

Fall for Jesus



He never leaves

Pondering Along the Way

So Good to Me!

My mom passed over to glory 18 years ago. In the months that followed, as I was going through some of her personal belongings, I found in her Bible, notes that she made in her handwriting of hymns and bible verses that she held dear to her heart and mind. I also found this prayer tucked in the pages of her Bible;

“So Good to Me” – Dear God, You are so good to me – in every happy way – whatever be the problem or the weather of the day. You give me all the courage I otherwise would lack. You do much more for me than I could ever pay you back. You comfort me in every storm; You lead me by the hand; and when my mind is puzzled, God, You help me understand. So also, when the sun appears or stars are in the sky, I feel that You are near me, and my hopes are twice as high. Dear God, You are so good to me in everything I do – I love You and I thank You and I want to live for You.

“So good to me!” This captures the faith that I saw lived out in her life. It is not only the prayer but the Bible verses and hymns that she noted, were an expression of the thirst of her soul. These are the treasures that she tucked, not only in her Bible but within her heart.

What treasures might I find in your Bible? More importantly, what treasures have you hidden within your heart?

The Psalmist says, ***“I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)***

“I have hidden Your Word” - at its root, the word “hidden” means to treasure and cherish something so deeply that we take it to heart by memorizing it. This word is used over 30 times in the Old Testament. If we desire to abide in the Word and abide in Jesus throughout the day, hiding the Word of our Father within our heart is vital to our growth. I know, for some, our memory is not what it used to be. However, The Holy Spirit has been given to us, to help us remember all that Jesus has taught us. ***(John 14:26)***

Why is the discipline of memorizing the Word so important? We have our Bibles. We have apps on our phone that we can refer to with the touch of a few keys. However, we memorize the Word, in order to help us keep our mind fixed upon the Word, all day long. We can repeat it and pray it and ponder over it at Traffic lights or in aisle 7 of the Super Market.

After the death of Moses, when Joshua is placed as leader of Israel, God says; ***“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.” (Joshua 1:8)***

Memorizing the Word helps us to dwell in His presence all day long. Another blessing is that in hiding the Word within our heart, we carry the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit with us all day long. ***“I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”***

As I write this article, there is a squirrel that takes one nut after another, strips it of its shell and carries it up a tree to its nest. This squirrel is preparing for winter and storing up or hiding away this treasure.

We hide the Word within our heart for two reasons. First, because we cherish the Word and we want to savor it and treasure it throughout the day. Secondly, we hide the Word in our heart so that we may not sin. Storing up the Word like a squirrel with a nut, will help us stay strong in the face of temptation. Remember, the battle against sin is not fought so much by discipline but by delight. When we delight in His Word, then temptation loses its alluring power.

My prayer for all of us, is that we will hide His Word in our hearts, that we too might not sin against the one whose very breath is in this Word.

In this newsletter, you will find 12 Bible verses. Would you join me please, pretty please, in memorizing one each month?

In Jesus,

Barry

~John 16:33~ – “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

~Isaiah 41:10~ – “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

~Philippians 4:6-7~ – “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

~Romans 8:28~ – “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

~Joshua 1:9~ – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

~Proverbs 3:5-6~ – “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

~Romans 15:13~ – “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

~2 Chronicles 7:14~ – “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

~Isaiah 41:13~ – “For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.”

~1 Peter 5:6-7~ – “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

~Psalm 94:18-19~ – “When I said, “My foot is slipping,” your unfailing love, LORD, supported me.¹⁹ When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.”

~Revelation 21:4~ – “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not published on-line



MEMORIALS

In Memory Of

Paula Abrams

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Linda Gault
Duane & Carole
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SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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PRAYER CHAIN

Praying for God's people is
A personal gift and means of
reaching out to those in our lives.

Grace is a praying
church which reaches out
to lift up God's children.

The Prayer Chain
provides reaching these needs.

If you would like to be part
of this mission at Grace,
please contact:

Jan Swanson: 814-362-3640

Please remember our shut-ins:

Pastor and the deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly.

Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

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Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program



Order with payment must be
Submitted by **11AM** on the
FIRST Sunday of each month.

NEXT GIFT CARD ORDER

Sept. 6th , 2026

**New participants: Tops Friendly
Markets**

Questions? See Jackie Streb



FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is
Brenda Alviti: 814-558-1829

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting will be at 6pm
September 8th, 2026 in the church social hall.

Please remember that the Congregation
is always welcome!



Deacon's Meeting

The next Deacon's meeting will be at 6:00pm
September 2nd, 2026 in the
church social hall.

RECYCLING

Keep saving your nickel cans and nickel
plastic bottles! Please leave them in
the church social hall for pick-up. Thank you!
Remember: ***“With God all things are possible.”***



Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items
placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday
morning and the deadline for slides is
Thursday morning. Please write
the information in the manner you would
like the church secretary to print it.

Altar Flowers

You may sign up for Altar Flowers on
the chart posted in the Social Hall.
This can be in memory of a loved one or
friend or to commemorate a special event.
To make a donation you may use one of
the envelopes in the Welcome Center and
place in the collection plate, the safe or
call the Church Office at 814-362-3244.



THE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our Bible Study is resuming on September 10th, 2026. We meet the second and fourth Thursdays in the church social hall at 10:30AM. There will be coffee and cookies before class.

All Women are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

Our topic for this Bible Study is “Evangelism - A Way of Life”. How can we overcome our fears and insecurities and reach out to others. The Bible shows us many examples of how Jesus dealt with people. We are to expose our faith, not impose or hide it.

Study Guides are \$9.00 for our sessions from September to May with some adjustments for holidays. Guides will be available at the September 10th session.

Contact **Vicki Sander: 814-465-3137** or **Laura Keesler: 814-465-9388** for further information. We are looking forward to seeing you and bring a friend!

Home Prayers for Our Grace Family - September

We would like to have the congregation pray at home this month for our children. All Children. Those in our church, our community, at the CLC, and our own families.

PROVERBS 22:6 - *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7 - *“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.”*

JEREMIAH 29:11 - *“For I know the plans I have for you,” “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

God has entrusted these precious children into our care. An awesome responsibility. And we can begin by prayer for them.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION - Lord, I pray for Your emotional, physical and spiritual protection over our children. I pray You will guard their minds from harmful instruction, and grant them discernment to recognize truth. I ask You to protect their steps and keep them safe from harm. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAITH - Dear God, I pray that this child will develop an enduring faith in You, know You are good and Your love is everlasting. Strengthen their faith and renew their heart to see You in everything. Help them to trust in Your promises and to rely on You in all circumstances. May their life be a testimony to the grace and truth found in Christ. Amen.

A new ministry is beginning this month - **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**. A need has been recognized. We need to show our children how much God loves them and how important they are. They will begin with learning about the “Life of Jesus”. Pray for this ministry. Volunteer to help. Provide supplies as needed.

WE NEED TO PRAY CEASELESSLY BECAUSE IT IS HIS GIFT TO US!

Our homebounds need our prayers, note cards, phone calls or visits.

- ~Judy Signor ~John Thompson ~Donna Lannen ~Glenn Bunce
~Jim Randolph ~Betty Jean Austin ~Janelle Dexter
~Bob Kelly ~Marsha Denning ~Charlotte Reinhardt



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Join Us For Worship!

Sunday
10:00am Blended
9:00am Family Education

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The Web!*

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Grace Lutheran Ministries
(Live Streaming
Sundays 10am)*

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2ND
Deacon's Meeting 6pm

SEPTEMBER 7TH
Labor Day
OFFICE & CLC CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 8TH
Council Meeting 6pm

SEPTEMBER 11TH
Patriot Day

SEPTEMBER 13TH
Grandparent's Day

SEPTEMBER 22ND
First day of Autumn

SEPTEMBER 24TH
**Congregation Prayer
Meeting 4pm**

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday: 10am-2pm
Wednesday: 10am-2pm
Friday: 10am-2pm

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