

**Lancaster Baptist Church**

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**A COMMUNITY OF GRACE  
THAT IS GROWING  
AND GOING**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**JULY**

- Prayer on the Square  
Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
PM.
- 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration July 16th
- Alaska Mission Trip July  
16-23
- Night of Praise July 30th
- Deacon Selection  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

**PRAYER WARRIOR**

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
John & Carroll Clark

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
WALKING**

**Monday – Friday  
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)**

**From Your Pastor**

**Grace Assessment**

This past Sunday evening, we talked about how the church is to be a community of grace. The church should be the place where people see God's grace on display. God has been gracious towards us (sinners) and we need to show that same grace to others. Yes, it is easier to preach and talk about grace than it is to extend grace to others. I want to regularly remind myself, and the church, that we should be grace-driven people. There is a remarkable difference between being "religious" and being "grace-driven." Religious people try to earn (and keep) God's favor and they expect others to rise to their self-determined level of religiosity. Grace-driven people regularly consider the grace that God has shown toward them and not only celebrate that grace but they extend God's grace to others.

Over the years, I have noticed how delightful it is to be around grace-filled people. I was going to mention a few people that immediately comes to mind but I'm sure I would leave somebody out. I sure am thankful for those who are so uplifting, quick to encourage, quick to find positives in most situations, eager to minister to others, and really shine the love and grace of Christ wherever they go. Maybe you should take a moment and evaluate your life to see if you have any characteristics of grace in your life.

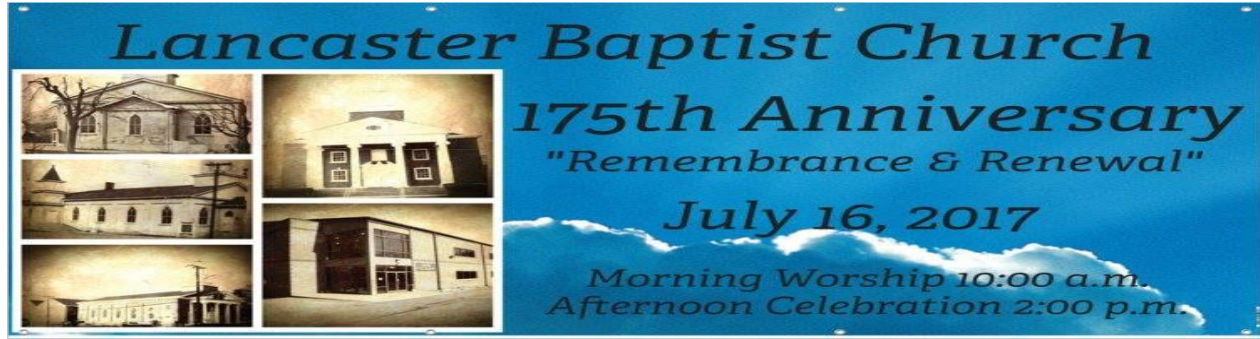
Every now and then I like to look back at Philip Yancey's "*What's So Amazing About Grace*" book and think about his question, "Why don't Christians show more of it?" There are a couple things that he wrote that I can quickly identify with. Yancey wrote, "I think back to whom I was – resentful, wound tight with anger, a single hardened link in a long chain of 'un-grace' learned from family and church. Now, I am trying in my own small way to pipe...the tune of grace. I do so because I know, more surely than I know anything, that any pang of healing or forgiveness, or goodness, I have ever felt comes solely from the grace of God. I yearn for the church to become a nourishing culture of that grace." Amen and amen! I want to have a tune of grace in my life. I yearn for the church to be a nourishing culture of grace.

As God continues to show me my self-righteous, judgmental, legalistic heart, the aroma of grace becomes all the more refreshing. Yes, I desire for my life to have a perceivable flavor of grace about it. I desire for Lancaster Baptist Church to have a perceivable flavor of grace about her. So, take off your grave clothes (selfish, sinful, judgmental, legalistic, self-righteous, angry, unkind, malice, vengeful, ...) and put on your grace clothes (forgiving, merciful, compassionate, humble, meek, patient, love). Who do you need to extend grace to today? Don't skip that question. Celebrate God's grace towards you and extend it to others! May Christ be glorified as we manifest His grace!

**Bro Harold**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**175 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Invite others to join us on July 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate. Celebration service at 2:00 PM.



**MENTORS NEEDED:** Rick Gastineau is working with Kids Hope USA and Lancaster Elementary to train mentors to work with a student this Fall (one student for one hour a week). The applications for becoming a mentor are in the church library. Let Rick know if you are interested. Return completed forms to Rick or the church office.

**PRAYER ON THE SQUARE:** July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. (No evening service on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.)

**DEACON SELECTION:** Please prayerfully consider who you think would serve well as Deacons at LBC as Deacon nominations will be received through July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**REVIVAL:** Mark your calendar for Revival (Aug. 27-30) with Bro. Barry Jeffries.

**NOMINATING TEAM:** The Nominating Team will soon begin working on teams for the coming year. If you are interested in serving please let them know.

**HOLY LAND TOUR:** If you might be interested in going to the Holy Land in March of 2018 please see Bro. Harold for more details.

### **PRAYER REQUEST** (*Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16*) Della Hall – 548-9250

Paul Abney	Stephanie Elam	Molly Lanham	Katherine Sowder	<b>LBC</b>
Steve Baker	Heather Farris	Chris Lawson	Tyler Stratton	Bro. Harold & family
Sue Ballard	Jimmy Flynn	Theo Long	Andy Sutton	Bro. Nehemiah & family
Dorothy Bennett	Rosetta France	Darin Mackey	Mike Sutton	Bro. Ken & family
Enith Benthley	Arthur Gaffney, Jr.	Sherry Martin	Bro. Leon Thomas	Chervens
Sheri Beth	Vernon Gallagher	Landyn Maynard	Sky Tudor	Amanda Hubler
Kaleigh Burkhardt	Zachary Gay	Lindsay Meadors	Bill Vanderpool	CJ & Adam (Clear Creek)
J.O. Burkhead	Jean Goins	Lisa Morrow	Tonia Warren	Michael Anderson
Bud Byrd	Rae Ann Grubbs	Verity Morrow	Lucy Wayne	Our Deacons
Cameron Caldwell	Barbara Hackney	Cline Mullins	Flonnie Whitaker	Our SS Teachers
Kristine Caudill	Barb Hall	George Peek	Billy Williams	Church Leaders
Jerry Carrier	Jeanne Hall	Amber Rankin	Charlotte Winter	Lost
Nancy Childers	Leland Hall	Deanna Rice		<b>COMMUNITY</b>
Joyce Clark	Diana Henderson	Lisa Logan Rogers		County Judge (Wilson)
Nancy Clark	Marsha Hodge	Leo Russell	<b>HOMEBOUND</b>	City Mayor (Davis)
Levi Clontz	Misty Horton	Dave Ruda	• Jewell Callis	Representative (Shell)
Arnold Cool	Jeff Hoskins	Leroy Russell	• Lois Carrier (CCC)	Police/Sheriff Dept.
Nikki Coulter	Carolyn Hunt	Amos Sharp	• Nellie Cole	Fire/EMS
Jr. Cox	David Husing	David Simpson	• JoAnn Grow	Schools
Rosa Cranfill	Cheryl Johnson	Virginia Simpson	• Allene (Peg) Dollins	Lost
Gladys Dailey	Julia Kay	Ben & Kim Smith	• Juanita Gullett	<b>NATIONALLY</b>
Roy Davis, Sr.	Donna Kendall	Danny Smith	• Della Meadows (CCC)	President (Trump)
Laikin Day	KY Choice Treatment	Derek Smith	• Anna Meadows	Governor (Bevins)
Charles Denton	Don King		• Tina Montgomery (CCC)	Legislatures
Jo Denton	Mandy Lynch		• Marie Naylor	Armed Forces
Mike Durham			• Dorothy Shockley (CCC)	Missionaries
			• Myrtle Stump (CCC)	Persecuted Christians
				Spiritual Awakening