Leisa Parks, Dalton Edwards

Those facing tough times: The Parlier family, 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

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$66,537.32
Received year to date: \$59,964.01
Under budget: \$6,573.31
Weekly needs: \$1956.98

WORDS OF GRACE

“Concluding Another Season”

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:
August 23 - Kakki Barnard
23 - Ted Orren
24 - Jean Grant Gibson
27 - Allan Shuford
27 - Sarah StarretteTucker

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember students and teachers as they start a new school year.
Lisa Wardo has retired from Statesville High School!
Bob and Jacqueline Stillerman are moving to Charlotte. Bob has accepted the position of pastor at Sardis Baptist Church.
Lawrence Lippard has moved to Asheville to begin his new work with Americorp at Habitat for Humanity. We are so proud!
Bryan Starrette’s dad learned last week that the risks outweigh the benefits of repairing a serious aneurysm. Hold the Starrette family tight.

Bob Arnold, friend of Louise Grose, has a daughter that is on the autism spectrum and is also diagnosed with Tourette’s Syndrome.
Bobi lost her sister three years ago to lung cancer and very recently, another sister, Sam, was diagnosed with brain cancer.
Ray Berryhill is being moved back home under hospice care.
Wedgewood Church in Charlotte sustained property damage in the form of hateful graffiti. Their retaliation? They painted the doors beautiful rainbow colors.
Eli’s dad - Big Eli was involved in an incident at a church in Charlotte where two young men were discovered to have a gun in their backpacks. Click [here](#) to read the story.

Ernestine Lanford will be celebrating her 98th birthday on Tuesday, September 1 - a date worthy of celebration. Let’s all send her a card! You may mail yours to:
Ernestine Lanford
The Gardens, Room 304
2147 Davie Avenue
Statesville, NC 28625

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Church cleaning before Sunday
Tilley

SECOND HOUR HELPERS

This Sunday -
John Koppelmeyer and Eli Yacinthe/Brandon Tilley and Grace McDougall

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

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!

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

The recommendation was made on Sunday, August 16 that the number of members on the Personnel Committee be changed from three (3) to four (4). We will vote on this matter this Sunday.

Remember!! Potluck on Sunday!! Yum! Join us!!