



## Calvert City Church of Christ

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### Grace and Peace

Paul uses “grace and peace,” usually adding a few words and phrases, as his greeting in all of his epistles. The most frequent version is, “Grace to you and peace from god our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Charles Hodge is fond of saying, “In Bible study the unfamiliar needs to be read; the familiar needs to be read more closely.” Let’s look more closely at this familiar greeting.

*Chairain* (translated “greeting”) was the usual greeting when two Greek-speakers met. It is also how they regularly began epistles (see Acts 23:260. Its connotation is something like, “good luck,” or “have a good day.” “Grace” in Paul’s greeting is *charis*, obviously a related word. Paul “baptized and sanctified” the two common greetings, “grace and peace,” by adding “from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” “Grace” from God and Christ is not just “luck” or “fortune.” It is a gift from God planned before the worlds began, which, when appropriated by living faith, brings salvation from sin and a purpose for life.

“By grace” is the only way a person who has sinned can be saved. No sacrifice we are able to offer will take away our sin, no material price is sufficient to pay for forgiveness, no amount of good works can erase even one sin. We are “unprofitable servants” (Luke 17:10), because any good work we can do we are obligated to do; doing it just keeps us from committing a sin of omission (James 4:17).

The opportunity to give liberally to help accomplish good works is a grace (2 Cor. 8:1,7). The gifts we exercise as we serve, exhort, give, lead, and show mercy are “according to the grace given to us” (Rom. 12:6-8). Paul said, “By the grace of God I am what I am” (1 Cor. 15:10), and, I suspect, whatever is good and effective in us is by the grace of God as well.

“Peace” (Heb., *shalom*, Gr., *eirene*) was the common Jewish greeting in bible times, as it is to this day in that part of the world. “The peace” which is from God is more than an assurance of nonaggression. It is “peace with God” (Rom. 5:1) because as sin, which produced enmity, has been forgiven and removed; we are reconciled to God. Jews and Gentiles were as estranged from one another as any two warring groups today, but the gospel brings peace with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, regardless of their race, nationality or color (Eph. 2:11-22). We are all reconciled to God in one body through the cross. Then, replacing anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving, we have a “peace of God which passes all understanding” (Phil. 4:7).

So, in his epistleatory greetings, Paul transforms the common greetings of Gentiles and of Jews into a foretaste of the blessings of the gospel about which he writes. —Cecil May Jr., Dean Emeritus Faulkner University

### **Dates to Remember:**

**October 12**—Caring Cooks  
**October 14**—WKYC Golf Scramble  
**October 15**—SNACS at Emily Bean's  
**October 22**—Youth & Family Devo  
**October 28**—Fall Festival  
**October 29**—5th Sunday

### **Who Sowed the Seed?**

by: C. R. Brewer

Who sowed the seed? None could recall.  
But somewhere in the bygone years  
A toiler in the ground let fall  
A seed that in the soil took hold,  
And through long months of heat and cold,  
Increased and spread, till now appears  
An annual harvest of rich gold.

Who planted the tree? Nobody knew.  
But someone, sometime, set it out,  
And it through rain and sunshine grew,  
Although no eye was near to see,  
'Til from the little tender sprout  
There came a sheltering giant tree  
And many a pilgrim breathed a prayer  
Of thanks for him who put it there.

Who sowed the Good Seed? Perhaps not now,  
But in eternity we'll know.  
The Master then will tell us how  
Some gentle soul, devoid of fame,  
Proclaimed a truth in His Great Name,  
Showed someone else the way to go.  
And then another, seeing the light,  
Turned from the way of doubt and wrong,  
And followed the pathway of the right  
And thus the good work moved along.  
But only in Heaven will it be known  
By whom the original seed was sown.

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### **Ancient Truths for Modern Times**

**WCKK, FM—95.7**

**Sundays 8:30 a.m.**

**Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles**

### **Clothing, Toy and Houseware Give-Away**

Our congregation will be hosting a winter clothing, toy and houseware give-away on **Saturday, November 18**. We are counting on our members to donate items. Please ensure that the clothing and other items are clean and in good condition and working order. Please store your items at home until Friday, November 17 when they can be dropped off at the activities building. If you do not have the space to store the items, please contact Brent Fortner (270)519-2920. Any member of the church that has a need for personal items will be able to go through on the evening of Friday, November 17. If you have hang-up clothing racks that we can use or if you can volunteer to sort, organize and distribute items Friday, Saturday or both, please sign up in lobby.

P.S.—Please save summer items for our Summer Giveaway in March or April 2018

### **Golden Agers' Trip**

The Golden Agers will travel to Scottsville, KY to visit the Mennonite community and eat lunch on Thursday, October 19. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the activities building parking lot.

### **We Have the Bible**

A rich man in torment wanted his brothers to see Lazarus raised so they would believe. Abraham said if they do not believe Moses and the prophets they will not believe even if one is raised from the dead. Jesus was raised from the dead and those who did not want to believe still did not.

People who do not believe the bible likely will still not believe even if they were to see a miracle. —**Cecil R. May, Jr. Preacher Talk**, June, 2013

### Remember in Prayer:

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Convalescent Center

Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford, Betty  
Burkeen, Ethel Davis, Ralph & Billie  
Davis, Jimmy Davis, JoNell Dawes,  
Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs,  
Imogene Hulsey, Carol Myers,  
Kandyce Owen

### *Nursing Home/Assisted Living:*

*Brookdale (Paducah)*—John Main,

Jim & Barbara Story

*CCCCtr*—Betty Clark, Hazel Demery

*Jackson Oaks*—Betty Burkeen

*Stilley House*—Ed O'Dell, Ralph Steury

*Military:* Cory O'Bryan—Ft. Campbell

***"You keep him in  
perfect peace  
whose mind is  
stayed on you,  
because he trusts  
in you."***

**Isaiah 26:3**

**Record:  
October 8, 2017**

Mid-Week (October 4)	157
Sunday Bible Study	154
Sunday Morning Worship	205
Sunday Evening Worship	156
Contribution	\$10,141

## Missional Living Through the Eyes of Paul

Missional living in our modern American culture seems to fall by the wayside far too often for us to truly embody the work of Christ. What do I mean by missional living? Simply put, to put the mission of God at the forefront of our thought when making decisions we face in our day to day lives. We seem to compartmentalize missional living to a very narrow scope of church activities.

However, it should be the central focus of the life of each Christian. We see this idea exemplified in the life of Paul. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes in chapter 9 verse 22 "To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."

While this is a powerful statement in and of itself, a more powerful example is given in Christ. In John chapter 1, we see a stunning revelation concerning our state as sinners and the response of our God. We see this passage begin with, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God", referring to Christ, the Word. The true revelation, however, is found further down in verse 14 which reads, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...". The simple truth is that Christ, God, became man, flesh, in order save man. He most deeply embodies the idea of becoming all things to all men in order to save a few, and if we are to bear His name, it's time we resist culture and do the same.

**—Jared Higginbotham**

**Pew Packers  
Sunday, 5:45 p.m.**

## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

### **Bible Classes For All Ages**

#### **Those Who Are To Serve:**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

#### **10:00 A.M.**

*Song Leader:* Gayle Hall

*Opening Prayer:* Kerry Brandon

*Closing Prayer:* Randy O'Bryan

*Convalescent Center:* Jeff Hall

Gary Smith

#### **6:00 P.M.**

*Song Leader:* Dale Roberts

*Opening Prayer:* Jamie Leonard

*Closing Prayer:* Jerry Hall

#### **Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

*Announcements:* Lance Cordle

*Song Leader:* Kevin Hunt

*Opening Prayer:* Michael Parshall

*Closing Prayer:* Jimmy Smith