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GOD'S GRACE IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION SANCTIFYING GRACE

Sanctifying Grace – Sanctification and Perfection –

We hold that the wonder of God's acceptance and pardon (justification or being saved) is not the end or ultimate goal of God's saving work. Rather, it is just the beginning of living out our life of faith.

Through the action of the Holy Spirit, God continues to nurture our growth in grace in a continual journey toward "having the mind of Christ and walking as he walked." John Wesley would say this is our "going on to perfection" through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Author Robert Tuttle expresses sanctifying grace this way, "it denotes the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer between conversion and death. Accompanied by fruit and gifts, sanctifying grace slowly but surely roots out those things that would separate Christians from God, themselves, and those around them"¹.

Sanctifying Grace is a process, a faith journey, where we become more and more like Christ and separate ourselves more and more from those things that God's shows us we need to let go of. We express this activity of the Holy Spirit at work in us as "Christian Growth".



This grace as it relates to Wesley's house analogy is when we enter the house to explore the rooms and further experience God's rule in our life. As we move from one room to another, we have new and fresh experiences with our heavenly father. This deepening experience with God and opening our hearts to God so that we are more and more like him, this process of

growth is Sanctification or Sanctifying Grace.

Philippians 2:12-13: tells us "*Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is **God who is at work in you**, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure*".

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The idea behind sanctifying grace is that God loves us just the way we are, but too much to let us stay the same! God's sanctifying grace changes us and leads us to a stronger faith, a faith which leads to good works. Just as a one-sided marriage fails, a one-sided relationship with God fails, also. We must participate in the relationship God offers us, and God's sanctifying grace leads us to do that.

Over the last few newsletters we have explored these various ways of understanding and expressing God's grace. This series was written at a very high or generalized way to introduce you to these expressions of God's grace in the Wesleyan understanding and tradition. Starting in October 7th we will begin a sermon series that takes a more detailed and personal look at Our Wesleyan Understanding of God's Grace. I trust that you will join us on this series.

Faithfully yours,

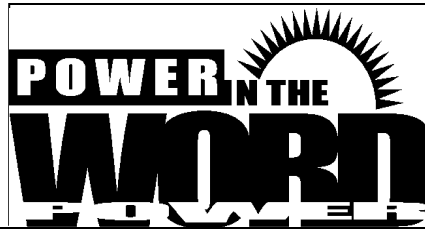
Pastor Jon

¹ Robert G. Tuttle, *Sanctity Without Starch: a Layperson's Guide to a Wesleyan Theology of Grace* (Lexington, KY: Bristol Books, 1992), 20. 1st UMC Wichita Falls, Texas
<http://www.fumcwf.org/wesleyan-doctrines/justifying-grace/>



OUR NEWSLETTER has not been updated in a long time and so a team will begin the process of laying out a new streamlined format that is more pleasing to the eye and more likely to be read. We will welcome any suggestions you have. During the time that the redesign is being address we will switch to a **Newsletter Flash** each month that is a brief version of the current newsletter that will have all the activity information that you want for your planning purposes. We intend to launch the new Newsletter format in early 2019. We appreciate your patience as this team does its work.

<p>Newsletter Deadline for November 2018 Newsletter <u>Newsletter Articles due in Office</u> Monday, October 15 <u>Newsletter Folding Party</u> Thursday, October 25</p>



OCTOBER LECTIONARY READINGS

October 7 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
October 14 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
October 21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
October 28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS: Alburnett Office on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00AM-12:00NOON, and at Prairie Chapel on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM-12:00NOON. If you need copies, please call several days ahead to schedule during office hours.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

ARE YOU MOVING? GOING AWAY TO COLLEGE?

Please let us know your new address, so we can keep sending you the newsletter! Would you prefer to receive the Newsletter by email? Fill out the back of a prayer card, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!

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Worship Service Times
will change
on October 7, 2018

Effective October 7st the worship times will switch.

Prairie Chapel's worship service will start at 9:00AM

Sunday School will meet at 10:15AM.

Alburnett's worship service will start at 10:30AM

Sunday School will meet at 10:30AM

These worship service times will stay in place until January 1, 2020. And they will switch every year after that on January 1st. This will make the publication of our worship services much simpler for marketing purposes.



SAMARITAN'S CHEST - Confidential assistance of individuals or families in our local community.

Money that is collected in the chest goes into the Pastor's Benevolence Fund to help with special needs and confidential assistance of individuals or families within our local community, mostly for food and gas.

The Good Samaritan Fund has been established to impact the lives of people who are in need of small emergency assistance

The Good Samaritan



and is funded by donations from individuals who want to assist others as an expression of Christian love.

There will be a sign and container (chest) set out on the first Sunday of each month for these donations.

*The Good Samaritan Fund
Because others passed them by ...*



Fall Soup Supper

Your choice of soup, sandwich & dessert:

Turkey Noodle, Chili or Potato corn chowder

Turkey and ham salad sandwiches

Sunday October 14th
5-7 pm

Free Will Offering

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church
1817 Prairie Chapel Road Marion
319-377-7506



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING OCTOBER 7

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be? Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.



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FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2017 Expenses Budget: \$85,000
Fact: needed per Month for Expenses: \$7,083
Fact: needed per Week for Expenses: \$1,635

Contributions		Attendance	
8/26	\$1045.00	8/26	39
9/2	\$1250.00	9/2	38
9/9	\$1118.00	9/9	70
9/16	\$992.00	9/16	56
9/23	\$1175.00	9/23	47
9/30	n/a	9/30	n/a

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Deanna Wheeler
2 David Sargent
3 Brayden Hemphill
4 Mikaela Stevenson
4 Judy Burns
4 Rick Smith
6 Bart Gingrich
7 Robin Morrison
8 Jenice Ster
11 Elizabeth Wheeler
19 Bill Sloan
22 Janet Sargent



27 Jenny (Moore) Johnson
28 Kara Lawrence
30 Cara (Becker) Dix
30 Cindy Scott
31 Elizabeth Sperfslage
OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES
2 Brian & Cindy Scott
24 Alan & Lori Sperfslage
26 Jeremy & Lindy Hartl

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

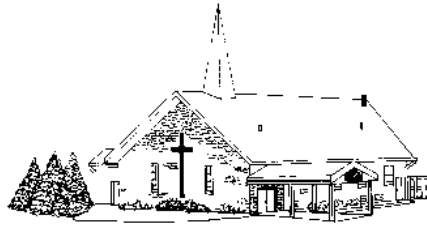
MISSIONS: Our October Missions Project will be to Collect diapers and baby care item for the Waypoint Domestic Violence Center. Please bring your donations to the church. Thank you, the Missions Committee.

"Like" Pastor Jon's Facebook Page: It will have Information on Alburnett Services & Activities.

Like page: www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA His posts on Parish information will also appear on the Prairie Chapel Facebook Page.



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STEWARDSHIP

*When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...***PRAYERS:** Pray for Peace. Pray for those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments or in hospice care. Pray for the safety of all military, police, firefighters and EMT personnel. Pray for our elected officials, that God may give them wisdom.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

8/26	43
9/2	41
9/9	52
9/16	51
9/23	58
9/30	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

8/26	\$1520.00
9/2	\$1433.35
9/9	\$1865.00
9/16	\$1444.75
9/23	n/a
9/30	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....thanks to everyone serving on our church committees.

THANK YOU! We want to thank everyone for making our 50th wedding anniversary celebration so much fun and for all the beautiful cards we received and kind words. We feel truly blessed. -Tim and Kathy

UMW: Thursday, October 19 at 1:00PM

Program and Devotions: Connie Walther. Hostesses: Carlene Reinhardt. Business Meeting and In-Gathering Projects;

Discuss Soup Supper final plans

**In-Gathering Project Work Days: Oct 4, 11, 18, 25
& Nov 1 beginning at 9:30**

PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Anne Lyttle
1 David Weller
2 Lorna Kertesz
4 Spencer Jordan
5 Carlene Reinhardt
6 Trista Sauser
7 Stephanie Seibert
9 Tyler Stewart
11 Alan Beckner
11 John P. Dixon
12 Mackenzie Mattke
13 Raymond Nietert
16 Michelle Seibert
18 Linda Blackford
26 DeWayne Beckner



26 Julie Scott
26 Jeff Nielson
26 Colt Nebergall
28 Rick Martin
28 Bill Nielson
30 James Jordan
30 David Beckner
31 Greg Nielson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

9 Erik & Jeanna Lilleberg
30 Frank & Phyliss Lamb

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday School classes will be going to Pinicon Ridge Park for a picnic and hiking. The date depends on the weather and park conditions. Families will be notified.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, October 4 at 6:30PM at the church. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!. See you there!



We will have our annual trunk and treat on Sunday October 28 following worship. Decorate your car trunk or back if your truck if you'd like. The Sunday School kids will walk around the church parking lot from vehicle to vehicle. This gives you a chance to see and enjoy their cute costumes. If the weather doesn't cooperate, there will be tables set up in the church basement for you to set your decorations on and treats.

**The 39th Annual Thanksgiving Ingathering
will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018**