Hello, friends!

Here's what's coming up at church:

**THIS SABBATH** Pastor Kevin will be bringing us the Message of Hope, entitled *Dreams Do Come True: You Reap What You Sow.* We hope you can worship with us!



Then stay by for **POTLUCK** and enjoy socializing with your church family. This month's potluck is hosted by the Seekers Sabbath School Class.

Bring some lightweight clothes and comfortable walking shoes to change in to as we take part in our second effort of **BLESSING BURLESON** by distributing The Great Controversy to our neighbors around the church. We'll also be including flyers promoting our Vacation Bible School at the same time. Let's meet in the lobby after potluck to assemble packets and plan our routes. Due to the expected high temperature Sabbath we'll probably only stay out about an hour.

Not comfortable talking to strangers? No worries! You can still participate by being the pray-er on the team that silently asks the Holy Spirit to bless the person receiving the materials and open their hearts to the love of God.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is just around the corner, and we **still need a lot more help**. There are so many ways you and/or your teen/preteen can participate in this program; from support staff to the leaders, stage design support, and especially crew leaders and assistant crew leaders who guide eager explorers throughout the daily activities.

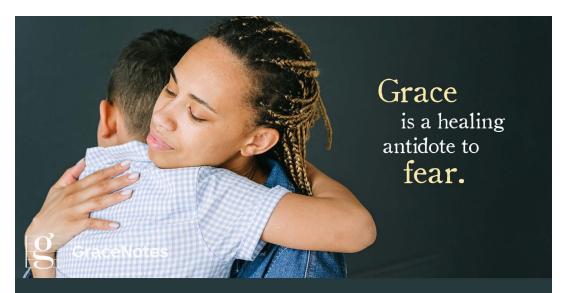
We all want excellent programs for our children and visitors from the community, but this only happens with many hands and hearts involved. Please consider clicking this <u>LINK</u> and volunteering for VBS.

To register your child, click this LINK.

You can also access both of these links from our website as well at the VBS page under the Ministries tab.



That's it for this week. I will be enjoying some time off with my son and daughter-in-law next week so there will not be a Mid Week Letter next Wednesday. Feel free to check the website calendar or call the pastors if you have any questions. God bless, Liz Simons



So let's admit it: we are afraid because bad things have happened in our past, and everything in us shudders at ever being hurt again. Life's all about negotiating risk, we say, and so we bravely sanctify our fears with strategies to hide the dread that we might end unloved and all alone.

But Jesus says, "My grace is enough for you" (2 Cor. 12:9)—enough for all our hidden wounds and public failures, enough for all the times when we've concluded that we can be either well-loved OR well-known, but never both.

Grace is a healing antidote to fear, repairing and rebuilding whatever sin has poisoned, blighted or corroded.

The worst that can be said of us turns out—amazingly—to be a gorgeous anthem to God's never-ending, always-reaching love.

So stay in grace.

-Bill Knott

## **INSPIRING QUOTES:**

- F-E-A-R has two meanings: Forget Everything And Run or Face Everything And Rise. The choice is yours.
- The secret to living well and longer is: Eat half, Walk double, Laugh triple, and Love without measure
- Never be a prisoner to your past. It was a lesson, not a life sentence.
- It's okay if some people don't like you. Not everybody has good taste...