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Amazing Grace

One of the greatest declarations of the Bible is that we are saved by grace. Paul wrote: "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace strengthens us in living the Christian life. Paul told the Ephesian elders: "I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). Grace prompts us to work for the Lord. When contrasting his old life with his new life in Christ, Paul wrote: "By the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain: but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (I Corinthians 15:10).

Our hymn "Amazing Grace" was written by John Newton. Newton had lived a very sinful life, and one aspect of his life was his occupation as a slave trader. On March 10, 1748, during a violent storm, Newton repented of his mistreatment of fellow human beings by buying and selling them and then set about to live the Christian life. Mr. Newton wrote many hymns and often told of his wicked life as a slave-trading sea captain. Toward the end of his life, his memory often failed him, but he is quoted as saying in one of his last sermons: "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior." "Amazing Grace" was not the original title Newton gave this hymn. His original title was "Faith's Review and Expectation." There are six verses in our hymnal, but the song originally had seven. Here is the seventh verse. You can try singing it to the tune.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine; But God, who called me here below, Will be forever mine.

Amazing grace! What a thought! What a blessing!

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From My Heart to Your Heart

We extend Christian sympathy to two of our families. Annie Sandlin's aunt, Joyce Hill, passed away on Tuesday, September 3. Arrangements are not known at this time. We also extend Christian sympathy to Wade Stinnett in the passing of his uncle, Mr. White. His funeral was on Friday.

Tommy Butler is waiting to hear results from his latest treatments. We have been asked to pray for Billy Barnes, who has cancer. He was Kathryn Miller's brother-inlaw. Annie Sandlin's cousin, Faye Pettus Hale, is now at home and doing much better. Please keep all these families in your prayers. Annie's uncle, Jimmy Moss, is also at home.

Daniel Ridinger is continuing his treatments at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Anne is still recovering at home. Marilyn Patterson will be doing rehab for two more weeks and recovering at home.

Randy and Glenda Pyle are still helping with his mother at least once a month. James Robbins is continuing to have trouble with his feet and has other health issues. Brother Bill Brazier is in very serious condition and needs your prayers. Julie Fretwell is recovering from surgery, but she has an additional spot near her heart and lung that will need radiation. We have been asked to pray for Calvin Gifford, who is the son-inlaw of Jackie Miller Poss. Becky Clanton is still dealing with congestive heart failure at home. Tracie Trousdale's father, Bill Corum, remains at home.

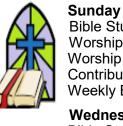
We want to be praying for Daniel McClellan's mother, Sylvia. Also, please pray for Kathryn Miller's brother-in-law, William (Bill) Miller, as he undergoes chemotherapy. Wade Stinnett's cousin, Mike Stinnett, also needs your prayers. Annie Sandlin's sister, Diane Ridgeway, has serious medical problems and needs our prayers. Pam Dahlstrom had been doing well, but a few days ago, they learned that her cancer has returned. She will be beginning treatments again very soon and needs your prayers. Please continue to pray for those who are fighting cancer: Jennifer Allison, Billy Barnes, Gene Britnell, Tommy Butler, Pam Dahlstrom, Julie Fretwell, Calvin Gifford, Rene Griffin, Ken and Beth Hawkins, Bill Miller, John O'Neill, and Jerry Page.

This afternoon, Oliver will be conducting the afternoon service at the Lauderdale Christian Nursing Home at 2:00. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate.

There will be a Men's Business Meeting on September 15 at 3:30 p.m. in room 17.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 11 Oliver Summer Series, Randy Pyle, Revelation 14:13
- Sept 15 Friends and Family Day, Mt. Carmel
- SeptGospel Meeting, West Hobbs22-25Street



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Allen Goode
- 1 Diane Jackson
- 14 Randy Pyle
- 15 Britlee Parker

Happy Anniversary!

- 5 Larry & Barbara Turpen
- 15 Tommy & Vickie Parker

In Our Prayers

Oliver Members: Tommy & Enid Butler, Marsha Chandler, Becky Clanton, Lella Mae Hamilton, Keith Hunt, Chuck Moore, Kathryn Miller, Marilyn Patterson, Sandra Porter, Daniel and Anne Ridinger, James Robbins, Ray Sandlin, Hazel Wilbanks, Patsy Wilbanks.

Family and Friends: Jennifer Allison (Hazel's niece's daughter), Billy Barnes (relative of Kathryn Miller), Jonna Dean Barrier, Bill Brazier, Gene Britnell, Aiden Bryan (Glenda Pyle's great nephew), Charles Butler, Amy Chandler (Max & daughter-in-law), Marsha's Rex Chandler (Max & Marsha's nephew), Tim & Sherri Clutts, Eugene Coco (Chuck Moore's friend), Rick Crill, Bill Corum (Tracie Trousdale's father). Pam Dahlstrom & Faith Reed, Julie Fretwell, Willodyne Gibbons, Calvin Gifford (sonin-law of Jackie Miller Poss), Paula Gilliam (Hazel Wilbanks' niece), Belle Graham (Patricia Moore's mother), Vincent Graham (Patricia's nephew), Faye Pettus Hale (Annie Sandlin's cousin), Danonda Hardeman, Ken and Beth Hawkins (uncle & aunt of Chuck). Martha Hawkins, Earline Hinton (Nelda Hinton's mother), Robert Huffaker, Sylvia McClellan, Bill Miller, Contessa Moore (Chuck's sister), Sean Mosley (Chuck's cousin), Jimmy Moss (uncle of Annie Sandlin), John O'Neill, Jerry Page, Vera Pyle, Diane Ridgeway (Annie Sandlin's sister), Mike Stinnett, Kim Sztanyo, Neal Trousdale.