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The Grace of God Recognized by the Giver

There is an amazing truth found in Paul's second letter to Corinth. The church there was collecting funds for the needy saints in Judea, and Paul writes to them encouraging them to be liberal. We often hear some of his words in our assemblies before the collection is taken. "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7) What we may have overlooked is what is said in the next verse. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound for every good work." Look at the words carefully—all grace, always, all sufficiency, all things, every good work. The proper motivation is not to give in order to get, but Paul affirms that God is able to bless those who do give so that they might have more to give. generosity of God

Think of Judas and his attitude toward the money entrusted to him by Jesus. He verbalized a concern for the poor when the woman spent so much for the ointment that she used to anoint Jesus. He was a thief and none of the apostles knew it! Now contrast this with the attitude of the woman giving her two mites at the temple. What a contrast between two drastically different hearts.

The reality is that God owns the world, and He does not have to rely on us to support His work. He lets us give so that we can be reminded of the blessings He gives. Now think about it. If the Lord "needed" funds, to whom does He give it so that

it might be given back to Him? There is no assurance that He would give it to someone with a covetous heart like Judas. Consider this. If He “needed” funds, He could rest assured that it would be given back to Him if he gave it to person whose heart was like the heart of that widow.

The reality is that He is able to always give with all grace to ensure that there is all sufficiency for every good work. Do not lose sight of this truth. God will always help us do His work.

Does He not faithfully supply us with food and clothing? He does for the birds and the lily of the valley. We are worth so much more than the birds and live so much longer than flowers. Now add to this Jesus’ affirmation about what God will always supply for His children. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

Love the Lord. Love the kingdom. Love righteousness. That’s our part. Then, as we give back to God that which He first gave to us, think of Paul’s words to the Corinthians—all grace, always, all sufficiency and every good work. He will bless us to do His work!

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Today’s Speakers

AM - Ken Ross
PM - Asa Jopson

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Jeff Bliss, Ronald Clouse,
Phillip Mulins, Gordon Love,
Jerry Crabb

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Helen Morris
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett
Ramona Thurston, April Richey
David & Nell Briley, Chris Buford

Calendar Addtions

Brook Mullins - March 12
Chandra Mullins - August 24
Emberlyn Mullins - January 1
Phillip Mullins - March 27
Vezzana Mullins - November 4

Happenings

South Jackson

February 5-9

Freed Hardeman Lectureship

February 19

Men's Business Meeting
following AM Services

Cards to Send

Mary Lewis
15 Oakwood Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Janet Taylor
219 Parkburg Road
Jasckson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

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| 6 AM | 8 |
| Bible Class | 51/8 |
| AM Worship | 77/21 |
| PM Worship | 55/36 |
| Wed Bible Study | No Service |
| Contribution | 3260 |

Calendar Addtions Continued

Greg Long - October 26
Leslie Long - July 11
Greg and Leslie Anniversary
April 13

Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 5 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Van McConnell

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ken Ross

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

Feb 12 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - P. Hatcher, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Van McConnell

Contribution:

Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Timothy Secula

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Ray Pack

Feb 8 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

Feb 15 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

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| Early Worship | 6:00 AM |
| Sunday Bible Class | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Sunday PM Worship | 5:00 PM |
| Midweek Bible Study | 6:30 PM |