

Grace Notes

SEPTEMBER 2024

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. (1 Peter 2:6-8 NRSV)

First Peter was written to people who were facing economic poverty, employment uncertainty, social out casting, political and religious persecution. Yet, the letter is full of encouragement and hope that was meant to remind them that there was a firm foundation, a cornerstone, beyond this world upon which to trust and live life.

We have a God who gives us the freedom to choose whatever foundation upon which to trust and live our lives. We are free to chase after any dream or whim our hearts desire. God will not interfere. However, the wise person understands that not all foundations are created equal, and some foundations cannot last.

Near the end of World War 2, a Philippine bank was hit by mortar fire. The vault exploded, releasing piles of money into the streets. People excitedly began scooping up armfuls of cash, but their joy turned to dismay when they discovered the money was Japanese occupation money. Japan had surrendered occupation of the Philippines, so the money was worthless. A few months earlier, this event would have made the people rich. Now, they used the stacks of money to build fires.

What was once valuable had lost its value. Eventually that's what happens to all foundations of this world. They crumble, dry up, and perish. Only one foundation is eternal. The only foundation that will not ultimately disappoint is Jesus Christ.

In February 1980, the US Olympic Hockey Team won gold at Lake Placid, New York. In some ways, the greatest achievement of the team was not winning gold, but their upset victory over the powerful Soviet Union team in the semifinals. Before the game with the Soviets, Herb Brooks, the US team's coach told his players, "You are born to be a hockey player. You are meant to be here at this time. This is your moment." I don't know if Coach Brooks had ever read 1 Peter, but his message echoed the message of Peter nearly 2,000 years earlier.

You were born to be in a relationship with Christ. Although you are free to choose any foundation, the only one you were created for is the foundation of Christ. You are meant to be built up as a spiritual house whose cornerstone is Christ. This is your moment to realize that all other foundations will eventually fail. This is your moment to choose to build your life on the foundation that will never fail. You are part of something greater than you can possibly imagine. Won't you choose the foundation that will endure forever, the precious cornerstone. You will never be disappointed.

Think about it. Pray about it. I hope to see you in church.

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Office Hours: Tues. 11-4, Thurs. 11-3, Fri. 11-4

Sunday School: 9:30am

Worship: 10:45am

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Announcements

Grace Women Meeting - Sept. 3rd

Grace Women will hold their monthly meeting on September 3rd at “Annie’s Place Restaurant” on Huntoon & Gage at 4:00 pm.

Please let Irma know by Sept 1st if you plan to attend.

Parking Lot Sale - Crestview UMC

**Saturday, September 21st
8:30 to Noon**

If you are interested in donating items to Crestview UMC’s sale, please contact Pastor Kevin.

Times for dropping off items are as follows:

Wednesday (9/18) – 9 am to Noon

Thursday (9/19) – 9 am to Noon

Friday (9/20) – 9 am to Noon, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Saturday (9/21) – 8:00 am

The event will be mostly “Sale by Faith,” and items won’t be priced. Donors may price their personal items in advance.

There will be a section where people can sell their own items and donate (10% of sales) to Crestview. Tables will be available at a cost of \$10 per table, paid in advance. Please contact Pastor Kevin for more information about signing up and to reserve table(s).

Crestview’s United Women in Faith will be doing a bake sale, so we ask that no one else sell baked goods.

Thank You, David & Claire!

Please extend your appreciation to David & Claire Roth for preparing that delicious Pulled Pork meal for about 50 of us last Sunday! They prepared & donated 30 lbs. meat & the donation basket was \$388.00! Please share your “thank-you” to this fantastic young couple, that Bless our church often, with their love of cooking!

Thank you, David & Claire!

Taste of Memories Meal

On **Sunday, Sept. 22**, we will be have a covered dish meal, following our worship service! But this time, we’re going to do something different!

It will be Taste of Memories, and we’d like for you to bring a dish or two from our Grace church cookbooks, maybe your favorite recipe of our past members. If you don’t have one of our 3 church cookbooks, then bring a favorite dish of your mother, grandma, aunt etc. We will have a sign-up sheet in the entryway, so we’re not all bringing the same dish (of Mary Hartman, Mary Jane Oberhelman) etc., for those preparing from the cookbooks. Plus, we’d like to be able to label your dish, as to the honored recipe.

Then, we’ll have more **“Taste of Memories”** by sharing memories from 3 fantastic ladies, Nora, Leona F. & Leona B., who have been life-time members (or married into family who were). They will share old photo’s, former church bldg., this church construction & dedication, old church photo directory’s, etc. If time permits, we could have other’s share, or do that at a later date.

This can be a fun fellowship, reminiscing about our past in our Lord’s beautiful building! Whether you went to S. School, Bible School, Youth group, married, baptized your babies, there’s so many wonderful memories here! So, please invite your children, or former members, etc. to come & be a part of this event!

Let’s Give God the Glory & Praise!

Honor Flight Cards

David Miller and his family (Emily and Amanda) have been attending Crestview for the last couple of months. They attended Grace's service on August 18 and stayed for the church luncheon.

Amanda, David's daughter, informed us that David will be going on an Honor Flight to DC on September 18th along with his friend and boss, Greg. Amanda asked if Crestview and Grace would be willing to send Thank You cards for the two men.

Amanda said that if we get the cards to her by Sunday, September 15th, she would see that they got where they needed to be. This is done as a surprise for the veterans, so it's all hush hush.

There will be cards available in the office. If you would like to purchase or create your own card or note, you are welcome to do that. All cards and notes must be returned to Pastor Kevin or the Crestview church office no later than Friday, September 13th.

Thank you for your help in showing support for two of our veterans!



Birthdays

Laura Flake	9/24
Maverick McMichael	9/28
Emily Tucker	9/29

Scripture Readings

September 1

Song 2:8-13
Ps 45 1-2, 6-9 or Ps 72 (UMH 795)
Jas 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 8

Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Ps 125 or Ps 124 (UMH 846)
Jas 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 7:24-27

September 15

Prov 1:20-33
Ps 19 (UMH 750)
Jas 3:1-12
Mark 8:28-38

September 22

Prov 31:10-31
Ps 1 (UMH 738)
Jas 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 29

Esth 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Ps 124 (UMH 846)
Jas 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Septemeber Fellowship List

September 1st:	Jane Roth
September 8th:	Linda Johnson
September 15th:	
September 22nd:	Church Meal - Taste of Memories
September 29th:	

The deadline to submit information for the Grace Notes or calendar for September 2024 will be September 24th. Anything submitted after that date won't be guaranteed a place. If there is an emergency addition please let the office know ASAP.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	8:00am: Master Gardeners 10:00am: SMS Exercise 4:00pm: Grace Circle 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	4 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	5 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	6 6:30pm: NA - #3	7
8	9 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	10 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	11 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	9:30am: Coffee with the Pastor - Café Quetzal 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	13 6:30pm: NA - #3	14
15	16 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	17 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	18 5:30pm: AA - Parlor 6:00pm: Grace Admin. Council Meeting	9:00am: Senior Day Out 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	20 6:30pm: NA - #3	21 Crestview UMC Parking Lot Sale
22 Church Meal - Taste of Memories	23 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3	24 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	25 5:30pm: AA - Parlor	26 10:00am: SMS Exercise 5:45pm: Women AA - #3 6:00pm: TOPS - Parlor	27 6:30pm: NA - #3	28
29	30 12:00pm: AA - #3 7:30pm: NA - #3					