

Book Review – by Mrs. Kacie Jamison

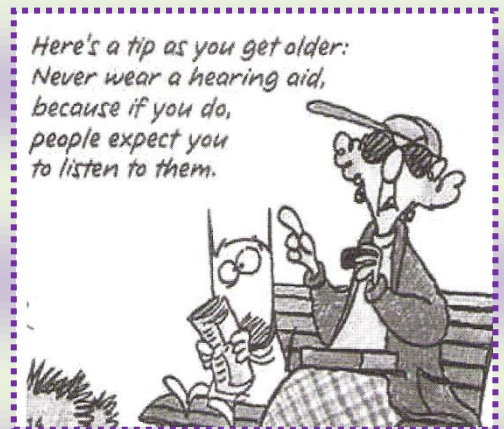
“Your Pastor and You” is a small booklet packed full with vital information that every church member should read and apply to their lives. As Christians, we know that Satan is attacking every institution that God has founded. However, we often fail to recognize the attack on the relationship between pastor and people. This booklet helps us to better understand the essential elements that are needed to have a right relationship with the pastor.

The booklet begins by establishing the roles of the pastor and people and how Satan is continuously attacking this relationship from every angle. The remaining chapters share how Satan’s fiery darts may be thwarted by the people of God who allow spiritual authorities in their lives to do their God-given duty. We are to acknowledge and encourage our pastor. He bears a huge responsibility in watching for the souls of the whole congregation. He needs our prayers. He faces temptation and battles just like we do. Let’s choose to love our pastor and his role in our life.

Pastor Paul Chappell penned these powerful words:

“Choose to have an excellent spirit toward your pastor- for plenty of others will choose a resentful spirit. Choose to be joyfully supportive- for plenty of others will bitterly oppose. Choose to pray for and to love- for plenty of others will choose to gossip and to resist. Choose to remember- for plenty of others will choose to forget.”

Here at Grace Baptist Church, we couldn’t ask for a better pastor. He fulfills his God-given responsibility. He leads us. He warns us. He teaches us. He prays for us. He loves us. What are we doing for him? I encourage you to take the time to read through this booklet. Your pastor needs you!

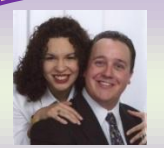


On the Calendar. . .

- \*Missions Conference – September 30 – October 3, 2010
- \*Ladies of Grace Meeting – October 12 at 6:30 p.m. -- Harvest Party  
\*Focus on Missions  
Listen in church for announcements or go to [www.galaatgrace.com](http://www.galaatgrace.com).
- \*Christian Womanhood Spectacular – Hammond, Indiana  
October 20-22, 2010  
\*see Mrs. Jenny Will for details

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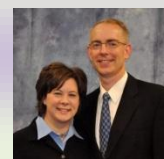
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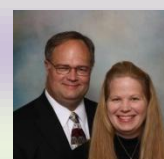
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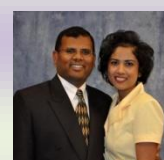
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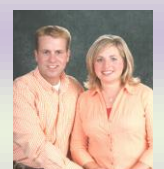
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# Ministering Grace - September 2010

a monthly newsletter for the Ladies of Grace Baptist Church

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“For they have refreshed my spirit and yours...” 1 Corinthians 16:18

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## Welcome to Ladies of Grace 2010-2011

This is going to be the best year ever for the ladies of Grace Baptist Church. A lot of planning, preparing, and praying have gone into the "new and improved" Ladies of Grace. It is our prayer that you will enjoy each and every meeting and activity that you attend and that your heart will be blessed beyond measure. On behalf of the Ministers of Grace and their crews and everyone who has had a part in getting this year off to a great start, we wish you a lovely evening. Please enjoy yourself and let us know if you need anything. I wish you a time of refreshment and a time of our common love for the Lord binding our hearts together!



## Chasing Away the Spiritual Chills - Mrs. Bane

For most of my life I have enjoyed hearing the preaching of the Word of God. However, there have been some times – some seasons – that I have felt my heart was a little chilly or indifferent as I sat in church. My mind would wander to any number of things – then I would realize I hadn't been paying attention and the service was nearly over.

One year at Vacation Bible School, my teacher taught us a song that had some verses from Psalm 19 in it. Verse 10 was used as a "chorus" for the Scripture song so it was easy to remember. Verse 10 says, "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." As a kid, I really liked the tune to this verse, especially because my teacher sang a harmony part on the last few words. It really stuck with me. The other verses that were part of the song were verses 7, 8, 9 and 11 which speak about the Word of God. I have grown to love all of these verses about the Bible!

When a season comes into my life where I find myself not tuned in to preaching, or when I become aware of my chilly heart, I make myself take action! Because I WANT God to speak to my heart in each and every service that I attend, I take some not-so-drastic measures to get my heart warmed back up to God. This is what I do for one week straight:

1. I continue to read my Bible every day.
2. I find one verse daily that has meaning to me.
3. I write the verse on a 3x5 card.
4. I put that 3x5 card where I will see it many times throughout the day.
5. I stop several times throughout the day to meditate on the verse and allow God to show me what it means.
6. After meditating, I write something I learned from the verse on the back of the card.

7. I do this for 7 days in a row, each day reviewing the previous days' verses and lessons.

8. The next week in church . . . every time I have found that my heart has warmed back up to God and His Word and my heart is blessed!!! No more thinking about other stuff and making mental to-do lists.

As I said, this is not drastic action; in fact, it is quite simple, but it is meaningful action. I have repeated these steps many times when my heart has cooled a bit. I have realized that it is my job to come to the preaching service with a prepared heart – a heart that is already "pre-heated," if you will, so the spiritual Bread can go right into the oven of a warm heart. Psalm 19:7 says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul..." I have found this to be true in my life over and over again. God's Word really can change my chilly heart into a heart that is warm and ready to receive His Word. If you feel the temperature of your heart is a little cool, consider trying these very easy steps. I think you will be rewarded with meaningful results in short order! ♡

## Scripture Memory Challenges

Scripture Memory Challenge #1 – Ladies who memorize the selected monthly theme-related verses each month, September through March will receive a certificate and a beautiful hand-made Bible bookmark.

Scripture Memory Challenge #2 – Ladies who memorize the designated chapter will receive a certificate, a beautiful hand-made Bible bookmark, and a super-cute, stylish wallet.

\*Information on reciting verses and getting "credit" for your memorization will be given in tonight's meeting.

\*As each challenge is completed, you will be given a sticker for your bookmark so you can track your progress.

\*Challenges are to be completed within the designated period of time.

\*Scripture Memory Challenge achievements will be recognized and rewarded at the Mother-Daughter Banquet in May.

\*All questions regarding the Scripture Memory Challenges may be directed to Mrs. Robin Fraker.

September Scripture Memory Challenge #1: Titus 2:3-4

September Scripture Memory Challenge #2: I Corinthians 16:1-4

## Deepening Love Through the Seasons of Life - Mrs. Bonita Gray

As I look back over the years of my life, I am certain that God has watched over and protected me many times. God is good, and I thank Him for His many blessings in my life. In August, my husband and I celebrated 59 years of marriage. We started our lives together right out of high school and soon became a military family. During the 25 years in the Air Force, we had four daughters, all born in a different area, and did a lot of traveling around. So, because of moving from one base to another, we never did find a good church. My husband and I were both saved as teenagers in a little United Brethren Church in

Ostrander. We always had Jesus in our hearts, but we never served Him as we should have. My husband retired from the Air Force in 1977, and in 1982 our nephew, Gary Mann, came to this area to start a new church. We were there for that very first Sunday, and we are still here! We love GBC and we plan to spend the rest of our lives here. We are a very quiet couple, never have been leaders, but we do hope we are an encouragement with our faithfulness and our support. As you grow older, you grow slower, but your love for the Lord grows deeper.

I guess the main thing I would say would be to realize how fortunate you are to be in a church like ours. My deepest regret is that we didn't have the opportunity to bring our four precious girls up in a more Godly lifestyle. Don't get me wrong; we didn't live an ungodly life. We had a very loving, happy home, but we didn't go to a church that taught us the importance of making God the center of our home. Here at GBC you get that teaching, and oh, I urge you to listen, learn, and be faithful in all areas of your life. Show your children love every day, love and respect your husbands, and be the wife and mother God would want you to be. May God continue to bless our church and our church families. ♡

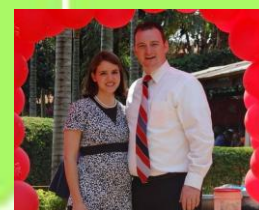
## Focus on Missions

### Jerry & Rachel Wyatt - Tanzania

Jerry and Rachel Wyatt are missionaries to Tanzania, East Africa. They currently are serving in the city of Morogoro. Their ministry includes starting village churches, soul-winning, Bible Clubs, working with the teens and children, sports evangelism, and teaching in Faith Baptist College.

One of the most amazing things about their ministry in Tanzania is the way they can reach people with even the simplest of activities or promotions. People will line up and wait to receive a balloon. They are serving in an area where people are so open to their ministry.

Please pray for the Wyatts as they are expecting to deliver their first child in Tanzania around November 13<sup>th</sup>. They also have a website where you can get more information about their ministry: [www.wyatttanzania.com](http://www.wyatttanzania.com).



## Seasons of Life - Mrs. Tammy Sapp

Often when we talk about the "seasons of life," we look on different seasons as being present in different decades of our lives. Spring is our youth, summer is viewed as our early adult years, fall as middle age, and winter as our senior years. I personally feel as if I experience all four seasons as part of my everyday life, sometimes all four seasons in one day of my life! The seasons of my life do not last long, but they do mature me and increase my faith. I am fortunate to be able to look out my front window into the nearby woods as I have my devotional time each day, so I am reminded daily of the passing seasons.

Sometimes, everything seems bright and fresh and new to me. The grass seems greener, the song of the birds is more melodious, and the gentle breezes are soothing. Spring is in the air! Every verse in my Bible reading has new meaning. I feel compelled to try for the thousandth time to memorize more scripture. I am excited by all I am learning. God seems to be right by my shoulder.

But...sometimes, the grass seems dry and faded. The birds sound raucous and crabby; even the hummingbirds fight continuously. The wind is hot and dry, causing leaves to turn brown and fall before they should. I feel tired when I read my Bible. Each passage of Scripture brings a different person's problems or trials to mind. My heart aches for their pain. I wonder if God is taking a nap in His hammock...

Then, there are times when a glimmer of color starts to cover the dry, faded grass and wave wildly in the breezes. The birds are too busy to be fighting; some are even replaced by new birds. As I read and study and listen to teaching, I find little gems of hope for myself as well as something I can use to encourage others. My heart still aches, but God keeps reminding me that He did not really take a nap; I just did not look for Him in the right place.

When winter comes, my soul can draw comfort by the fire. The grass is hidden by a white healing blanket. Bright red and dusty gold cardinals gather in groups, a stark contrast on the white snow. I am reminded of how different a life lived for God is from a life lived for the world.

The Lord keeps us going, continually encouraging us through His Word, through prayer, through preaching, and through our service to Him. Even during that hot, dry summer season of my emotions, He is always there. God has a specific purpose in mind for the different seasons and times He allows us to experience, but we can only fulfill that purpose if we are willing to search for His presence in the manner in which He presents Himself in that particular season.

