



**LET
HIS
LIGHT
SHINE!**

THE LIGHTHOUSE

March 2010

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Grace for Grace Evangelism

John 1:15-18 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, this was he of whom I spoke, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

A study of the Gospels provides a solid foundation for Christian understanding. In the Gospel of John, the Apostle shares a great insight into the Christian Faith. The idea of Grace enters the conversation when John describes Jesus as Grace for Grace. Grace is connected with the word 'fullness'.

When some think of the idea of 'Grace,' it becomes abstract, a spiritual state that has little defined boundaries. Some think of it as a divine tolerance to our human condition. Others understand it in context of God's election. John clearly goes beyond these understanding, seeing Grace not only as a state of mind, but a state of being.

The Law of God and the Law of Humanity are very different. The Law of Humanity is contextual, based on current human conditions and traditions. The image of Lady Justice shows a blindfolded justice, which searches out evidences of truth, but is shielded from the whole truth. The whole truth is connected to the divine in our legal system as a statement of belief. The Law of God transcends these earthly measures and establishes foundational beliefs in which a person can find eternal truths and understanding. John makes clear that the Law (Decalogue, Exodus 20) has been expanded by the power of Grace in Jesus Christ.

The declaration of truth is a profound moment in life. When a couple declares the truth of their love and devotion to each other, a significant moment of life occurs. When we declare our belief in God, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and our Call to Christian ministry, an eternal truth is expressed.

When I am faced with a situation that the truth seems elusive, I side with Grace. We live in a land of shadows, where clarity is rare indeed. By siding with Grace, looking upon Jesus allows us to see past the temporary to the eternal.

Learning Grid: State of Mind State of Being



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

March 7th Wallace Casey
 March 14th Blayden Parrish
 March 21st Hunter Williams
 March 28th Emili James

Button Daniels / Cara Twiford
 Paula Mann / Millie Barkley
 Jane Gray / Lora Whitehurst
 Lori Toler / Holly Leonard

Jusara Dough
 Angie Basnight
 Audra Shackelford
 Nancy Gray

Monthly Schedule:

- † **Baum/Gibbs Circle:**
Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m.
- † **Milah Meekins Circle:**
Thursday, March 4th at 7:30 p.m.
Hosts: Bonny and Carol
- † **Hispanic / Latino Outreach Dinner**
Thursday, March 18th
From 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- † **Senior Luncheon With Preschool**
Thursday, March 25th
From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- † **United Methodist Men**
Thursday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Special dates

- World Day of Prayer, March 5, 2010
- Third Sunday in Lent, March 7, 2010
- Girl Scout Sunday, March 7, 2010
- Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2010
- Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 14, 2010
- First Day of Spring, March 20, 2010
- Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, 2010
- Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010
- Holy Week, March 28-April 3, 2010

RADIO MINISTRY

Saturday mornings at 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 WOBX - AM 1530 kHz
 "Outer Banks Christian Radio"
 The Bethany UMC Radio Ministry with Pastor Jerome.

Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship (Contemporary)
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional)
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Junior MYF
- 6:00 p.m. Senior MYF
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Easter Cantata Practice
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study Disciple I
(New Testament)

Children's Choir

- 4:30 p.m. on 3rd Sunday - Practice and Supper
- 11:00 a.m. on 4th Sunday - Sing for the Church

Preschool

- Tuesday - Thursday
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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It's easy to get focused on numbers when you are measuring the success of any church ministry. If we just looked at attendance for our Hispanic/Latino Outreach dinners, we might be discouraged. We invite the men, but as

Saray says, "they are too shy" to come unless they are with a crowd.

Our unemployed mother that I wrote about last month came again with her nice children. She was able to get a part time position in the deli at Food Lion. Her son was at track and field try-outs, but the daughters came and were bubbly and chatty about school. They are a lovely Christian family and it has been an honor to get to know them. Faithful Saray was there and her boys consider our church to be a home away from home now. They get their homework out right away to take advantage of native English speakers. We have two men that come every time--Rubicel from Spencer Yachts and Frankie from Wanchese Trawl. Many of the men who used to come have been transferred to Manns Harbor to work on the large party boat that Spencer Yachts is building there.

We received an extra donation and splurged this time on pork roast (on sale) and sweet potatoes in addition to our fried fish, beans and rice. Since we had leftover food, Caroline took it to the Teen Challenge where it was well received.

We'll keep plugging along. When I was fretting and wondering where God was working, Caroline said, "God is at work everywhere." Well said!



We want to thank all the people that helped when Alma S. Cudworth died.

Our preacher, organist, singers, Denise and all the ladies that prepared the delicious meal and also the ones that brought food,

paper products and drinks to our house. We are so blessed to have such caring friends.

Thanks again.

Love, Bill, Lois and Family



The Administrative Board Meeting

NEW TIME 7:00 pm.

On Sunday, March 7th



Outer Banks Dare Challenge

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 13 4:30 to 7:30

The Whole Ministry Center in Wanchese

Come out and enjoy home cooked

Spaghetti, Cucumber Salad, Garlic Bread, Tea and Dessert

ALL FOR \$7.00

For more info or tickets please contact Mark 473-6462

NEEDED: They need people to bake brownies. They would like you to leave them uncut. You can deliver them to Dare Challenge on Friday, March 12 anytime or on Saturday, March 13 to the Whole Ministry Center from 9:00 to 4:00. If you need your brownies picked up or need more information contact Amy Dough 473-3686.



It's not just a Lay Rally anymore!

We will be welcoming John Ed Mathison to the Elizabeth City District the weekend of March 6 - 7. **On**

Saturday, March 6, John Ed will be

leading a workshop on small group ministries as formation for lay leadership in the congregation. The

workshop will be offered twice: at Edenton UMC at

10:00 a.m. and at Manteo Mt. Olivet at 2:00 p.m. On

Sunday, March 7 John Ed will be the keynote speaker

at the District Lay Rally at First UMC, Elizabeth City

at 3:00 p.m. If you know you will be attending one of

the workshops please let Denise Mann know. They

would like each church to turn in a count to the District

Office.



Baum / Gibbs Circle

On Tuesday, March 2nd please bring to the

meeting a special offering for Prayer and

Self Denial.

On Saturday, March 6 there will be a UMW sub district

meeting at Colington United Methodist Church

Registration at 9:30 a.m. and Meeting at 10:00 a.m.



Rescheduled from January 27th

UMW Mission Study

Saturday, March 27th

9:30 Registration

10:00 to 2:00 Mission Study

light lunch will be served.



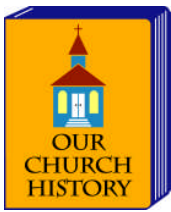
Rescheduled from January 31st

Memorial Service

Sunday, March 14th at the 11:00 a.m. Service

There will be a candle lit for each loved one

who passed on October 26, 2008 through December 31, 2009.



Our church history books arrived the first day of February. We opened the boxes with great anticipation and were initially very pleased. However, when we opened the book, we saw that the layout was off. Unlike our proof, the final copy started off on the wrong page. As a result, the whole book was out of sequence. In any book, the even page numbers are on the left and the odd pages are on the right. We were disappointed that the chapters began on the wrong side of the book and were missing the corresponding illustration.

To top things off, we soon noticed that the pages were glued in rather than sewn together as we had agreed upon. As we flipped through the book, some of the pages were coming out. After conferring with Pastor Jerome, we knew the books had to go back to the printer.

Enter our heroine and advocate: Suzanne Tate. She had brokered the printing through her printer in Norfolk, Virginia. He prints 100,000 of her 31 children's books a year! When she called him to tell him that there was a problem, he listened. It has been such a blessing to have her in our court. She has been calm and quietly determined to make sure the second printing is done correctly. We were thinking that it would be nice for her to receive some thank you notes from members of our congregation after the second book is printed. She has been a vital link and persistent in seeing this project through. If you like the final result and would care to write her a note, her address is: Mrs. Suzanne Tate, Nags Head Art Inc., 2500 Maritime Woods Drive, Manteo, NC 27954.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY NIGHT, MARCH 28TH.

You will not want to miss the Easter musical, which will be presented Palm Sunday night. **I know**

My Redeemer Lives, the Easter musical, bring the choir, congregation, and community together to praise the name of Jesus, our great Redeemer. Along with the Bethany United Methodist Adult Choir, we are joined with singers from the Manteo Baptist Church, Manteo Assembly of God, Wanchese Assembly of God, and Haven Creek Baptist Church in Manteo. We are so excited about this musical, and we believe the Lord has brought the "Body of Christ" together to share HIS storyespecially the story of HIS cross and HIS resurrection.



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| 1 - Jeffrey Malarney | 4 - Hunter and LeAnn Smith |
| 2 - Nell Tillett | 6 - James and Kathy Ruhle |
| 3 - Brent Hymes | 9 - Pat and Tracy Leonard |
| 3 - Tom Garretson | 10 - Stanley and Nancy Scarborough |
| 3 - Madie Stetson | 10 - Wayne and Nancy Gray |
| 5 - Kenneth Fitzgerald | 10 - Timothy and Terri Flowers |
| 5 - Carol Saunders | 13 - Bilbo and Melody Callaway |
| 6 - Hunter Williams | 18 - Johnny and Penny Robbins |
| 7 - Jay Cudworth | |
| 8 - Ivey Midgett | |
| 9 - Chris Herring | |
| 9 - Derick Sellers | |
| 10 - Wesley Monroe Herring | |
| 11 - Jean Tillett | |
| 12 - Emma Collene Garretson | |
| 12 - Anna Lynn Tawes | |
| 14 - Erin Tillett | |
| 15 - Gayle Drummond | |
| 16 - Anna Basnight | |
| 16 - Janie Midgett | |
| 16 - Margaret Dunnigan | |
| 17 - Barbara Hirsch | |
| 17 - Julia Tawes | |
| 17 - Tessie Dough | |
| 18 - Markie Nixon | |
| 20 - Corky Barkley | |
| 21 - Jim Eckhardt | |
| 21 - Shirley O'Neal | |
| 22 - Lori Fitzgerald | |
| 23 - Ken Mann | |
| 23 - Bilbo Callaway | |
| 23 - Peggy Daniels | |
| 27 - Elizabeth Campbell | |
| 27 - Amelia Austin | |
| 29 - Sara Bateman | |
| 30 - Denise Daniels | |
| 31 - Joyce Meekins | |



Malori Ciera Warrick
 Born: February 2, 2010
 7 lbs 5 oz and 19 1/2" long
 Parents: Chad and Farrah Warrick
 Sister: Kyli and Brother: Bryson
 Grandparents: Billy Carl and Gayle Tillett

Rebecca Lynn Fitch
 Born: February 5, 2010
 6 lbs 13 oz 20" long
 Parents: Timothy and Lacey Fitch
 Grandparents: Tom Slater and
 The Rev. Dr. Susie Ftich-Slater
 Great Grandparents: Jimmie and Beryl Williams



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

James Bock
 Kelly Baum
 Chris Daniels
 Heather Harrison
 Ralph Holder
 Major Hooper

Nancy Basnight Kevschull
 Aaron Kinsley
 Charles Leaner
 Pat McClenney
 Charles Midgett
 Janice Midgett
 Milla Payne

Nora Perry
 Anthony Purcell
 Linda Scott
 Britton Shackelford
 Pastor Jerome Smith
 Bill Walker
 Caston Young

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman
 Carolyn Basnight
 Stephen Bateman
 Mary Ann Bland
 Martha Borden
 Nelson Buzan
 Cathy Clawson
 Albert Creef
 Elaine Daniels
 Mickey Daniels
 Sandy Daniels
 Marion Edwards
 Vanessa Foreman

Jamie Gibbs
 Crystal Gray
 Windy Gray
 Barbara Hirsch
 Lorraine Johnson
 Judith and Jill
 Gracie Kelly
 Nancy Ward Meekins
 Michelle Meredith
 Larry Miller
 Hudean and Jennie O'Neal
 Tracy Payne

Matthew Rayburn
 Dee Riddick
 Peggy Rogers
 Donna Roughton
 Mary Roundtree
 Amira Sansotta
 Linda Sawyer
 Nancy Scarborough
 Golden Simpson
 Ron Tillett
 Edward White
 Beryl Williams
 Melissa Wright

Unspoken
 Children and Grandchildren
 Fishermen
 Government
 Haiti
 Our Nation

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Gaskill Austin
 Family of Alma Cudworth
 Family of Laura Jean Fuqua
 Family of Bobby Rollinson
 Family of Ronnie Tillett

Family of Fritz Bogdovic
 Family of Dan Elliott
 Family of Sheldon Raskh
 Family of Remie (Baby)
 Family of Margaret Twiddy

Mission Report

It is an exciting endeavor to work with the "LORD OF ALL".



Jack and Trudy Vetgner visited with us in February and reported on the fantastic work that is being done in Ecuador. They also informed us of their upcoming work in northeast Asia. To support them in God's work, we collected a love offering of over \$1300. We received a heart warming "Thank You" note from them. They also asked us to continue to keep them and the people of Ecuador and northeast Asia in our prayers.



On February 22nd, fourteen hundred health kits, plus medical supplies, tools and linens were delivered to the Merci Center in Goldsboro from our area. The donated items from area churches were delivered to Mann's Red & White and stored until they were trucked to the Merci Center. Mrs. Helen Little was at the Merci Center along with Al and Valerie Carpenter waiting for a truckload of donations to be delivered to the center. Another container of supplies will soon be shipped to the Ryan Epps Home for Children in Haiti and the Committee on Relief will also ship another container load of undesignated supplies to Haiti from the Merci Center. There were many volunteers at the center preparing the goods to fill the container. We are pleased to be members together with The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Bethany UMC sponsored a chicken and pastry dinner on February 20th for the mission fund. The dinner proceeds were \$2,356.71. There are no definite plans for another mission trip to Haiti at this time because the United Methodist Church has asked for only medical teams to travel to Haiti until further notice. Mrs. Helen is making tentative plans to return to Haiti in April but is waiting to see how progress is made on housing. However, new plans for the proposed building in Croix de Bouquet have been made. An international nonprofit organization, Compassionate Intl., will prepare a prefabricated building in Florida to ship to Haiti for the church and school portion of the building. Pastor Yvon Pierre and his family and orphans are still sleeping outside in tents. In preparing the building this way, hopefully they will have a roof over their heads much quicker.



Our prayer: "Our Father in Heaven, thank You for inviting us to work with You around the world. Your church is the Body of Christ and Bethany United Methodist Church wants to be sensitive to Your plan to include Us when You call. May people groups all over Your world know that they are loved by You through Your church. In Jesus, our Savior's Name, Amen."



Dear Rev. Smith & Bethany United Methodist Church

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you last Sunday morning in both services. It was so good to be with family and friends again in Wanchese.

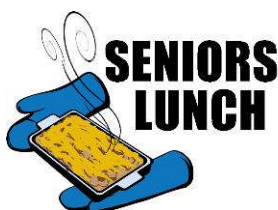
Also thank you so much for sharing that generous offering. We thank God for your church and all the outreaches your have ministering stateside and around the world. You are a Blessing to so many!

God Bless You. Jack and Trudy Vegter



The Preschoolers have been busy learning the letters of the alphabet. We highlight a letter each day. The children bring an item from home that begins with the letter we are working on. The children are doing well. They attempt to make each of the letters. The Preschoolers are continually practicing writing and spelling their names. Some of the children can write and spell first and last names. I am very proud of their accomplishments. As always in Preschool, we are singing with the children and storytelling. They are becoming good listeners.

Fifty-six people attended our January Senior Luncheon consisting of a meal of soup, sandwiches, chicken, fruits, and desserts. The children gave a short program singing the winter song and "Shake My Sillies Out". Everyone seemed to enjoy their songs. Most of the children had a parent or grandparent to come out and eat with them. The children are learning good table manners as well as interacting with the adults. It has been a blessing for everyone.



Our March Senior Luncheon will be on Thursday, the 25th. If you are a parent or grandparent of a Preschooler or a Senior of Bethany, come out and join us. The time for the luncheon is 11:30.

Mrs. Nikki, Paris O'Neal's assistant, celebrated her birthday with the Preschoolers. We enjoyed chocolate cake and ice cream.



Applications for the year 2010-2011 will be available to the public on Thursday, April 1st. If you would like an application, call the school at [475-1235](tel:475-1235) or Gayle Tillett at [473-3759](tel:473-3759). You may come by the school between the hours of 8:30 and 12:00. The child being enrolled must be three by August 31, 2010.



On Sunday February 7th, the Bethany United Methodist Church Children's Choir went bowling. We had a total of 24 children and 6 adults. The children enjoyed two hours of bowling and then tackled the game room. It was truly a joy to see the excitement in their eyes as they fellowshiped together. Thanks to all who helped make this trip happen for our children!



Kids' Nite Out

Our first annual kids' nite out had to be canceled due to snow. It has been rescheduled for Friday, February 26th from 6:00 to 9:00. Children will enjoy fellowshiping with their church friends while doing a shell craft with Caroline Stetson, followed by dinner and a movie. Mark your calendar for the next kids' nite out in May.



Children's Choir

The children's choir meets the 3rd Sunday of every month from 4:30 to 6:00 in the fellowship hall. We feed them supper each Sunday before being dismissed. They sing the 4th Sunday of the month in the 11:00 service. Children's choir is open to ages 3 years old to 5th grade.

For 2010 we have changed things up a bit. We are excited to add Terri Midgett, who gets us geared up through a game, and Cookie Utz, who

closes us with a word from God. We have also become very high tech as Denise Mann has put all of our songs we'll be learning this spring on overhead. Children are having fun singing songs both old and new while they fellowship. This is an exciting time!!

Spring is going to be very busy. Here are the important dates for kids choir:

March 21st - practice and supper

March 28th - sing at 11:00 service (Palm Sunday)

April 4th - sing at 11:00 service (Easter Sunday)

April 18th - practice and supper

April 25th - sing at 11:00service



Children's Interpretive Dance

The Children's Dance group will start practicing in March. If you have a little one that is interested in dancing, please contact Cara at [473-2293](tel:473-2293). Dancers will need to be 5 years old or older. The dancers will practice 2 times a month and will perform their dance on Father's Day Sunday, June 20 at 11:00



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 28 at 3:30 p.m. Everybody needs to meet in the Dining Hall. We will start hiding eggs at 3:45 p.m.

If you like, your child can bring 3 decorated hard boiled eggs.

Please make sure your child has an Easter Basket or something to put their eggs in.

NO EASTER GRASS

The hunt will be for ages 1 through the 6th grade. Older children are welcome to come out and help.

After the hunt we will have a snack.

If you have any questions call Denise at 473-2518



We are planning to start a Children's Church program during the 11:00 service. We hope to begin in the month of March. This program will be available for school-age children in the first to fifth grades. The children will attend the beginning of the service in the sanctuary, and then after Children's Time, will be released to the back for Children's Church.

We have some fun activities planned including Bible games, crafts, and scripture memorization contests! If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to offer support or help, please see Tricia Tawes or Cara Twiford.



We are planning to have Vacation Bible School Monday, July 5th to Friday, July 9th and have the program on Sunday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like to help please see or call Denise Mann 473-2518.

- Day 1 - Creation of the Universe
- Day 2 - Elijah at Mt. Horeb
- Day 3 - The Woman at the Well
- Day 4 - A Blind Beggar in Jericho
- Day 5 - Two Disciples in Emmaus

Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! Is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that brings children into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



Just for KIDS

God's teaching is like....

In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.

CODE

"Let my teaching fall like _____

and my words descend like _____,

like _____

like abundant _____,

_____."

Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

DIRT CUPS

Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

What you do:

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups $\frac{3}{4}$ full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.

Bible Quiz

An Old Testament prophet wrote the following words about Jesus: "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

Who wrote those words?

- A. Amos
- B. Jonah
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Isaiah

Answer: (See chapter 53, verse 7)

The Children's Group are selling Easter Lilies. All orders must be in by March 21, 2010. The Easter Lilies will cost \$11.00 and can be put in honor or memory of someone. A bulletin will be typed up with this information.

Below is an order form. If you would like to purchase a Easter Lily you can call Denise Mann 473-2518 or mail the form to her at P. O. Box 15, Manns Harbor, NC 27953.

Thank you

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

IN HONOR OF:

NAME	GIVEN BY

IN MEMORY OF:

NAME	GIVEN BY

EASTER LILY - \$11.00 PER PLANT

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO:
BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

HUMOR & WISDOM



"Pastor Bob is the leader of the flock, son, not the herd."

A holistic church

When a pastor asked the congregation to express what the church meant to them, one couple wrote:

Our church may best be described as holistic, which means "the whole is much more than its parts." Our church has many "parts": a lovely campus, rooms for education, a great fellowship hall and a lovely sanctuary. There, the cross reminds us of God's love, the altar reminds us of Holy Communion and the baptismal font reminds us of our faith.

In the sanctuary, we sing meaningful hymns, listen to our wonderful choir, hear God's incomparable word, offer sincere prayers, give an offering and receive guidance for our bodies, minds and souls. Finally, there is the part we call service. We leave church each week to use our talents, time and resources in Christian service to a needy world. We care because God cares.

All in all, the "whole" of our church is much more than the sum of its parts. Ours is a holistic church striving to be holier.

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