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Summer Time!

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Marvelous, Infinite, Matchless

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Ephesians 1:7

The word *grace* occurs more than 150 times in the Bible, and most of them come from the pen of the apostle Paul. He's the apostle of grace, and grace is the keynote of his teachings. In Ephesians 2:7, he talked about "the exceeding riches of His grace." In 1 Timothy 1:14, he said, "The grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant." In Romans 5:20, he said, "Grace abounded."

It's this exceedingly rich, exceedingly abundant, abounding grace that meets every need in your life, that sends every blessing, that hears every prayer, that heals every hurt, that calms every fear, that forgives every sin, and that makes goodness and mercy follow you every day of your life. John 1:16 says, "Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another" (GNT).

The hymnist called it "marvelous, infinite, matchless grace." Grace is God's gift to us. And Jesus is the embodiment of grace. He is God's gift to us—our Savior. If you want to draw a picture of grace, simply draw Jesus. Give thanks today for God's abundant grace.

Ephesians 2: 4-9

The meaning of life. The wasted years of life. The poor choices of life. God answers the mess of life with one word: grace.

Max Lucado

From Today's Turning Point with Dr. David Jeremiah



What Is True Forgiveness...?



I wonder if you have every had the experience of asking for forgiveness, only to have the person not take it for face value, and demand conditions from you, and in essence, refuse to forgive you. I was reading about a book called,

The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness, by John MacArthur and came across a number of quotations I thought were especially helpful when dealing with the subject of forgiveness. Here they are — “*Since God commands us to forgive others, refusing to do so is an act of direct disobedience against Him. Let me say it plainly: refusing to forgive is a horrible sin.*” “*Scripture is clear that God despises an unforgiving spirit.*” “*An unforgiving Christian is a contradiction in terms. When you see a professing Christian who stubbornly refuses to relinquish a grudge, there’s good reason to question the genuineness of that person’s faith.*”

We’re all too prone to nurse offenses and withhold forgiveness. MacArthur goes on — “*Forgiveness requires us to set aside our selfishness, accept with grace the wrongs others have committed against us, and not demand what we think is our due. In fact, this [forgiveness] was so much a running motif in Jesus’ earthly sermons and sayings that one would have to be willfully blind to miss the point.*”

What impacted me most was God’s incredible reaction against people who refuse to forgive those who have sinned against them. He won’t forgive those who refuse to forgive others (Mt. 5:15). Jesus likens someone who won’t forgive to being “*delivered to the torchieres until....*” Not forgiving is a very serious offense against God. Reflecting on this point leads me to conclude that if there is an opportunity to forgive someone, we should take it without looking back. If my relationship with God, indeed my whole salvation is dependent on my forgiving those who have sinned against me, then I’m going to forgive everyone I get a chance to forgive.

Am I saying that we earn our salvation by forgiving others? Of course not. But one of the signs that I know God and that I know what God has done for me is that I imitate Him by forgiving others without setting conditions upon them. If I refuse to forgive, I show that I don’t understand the seriousness of my own forgiveness. It also shows that one does not have a high enough view of what they have been forgiven of by God. It is a clear indication that not willing to forgive shows a rejection of the true gospel. It is one of the most dangerous places to be spiritually to demand something to be done by the one asking for forgiveness, before being willing to forgive.

Someone might say, “You don’t understand, life is hard. People have really hurt me. They have lied to me. Taken my stuff. Taken my life, my history, my future. They have ruined me. I’m not the same person I would have been had I never met them. I’m a mess because of them. How can I let them get away with it by forgiving them?” Or someone might say, “Their repentance isn’t real. They don’t really mean it. They’ve done the same sin a hundred times.”

To which I respond, you’re right I don’t understand your life in the specifics. But I do understand that whatever they did and are doing to you doesn’t even come close to what you’ve done to God. You are measuring the size, seriousness, and depth of your situation according to who the sin was against. It was against you. You. The center of your life. It was horrible. But what you’ve forgotten or don’t understand, is that your sin is against God. The creator of the universe. The one who spoke everything into existence. The one who keeps your heart beating and your lungs changing air into energy. Your sin is infinitely greater than anything anyone has done against you and he is holding out forgiveness to you as a free gift.

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A free gift—free to you. It took the death of his son to pay for your forgiveness. You sinned, and he took the hit for your sin. Isn't that your problem with forgiving your friend? Aren't you afraid that if you forgive him, he'll "get away with it"? Why else are you holding his sin against him? Do you think your anger, bitterness, rage and rudeness is going to do something to pay him back or get revenge or justice? All you're doing by withholding forgiveness is storing up God's wrath for yourself.

Here's something else you may not have thought about. The Bible tells us all over the place that God is the God of justice. He hates sin worse than you ever could. This means that He is not going to let someone who has sinned against you go. He promised us that vengeance is His, He will repay (Rom 12:19). He won't let that sinner person get away with it. Where you have no control, power, or ability, God has given His word that He will deal with that sin in His own way, and in His own time. So, lack of forgiveness shows something else. It shows that one does not understand their own forgiveness, and it shows that they don't believe that God will be just. It shows that they don't have faith to obey God by forgiving others and it shows that they don't have the faith to trust that God will be a just judge regarding sins committed against you.

Here's the thing: The Bible tells us that Jesus suffered as an example for us to follow (1 Pet 2:21). One of the things He asked for while He was dying was, "Father, forgive them..." (Lk 23:34). The 1 Peter passage goes on to relate that when the folks were killing Him, cursing Him, and reviling Him, He didn't respond in kind. His death was in keeping with His request—*"Forgive them, they don't know what they are doing."* Instead, the Bible says, He entrusted Himself to the one who judges justly. Instead of trying to "get even," "get justice," stand up for my rights," and whatever reason you won't forgive that person, Jesus let God deal with those who killed Him.

Finally, in Dr. MacArthur's book, Matthew 18:31 stood out to me. It says, *"so when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done."* It makes me realize that I want to make sure that I'm forgiving those who sin against me. So, from now on, I'm going to be praying for those who come into my sphere of life who refuse to forgive those who sin against them, and pray that we as Christians take to heart that all of us have been forgiven of a debt that can NEVER be repaid. We must never demand anything other than quick reconciliation, and leave the rest up to God.

Book excerpts from; *The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness*, by John MacArthur

Exercise Your Spiritual Gifts

Using your Spiritual Gifts is very important here at Woodville Community Church. To aid you in determining what your spiritual gifts are, we have tests to guide you. The tests (and info on how to calculate the scores) are located on the back table in the narthex under the mailboxes, and are also available on the church website at www.woodvillechurch.org.

Our Board encourages you to take the time to fill out the assessment form and turn in the results to the church office.



In this issue:

ETHICS



Ethic, also known as moral philosophy, is the discipline concerned with what is normal good and bad, right and wrong, and the principles that guide human behavior and decision making.

Scope:

It encompasses a wide range of topics, including moral theories, ethical decisions making, and the application of moral principles to specific situations and professions.

Metaethics:

Deals with the nature of moral judgement, including its origin and meaning.

Normative ethics:

Concerns the constant of moral judgment and criteria for what is right or wrong.

Applied ethics:

Looks at the controversial topics like war, animal rights, and capital punishment.

Ethics vs. Morals:

While the terms are often used interchangeably, some philosophers distinguish between them, with ethics being a more theological sympathetic study of morality, while morals are more about personal beliefs and values.

Example of ethical principles:

Honesty, fairness, compassion, integrity, respect for autonomy and beneficence (acting for the benefit of others).

Importance:

Ethical considerations are critical in various fields, including business, medicine, law, research, guiding professionals in making responsible and morally sound decisions.

Ethical Codes:

Many professionals have established codes of ethics that outline the standards of conduct expected of their members.

Virtue Ethics:

A framework that focuses on developing good character traits and acting in accordance with the virtues like honesty, courage and compassion.

Ethical Decisions-Making:

Involves carefully considering the potential consequences of action, weighing different values, and making choices that align with ethical principles.



Thoughts from **BOB,** the Blacksmith

Cowboy quote for today: **"Don't look back", You're not headed that way!**

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

June

- 1 Amy Hysell & Savannah Costello
- 8 Lynda Kolehouse & DeeAnna Ruiter
- 15 Mary Helmus & LeeAnna Yates
- 22 Renee Cook & Nancy Redd
- 29 Amy Hysell & Amanda Baar

July

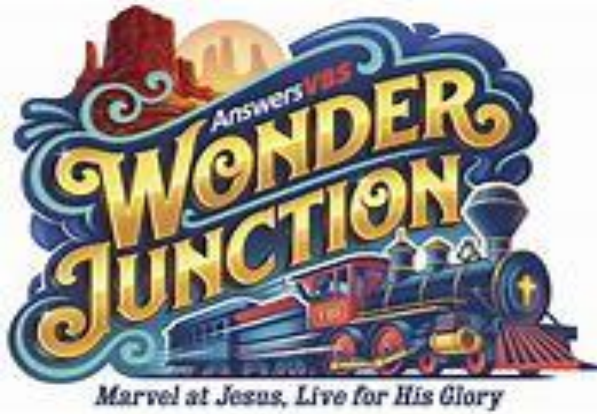
- 6 Nancy Eveland & Christie Pikaart
- 13 Kim Schaefer & Sharon Stieg
- 20 Stephanie Rockey & Savannah Costello
- 27 Renee Frantz & Lynda Kolehouse

Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

*If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact
Karen White 231-519-9488 as soon as possible.*



Woodville Community Church 2025 VBS



June 16-20 Woodville Community Church will be transformed to a western town with a train station.

Our Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 am - noon everyday of that week.

Ages PK through going into 8th grade children are invited to travel through the Bible with songs, Bible lessons, crafts and scripture memorization.

Don't forget the PENNY WARS!

Start saving your change and again this year there will be a contest for the class that collects the most donations.

We couldn't do this wonderful VBS week without all of the helpers and volunteers. Those who donate, help with counting money each day, group leaders and helpers, craft, games and snacks! It takes us all and we appreciate each and everyone who cares for these little children.

Most of all we thank Karen White for ALL of her HARD WORK and TIME putting each VBS together.

There are registration sheets in the back to sign your children or grandchildren up for this year's program.

Please contact Karen White with any questions @ 231-519-9488



Operation Christmas Child 2025

We are still collecting gifts for our Samaritan Purse Shoe boxes.

Each month we have a list of suggested items.

But anything that you would like to donate any time is alright.

June and July suggestions are **PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**. combs, hair brush, tooth brushes, holders & caps. Washcloths, nail clippers, deodorant-no gel, cosmetic bags, solid lip balm.

Soaps & toothpaste are no longer accepted. Clothing, winter hats, mittens & sunglasses are accepted as well as school supplies. We will be assembling the boxes in early November. There is a bin under the mailboxes for your donations. Please see Karen White & Robin Maring with any questions.





Sunday Sprouts Update:



We have reached the close of another season of *Sunday Sprouts*,

(Which is Woodville's teaching ministry to children during the Adult Sunday School class time after church services.)

We have made it through the teachings of the Pentateuch and are now into the "History" books of the Bible. We have anywhere from 1 – 8 children on most Sundays.

The kids are so eager to pray and so precious when they do! Some of the younger kids pray with such maturity! They are also eager to learn! They especially enjoy the active games at the end that reinforce the theme of the lesson.

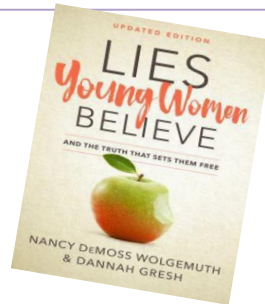
We also have an aspiring young teacher who desires to practice her skills with us! One week, she came with a bag loaded with Christian kid's books and Bible coloring books to share! It is a blessing to be able to help her grow in this God-given desire!

We are so grateful to God for our teachers and "trainers" who have committed to sharing the love of Christ to these little ones! We are also grateful some of these growing children are not so "little" anymore, and that their faith is growing right along with their bodies!

Thank you for allowing your children to be a part of *Sunday Sprouts*! We look forward to serving you once again next season! Please remember to keep all of us in prayer each week, as we seek to *know God and his heart for all of us* through the teaching of His Word!



H.O.P.E. Update



The teen girls of H.O.P.E. usually meet every Wednesday evening. We are still going through the material "Lies Young Women Believe" by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and Dana Gresh, but we are nearing the end shortly.

During one of our gatherings, we had the privilege of a young woman from our church share the story of her walk with God, as it dealt directly with the material we were learning at the time. That was a real blessing.

We also have been blessed with other members who are eager to share their love for God and teens, through an occasional lesson and visit.

We are excited to tell you that God has allowed us to minister to 2 *new* girls, that now join us on a regular basis! (We typically serve 5- 8 girls each week.) Another one of the girls brings along a male friend and her brother who have been enjoying the Awana program during our H.O.P.E. time together!

We are looking forward to enjoying some summer fun together as a group, *so please pray* for wisdom, provision and protection.

Please also *pray* for wisdom and *direction* as we seek God's will, not only for our own teens, but those (male and female) that could potentially join us in the future.

Finally, please pray for a burden to be placed on those whom God is calling to join in the fight for the souls of teens all around us. These young people are in need of real lasting HOPE through the Good News of Jesus Christ! They are not just the future of the Church. They are the present.

Thank you!



June 2025



Sunday

WORSHIP
SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE
STUDY

8:00 a.m.

WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDY

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

H.O.P.E.

6:00 p.m.

EVENING
SERVICE

6:30 p.m.

2nd Monday

BOARD
MEETING

6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORSHIP SERVICE	2	3 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	4 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	5 Praise Team practice	6	7
8 WORSHIP SERVICE	9	10 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	11 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	12 Praise Team practice Board Meeting	13	14
15 Father's Day WORSHIP SERVICE	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Vacation Bible School					
		Men's Evening Bible Study		Praise Team practice	VBS Family Picnic	
22 WORSHIP SERVICE	23	24 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	25 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	26 Praise Team practice	27	28
29 WORSHIP SERVICE	30					Greeter for June: Carol Tillotson



June Birthdays

7 Chad Sall	19 Chuck Brace
9 Vic Berkompas	Steve Costello
Tom Maring	20 Marilyn Patrick
14 Kimberly Costello	Carol Doornbos
Bill Walta	22 Tina Ramsey
17 Alayna Arnold	Eli Baar
18 Joziah Smith	Zeke Baar
John Smith	24 Emiliagh Hysell
	30 Ellery Hysell

June Anniversaries

1 Dennis & Mary Helmus 53 years!	18 Harry & Gail King 64 years!
10 Chuck & Merry Brace	19 Michael & Debra Hart
15 Clint & Shelley Cook	26 Duke & Lori VanderArk
18 John & Polly Byers	27 Larry & Barb Miller

Items on this calendar are subject to change



JULY 2025



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 a.m.	Greeters for July:		1 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	2 NO SERVICE	3 Praise Team practice	4 Independence Day 	5
Tuesday MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 8:00 a.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY 9:30 a.m.	6 WORSHIP SERVICE	7	8 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	9 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	10 Praise Team practice	11	12
Wednesday H.O.P.E. 6:00 P.M. EVENING SERVICE 6:30 p.m.	13 WORSHIP SERVICE	14 Board Meeting	15 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Evening Bible Study	16 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	17 Praise Team practice	18	19
2nd Monday BOARD MEETING 6:00 p.m.	20 WORSHIP SERVICE	21	22 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	23 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	24 Praise Team practice	25	26
	27 WORSHIP SERVICE	28	29 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study	30 H.O.P.E. WEDNESDAY SERVICE	31 Praise Team practice		



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

July Birthdays

3 Merry Brace	20 Harry King
12 Amanda Baar	21 Mary Helmus
16 Gail King	25 Barb Knight
Deb Fisher	31 Lillian Foust
19 Wyatt Arnold	Marge Shoemaker

July Anniversaries

7 Charlie & Jenna Minor
8 Dave & Robin Maring



Food For Thought...

Heaven on Earth Cake



Ingredients:

- 1 angel food cake
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 package 4-serving instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- Sliced almonds

Directions:

1. Begin by preparing the instant vanilla pudding mix according to package instructions, using the milk.
2. In a large bowl, combine the vanilla pudding with the sour cream and mix until smooth.
3. Cut the angel food cake into cubes and layer half of the cubes in the bottom of a serving dish.
4. Spread half of the pudding mixture over the cake cubes, then top with half of the cherry pie filling.
5. Repeat the layers with the remaining cake cubes, pudding mixture, and cherry filling.
6. Finally, spread the Cool Whip over the top and garnish with sliced almonds.
7. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours before serving.

How to Serve Heaven on Earth Cake

Serve the Heaven on Earth Cake chilled, right from the fridge. It looks beautiful in a glass dish, showing off the pretty layers. You can also add a few extra cherries or almonds on top for decoration.

Deviled Egg Pasta Salad

Ingredients:

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| • 8 oz elbow macaroni or your favorite pasta | 1/2 cup mayonnaise |
| • 6 hard-boiled eggs, chopped | 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard |
| • 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped | 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar |
| • 1/4 cup fresh dill or parsley, chopped | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| • 1/2 cup celery, diced | 1/4 teaspoon black pepper |
| | • Paprika, for garnish |



Preparation:

Step 1: Cook the pasta

In a large pot, bring salted water to a boil. Add the elbow macaroni and cook according to the package instructions until al dente. Once cooked, drain the pasta in a colander and rinse under cold water to cool it down quickly. This step also helps prevent the pasta from becoming sticky.

Step 2: Combine ingredients

In a large mixing bowl, combine the cooled, cooked pasta with the chopped hard-boiled eggs, finely chopped red onion, fresh dill or parsley, and diced celery. Gently fold the ingredients together, ensuring that they are evenly distributed.

Step 3: Make the dressing

In a separate bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, apple cider vinegar, salt, and black pepper until smooth and creamy. This dressing is what gives the salad its signature deviled egg flavor, so make sure to mix it well.

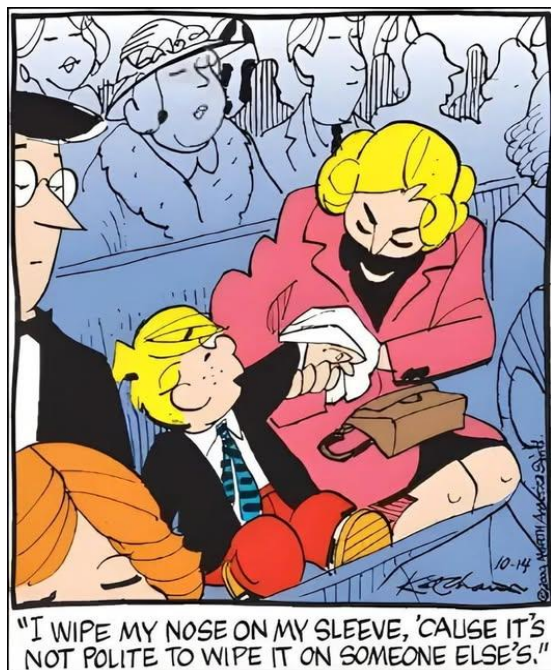
Step 4: Mix together

Pour the dressing over the pasta mixture. Using a spatula, gently stir to combine everything, making sure that the pasta and vegetables are well coated with the dressing. Be careful not to mash the eggs; you want to keep some texture.

Step 5: Chill and serve

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or transfer the salad to an airtight container. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to meld together. Just before serving, sprinkle a light dusting of paprika over the top for a pop of color and an extra hint of flavor.

"...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..."



**The older I get the more
I understand why
roosters just scream to
start their day.**



**A rich life
has nothing to
do with money**



**Due to current food
prices, the 5 seconds
rule has been extended
to 15 seconds. 😂😂**



ACTIVITY PAGE



Church is Fun

Word Search



Word list:

BELIEF
BLESSINGS
CHRIST
CHURCH
COMPASSION
COURAGE
ETERNAL
FAITH
FAITHFULNESS
FORGIVENESS

FRIENDSHIP
GIVING
GOD
GRACE
GUIDANCE
HEALING
HEAVEN
HOLY
HOPE
JESUS

JOY
LOVE
MERCY
OBEDIENCE
PATIENCE
PEACE
SALVATION
SPIRIT
TRUTH
WISDOM

