

## A Truly Wonderful Statement!

by Dave Rogers

*"And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."  
(1 Timothy 1:14, KJV)*

Have you ever read these words and stopped to consider what Paul is actually saying? His description of God's grace is almost a definition in itself of what God has done for us through Jesus the Christ! These words come on the heels of Paul's description of his own condition **before** his conversion to Christ, in verse 13: He was...

1. ...a *blasphemer* (one who speaks evil, slanders, rails and abuses). In Acts 26:11, Paul told king Agrippa that in his former life he actually tried to make Christians to do this, trying to force them to renounce their faith!
2. ...a *persecutor* (one who *intentionally* causes suffering and pain). As Paul spoke to the angry mob in the "castle stairs" speech of Acts 22, he freely admitted in verse 4 that he had previously persecuted Christians "...unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women."
3. ...*injurious* (this derives from the same root as our English word *hubris*, and it means an insolent, violent aggressor – "one who, uplifted with pride, either heaps insulting language upon others or does them some shameful act of wrong.") In Romans 1:30 the same word describes those who are "despiteful" (KJV) or "violent" (NKJ), among other evil qualities.
4. **In spite of these wicked qualities**, Paul obtained mercy from the Lord (1 Timothy 1:13).

Next, we read about the grace that Paul received: God showed him grace in granting him mercy when what he deserved was condemnation. "Grace" is sometimes described what "what we urgently need but in no way deserve." The word itself simply means favor, so what Paul obtained was God's blessing, His approval. It is important to note, however, that this did NOT hap-

pen **before** Paul repented of his evil, nor did he receive it **before** he was baptized (Acts 9:6 & 9, cf. Acts 22:16). When Paul did what Jesus said, he received what the Lord promised (Acts 22:10). Paul didn't just say that "God had mercy" on him, however; instead, he describes what God did by saying that the grace he received was "exceedingly abundant" (literally, overflowing). This description might take our minds back to the words of David in the shepherd's Psalm (23), where he exclaims "...my cup runs over." It is by the "overflowing" grace of God that we are saved! He hasn't given "just enough" grace to be saved, or "only" enough, nor even "a little extra:" **God gave us more grace than we can hold! More grace than we can contain! More grace, even, than we can use!**

It is by this abundant grace that we are saved (Ephesians 2:8). Paul describes it in Romans 6:23 as the "free gift of God [which] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (ASV). This **gift** stands in contrast to sin's "paycheck," permanent separation from Him! The life God gives us in Christ is an "abundant life" (John 10:10), and Paul calls it "life indeed" in 1 Timothy 6:19.

Now notice the words of 1 Timothy 1:15-16; Paul is giving us a lesson to share with all people, in all cultures, for all times: If someone who actively, intentionally fought against the Lord and His will can be saved, then ANYONE who will come to Him can have salvation! There is **no one** "too bad" or "too far from God" to receive His grace, and there is **no one** for whom God "doesn't have enough" grace for salvation! Jesus Himself said, "whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17). The core of Paul's words is in 1 Timothy 1:15, and it is this: **Jesus Christ saves sinners!** Therefore, **NO ONE** who chooses to come to Him is beyond the reach of His grace. What a truly wonderful statement about the goodness, generosity and love of our God!

# Action – Not Location – Defines True Worship

*by Kevin W. Rhodes*

As Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well, she quickly perceived that He was “a prophet.” She then quickly changed the topic of conversation away from her immoral cohabitation and marriage history to a major controversy between Jews and Samaritans — the correct place to worship: “Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship” (John 4:20). Jesus’s reply surely surprised the woman. For though He told her that the Samaritan worship on Mount Gerazim was done out of ignorance, and that the Jews properly worshiped at the temple in Jerusalem in accordance with the Law (John 4:22), He chose to address the nature of worship itself as it would be ordained in the future (John 4:23-24), when neither Patriarchal or Mosaical Law would determine anything about worship, including its location (Ephesians 2:14-16). As He began this discussion Jesus emphasized that action — not location — defines true worship. “Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father” (John 4:21).

Even today some people treat the church building as if it were a holy edifice, missing the underlying point Jesus made in His remarks to the Samaritan woman. Our Savior was not only saying that worship under the new covenant could take place in any city but also that the location and structure were totally irrelevant as pertains to worship. Walking into the church building does not make you holy and does not insure that you are there to worship. Worship is not defined by the externals of the location but by the actions undertaken wherever you are. True worship can occur under a tent, in a parking lot, or in a home just as much as it can in a building provided for that purpose.

There are conditions that pertain to the setting for some acts of worship that require a place to meet, but that does not imply anything holy about

the meeting place. Christians are to partake of the Lord’s Supper each first day of the week (Acts 20:7) in the worship assembly as a collective action (1 Corinthians 11:17-34). The same conditions would be necessary for Christian giving to be a “collection” given on the first day of the week (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). But it is the situation of a congregation being assembled that creates the right environment for these acts of worship — not the building.

We have authority for the worship acts of singing (Colossians 3:16; Acts 16:25), prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and the proclamation of the gospel (Acts 5:42; 20:7) on any day of the week, both in the assembly and out. But since worship is not location-specific but action-specific, these actions are worship regardless of where they occur. The location does not define an action as worship; the action defines itself as being worship. Therefore, these actions must be undertaken in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24) regardless of when and where they occur.

---

## Worship Motivation: Internal or External?

*by Monte Ginnings*

When one reads the advertisements in the religion sections of newspapers, he finds all kinds of promises made concerning worship services. The ads seem to compete in offering various inducements for people to attend.

In the promotions, one reads of special music, drama, beautiful facilities, famous performers, special presentations geared to general interests, and many other reasons to attend.

What is striking about all this is that these are basically external stimuli. And its foundational assumption is that what motivates us to worship must come from what is on the outside.

The truth is that meaningful worship is motivated internally by a heart “hungering and thirsting for righteousness” to approach in love and reverence the God of the universe.

**G.S.O.P. Summer 2016 Short Courses at Piedmont Road church of Christ**

June 16-18 1-2 Peter, Instructor, Eric Owens

July 21-23 The Godhead, Instructor, Phil Sanders

# Family Matters

Bob Howell – Will have a PET scan on June 6th.  
Roy Cox – Donna's Hagin's father will have the biopsy results June 7th.

## Prayer Request

Rosa Bell came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers for her and her family, concerning decisions they need to make.

Renee Mattox came forward Sunday morning requesting prayers for herself and her family.

**Members With Health Problems:** Becky Higginbotham, Brenda Mitchell, Equillar Butler, Theresa Green, Ruby Fowler, Bill Benton, Shirley Jones, Lucille Amon, Marlene Etheridge, RuPearl Sharpe, Mattie Williams, Bernice Gillespie, Maylon Swann, Hick & Estell Higginbotham, Una Fortson, David & Shirley Lee, Forrest & Burma Chapman

**Shut-ins:** Butch & Joann Trawick, David & Shirley Lee, Valorye Whittaker, Annette Benefield, Lillian Gray, David Nash, Audrey Shaw, Jane Lankford, Joe Clark & Frances Elder

**Others With Health Problems:** Jean Benefield (Annette's daughter-in-law), Norma Tolle (Lewis Armstrong's cousin), Greta Newsome (Jill Nash's sister), Ron Cox (Donna Hagin's father), Harry Johnson & Joanne Daugherty (David & Wayne Nash's B-in-L & Sister), Carol Bomar (Charity Nash's aunt), Dylan Carter (11 month-old daughter of the Hagins' friends), Loretta Russell (Ray's mother), Nelda Hayes (Jack Sorrell's aunt), Tom Holcomb and Jean Benefield (Annette Benefield's S-in-L and D-in-L), Nancy Ford (Joann Crook's sister), Virginia Poskevich (David's mother), Xernonia Fortson (Una's daughter), Eddie & Lil Cauthen (Joan Poskevich's B-i-L/S-i-L), Joe Hand (Jim Scoma's B-in-L) and Marvin Cook (Jean Johnson's brother)

**Prayer Requested** - Scott Kelly's email address jpay.com (Web site) #1001380630 (Scott / Robert Kelly)

**Prayer Requested** – Jamie & Jason Campbell (Sylvester & Missy's sons).

**Military Members Deployed:** AM3 Candace Butts (Connie Elder's daughter), US Navy

**FEMA:** Sylvester Campbell has been deployed to Louisiana.

## Calendar

**June 5** – Jordan Pyron's Bridal Shower at 2:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

**June 14** – Ladies Night Out hosted by Sarah Beth Haney.

**June 24** – SilverWings Dinner at 6pm in the fellowship hall and Movie Night, hosted by Teri Durdan & Susie Graham. We will provide hamburgers & hot dogs, needed side dishes, home made ice cream & desserts. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**June 26** – Singing @ Hope Center, 2 pm

**July 10-13** – VBS "The Voyage". We need teachers!

**Aug 4-13** – Scotland Mission Trip

**Aug 17** – Graham McDonald USA Visit

**Aug 19-25** – Polishing the Pulpit Week

**September 18-21** – Fall Gospel Meeting, Speaker: Joey Barkley

**October 7-8** – Ladies' Retreat at Calvin Center. Please let Luann Rogers know if you would like to help organize it. If you plan to attend, *please sign up*; the cost will be \$80.00 for overnight (Dinner & Lunch) and \$15.00 for Saturday.



2016 VBS  
July 10th-13  
The VOYAGE

## Youth Events

**June 7 & 9** – Puppet Practice, ages 5-19, 9-11am.

**June 6-10** – Girl's Day Camp at McDonough Church of Christ

**June 14** – God's Ranch, Flag Day in Downtown Fayetteville, ages 5-99, 8:30am—2pm

**June 12-17** – Camp Inagehi Week

**June 23** - God's Ranch, Oakland Cemetery & Olympic Park, 8:30am—2pm

**June 24** – God's Ranch Movie Night, ages 5-99, 6pm (dinner with SilverWings)

**June 24** – Church of Christ Day at Six Flags

**June 28 & 30** – Puppet Practice, ages 5-19, 9-11am

**July 10-13** – VBS "The Voyage"

**July 10 – 15** – Connections 16 – Future Leaders Training Camp, RISE UP, Young Men Grades 6-12, at McDonough Church of Christ

**July 15** - God's Ranch Movie Night

**July 19** - God's Ranch Feed the Homeless, 9am-2pm

**July 26** - God's Ranch Peaches, 9am-2pm

## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

### Call To Worship

	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26
Scripture Reading	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich	Jordan Madison	Zeke Poskevich
Prayer	James Walker	Thomas Quinn	Jim Pelfrey	Bill Ruffer
Song Leader				
Preside Lord's Supper	Eric Hagin	Ray Russell	Ray Russell	Ray Russell
Server	Harry Williams	Harry Williams	Harry Williams	Harry Williams
Server	Luke Quinn	Luke Quinn	Luke Quinn	Luke Quinn
Server	Larry Rose	Larry Rose	Larry Rose	Larry Rose
Server	Brad Hopkins	Brad Hopkins	Brad Hopkins	Brad Hopkins
Server	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell	Randal Bell
Server	Jack Sorrell	Jack Sorrell	Jack Sorrell	Jack Sorrell
Server	Rory Bell	Rory Bell	Rory Bell	Rory Bell
Server	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson	Andy Johnson
Sermon	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers	Dave Rogers
Response Elder	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey	Jim Pelfrey
Announcements	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash	Greg Nash
Song				
Closing Prayer	Jim Garner	Jim Pelfrey	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey

### Evening Service

Prayer	Curtis Hurt	Hugh Kelly	Larry Rose	Bob Howell
Sermon	Dan Winkler	Dave Rogers Q/A	Dave Rogers	Song Service
Server	Jim Pelfrey	Ray Cozart	Jim Garner	Rick Sharpe
Server	Gayle Pelfrey	Brad Hopkins	Jake Garner	Anthony Ravenell
Closing Prayer	Tom Durden	Jim Pelfrey	Greg Nash	Jim Garner

## Communion Preparation

Morris Jones

### Nursery

### Care of Building

6/1-15 Hugh Kelly/Ray Russell  
16-30 Andy Johnson/Dennis Graham

### Ushers

5 Shirley Allender/Michael Boesterli  
12 Steve Burdett/David Hopkins  
19 Morris Johnson/Bill Ruffer  
26 Rick Sharpe/Harry Williams

### Media Center Helpers

5 Jordan Madison  
12 & 19 Zeke Poskevich  
June 26 & July 3 Gayle Pelfrey

### Open Arms

6/5 Jessa Quinn, Martha Vickery,  
Sally Wallace, Connie Kelly, Linda  
Armstrong,

Tommy & Gail Chapman

12 Estell Higginbotham, Jo Hurt,  
Linda Johnson, Theresa Green,  
Tom & Terri Durden

19 Jo Ruffer, Margaret McCain,  
Jean Johnson, Anne Siebert,  
Thomas & Meggi Quinn

### Wednesday Evening Devotional

8 Rory Bell. 15 Paul Lyons,  
25 Stan Mitchell & 29 Eric Hagin

*The Fountain of Life* with Larry Acuff  
Saturdays at 7 am

*In SEARCH of the Lord's Way*  
Sunday at 7:30 am, on channel 57

## Fayetteville Church of Christ 2016 Goal - Evangelism

### Address:

870 Redwine Road  
Fayetteville, Georgia  
30215

Monday -Friday , 9-4  
Office Telephone  
(770) 461-3617,  
(770) 461-8231 Fax

Email: mail@fcoc.com

Web Page: <http://www.fcoc.com>



[www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc](http://www.Facebook.com/Fayettevillecoc)

### Ministers:

Dave Rogers  
(361) 649-6638  
Dave.rogers@fcoc.com

Greg Nash,  
(404) 455-1546 (cell)  
gnash999@gmail.com

### Office Secretary:

Susie Graham  
celiagraham@bellsouth.net

### Elders:

Tom Durden  
(770) 652-7389  
Jim Garner  
(770) 461-3197  
Greg Nash  
(404) 455-1546  
Jim Pelfrey  
(770) 629-2061

### Deacons:

Dennis Graham  
David Hopkins  
Hugh Kelly  
Jerry Kendrix  
Andy Johnson  
Paul Lyons  
Stan Mitchell  
David Poskevich  
Anthony Ravenell  
Jack Sorrell

### Assembly Schedule:

Sunday  
9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Worship Service

10:00 am Tuesday Morning  
Bible Class  
(September 11—May 14)

7:00 pm Wednesday Night  
Bible Study

7:00 pm Thursday Night  
Ladies Class  
(September-May)

**Donna  
Hagin will  
be taking  
family  
pictures  
this  
Sunday.**

## Our Missionaries



Graham, Elizabeth, Joshua, Megan,  
Bethany & Elijah McDonald  
Scotland, 11 Woodhead Ct,  
Westfield, Cumberland,  
North Lanarkshire, G68 9DB  
Email: graham@gmcd.net  
Skype: gmcd105 or www.gmcd.net



Scott, Rebecca & Violet Shanahan  
Pohnpel  
scottshanahan@hotmail.com



Kenloy & Ivell Walker  
Mandeville, Jamaica  
Old Harbour Church of Christ,  
876-569-2039



Forrest & Burma Chapman,  
State of Georgia  
email: ftc1952@alltel.com

# June 2016

## Evangelism

Response Elder - Jim Pelfrey

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." John 14:12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																										
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">May 2016</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Jul 2016</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div> </div>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Ben Rogers David &amp; Jill Nash Lewis &amp; Linda Armstrong</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>David Nash Game Night at 6pm Paul &amp; Decieta Lyons Sheri Obert</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>Shelby Garner Thomas &amp; Meggi Quinn</p>
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																										
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																										
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																										
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																										
29	30	31																																																																																														
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																										
					1	2																																																																																										
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																										
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																										
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																										
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																										
31																																																																																																
<p><i>5</i></p> <p>David &amp; Shirley Lee Jordan Pyron's Bridal Shower</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>YRP</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Jim &amp; Sandy Garner</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>YRP</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Ray Russell Sadie Moreland Susan Voyles</p>	<p><i>11</i></p>																																																																																										
<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Bible Q &amp; A Camp Inagehi Week</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>Britney Russell Camp Inagehi Week Charles Nash Steve Burdette</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>Camp Inagehi Week Rick &amp; RuPearl Sharpe Rick Sharpe God's Ranch - Flag Day</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Camp Inagehi Week David &amp; Sue Riley Kaycee Biles Marlene Etheridge Maylon Swann</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Camp Inagehi Week Tad Durden</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Barbara Cozart Camp Inagehi Week</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>Garrett Dalman Shelby Gwinn</p>																																																																																										
<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Area Wide Youth Devo- PTC</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Dale &amp; Susan Findley Hugh Kelly Jack Sorrell Michael &amp; Melanie Boelsterli</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Laura Quinn</p>	<p><i>22</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Andy &amp; Linda Johnson God's Ranch - Volunteer Week 9-2</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Connie Kelly SilverWings Dinner &amp; Movie at 6pm</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>Jim &amp; Sharon OBrien Madison Hagin</p>																																																																																										
<p><i>26</i></p> <p>Hope Center Singing Song Service</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Keith &amp; Susan Harris Steve &amp; Sandra Hopkins</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>YRP</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>Doug &amp; Elaine Holloway Landon Hopkins Neal Biles</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>YRP</p>																																																																																												