

Mid Week Letter 3-27-24

Greetings, friends! Here's the news...

POWER WEEKEND RECAP:

What a wonderful Power Weekend we had last Friday and Sabbath! In typical professor style, Dr. Gane shared A LOT of information about the Sanctuary and Old Testament sacrificial system and how it pertains to our salvation. We probably got a whole semester's worth of teaching in one weekend! LOL! But Dr. Gane is graciously allowing us to share his Power Point presentations with anyone who would like them. Reply to this message and I will forward them to you. You can watch all the recorded sessions [HERE](#).

As always, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes into these events. We want to give a big thank you to Rute Zorzin, Anita Smith, Cindy Nunez, Kim Thompson, Maria Chimba, Zina and Caitlyn Fritz, Maria Verdugo, Carrie Suess, and MeLanie Walkowiak for planning and serving three delicious meals! Also to Clarence Newton for being such a help with AV! Forgive me if I've forgotten anyone, but know that you are all greatly appreciated for your gift of service!

THIS SABBATH:

It's our joy and privilege to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus this Easter Sabbath. We have planned a special program for the church service including music, drama, baptisms, and even an interactive element. Join us on this high Sabbath as we worship the risen King.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The 2022-2024 term is almost over and it's time to organize a nominating committee to select leaders for our various ministries. April 6 there will be an insert in your bulletin for you to recommend church members who you feel would serve well on this committee. Ideally it should be someone who has been a part of our church body long enough to know many of our members. The following were part of the nominating committee in 2022 and are NOT eligible to serve on the committee this term: David Adams, Rick Beaulieu, Del Dunavant, Robert Dyke, Joanna Gendke, Madilyn Gonzales, Cindy Nunez, Larry Schneider, Jennifer Smith, Kim Thompson. Start brainstorming!

WALK FOR LIFE:

Guess what! Our church is partnering with the Burleson Adventist Spanish Church to take part in Next Step Women's Center's annual Walk for Life fundraiser. This event is scheduled to be held on April 20, which is a Sabbath. But understanding and respecting our Sabbath belief, they are making themselves available to us on Sunday, April 21 from 2:00-4:00.

THIS IS NOT A PROTEST, merely a fun way to minister to our community. By participating in the Walk for Life, we can help Nex Step continue to offer free, life-affirming services to those in our community facing an unplanned pregnancy.

So, save the date, and look for details on how to register and track donations – coming soon!

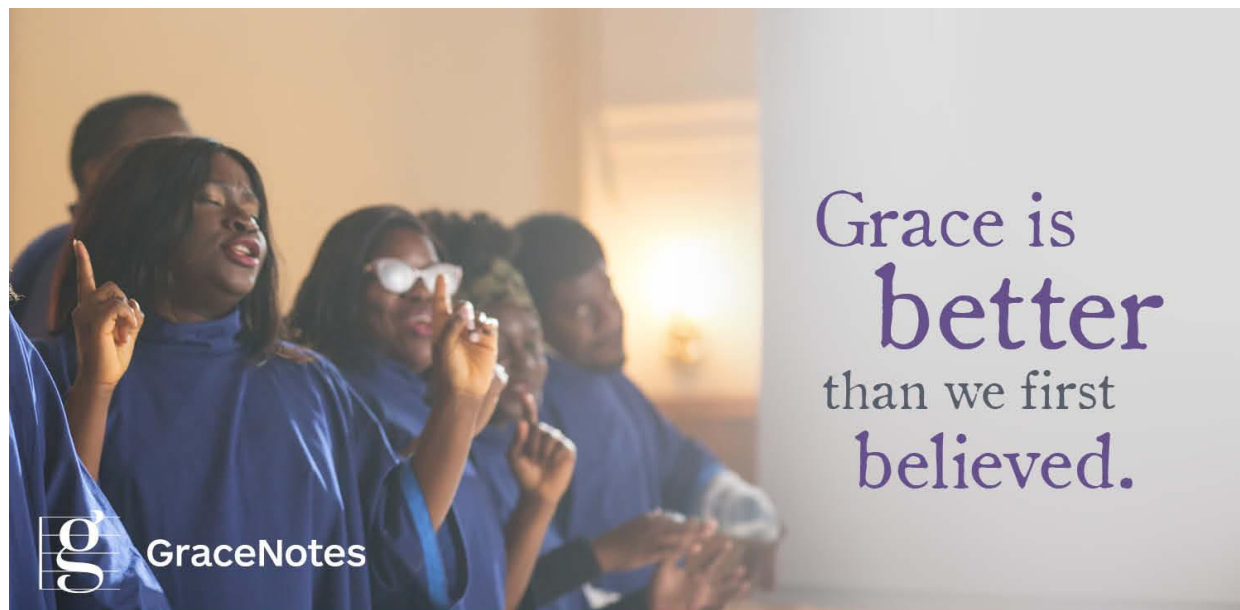


BABY DRIVE:

Just a reminder that Baby Drive donations will be accepted through April 13th. I love how our church is so generously supporting this. Thank you for demonstrating “love in action!”



I'd like to close with this beautiful scripture from 1 Peter 1:3 - "What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for." (The Message Bible) Amen! ~ Liz Simons ~



Fast-forward, if you can, to scenes our hearts are aching to be in. Redeemed at last from all the brokenness, the pettiness, the pain of earthly life, we stand before the throne with those from every nation, tribe, and people, breathing in the air of heaven and singing at the top of our lungs, "Salvation belongs to our God" (Rev 7:10).

Does even one hand go up to get the Lord's attention? — "I need to be sure my good deeds are recorded, that my sacrifice is written down somewhere."

"Preposterous," you say—and right you are. It's simply unimaginable that anyone who's covered by the blood of Jesus would take some credit for a rescue owing just to Him. So why is it we now persist in counting up our virtues? Isn't it evidence enough that we too often fail to grasp the overwhelming, undergirding goodness of our God?

Grace is better than we first believed, more sweeping than we now believe, more joyous than we'll ever believe. Put down your hand. Lift up your voice. The grace will always be amazing.

So stay in grace.

—Bill Knott

FUNNIES:

- I went to the zoo yesterday and I saw a piece of toast in a cage. When I asked the keeper why, he said it was “bread in captivity.”
- What’s the longest word in the English language? Smiles. The first and last letters are a mile apart.
- I have a disease where I can’t stop telling airport jokes. My doctor says it’s terminal.
- I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I’m okay.
- My husband says the salads I make tend to be a bit on the “dry” side. It’s definitely something that needs addressing.