

## MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
MORNING	Song Leader	Jimmy Snow	Eddie Nuckols
	Announcements	Matt Maurer	Jered Markman
	Opening Prayer	Rick Brown	Matt Maurer
	Scripture Reading	Steve Brown	Rick Brown
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Eddie Nuckols	Mark Koontz
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Scott Tesh	Phil Forrest
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Ortie Boyd	Matthew Forrest
	Lord's Table	Jimmy Snow	Eddie Nuckols
	Wed Song Leader	Tom Davenport	Eddie Nuckols

## LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Ortie Boyd
Servers	Steve Anderson
	Rick Brown
	Steve Brown
	Jered Markman
Fill-In	Scott Tesh
Prepare/Cleanup	The Boyds
Communion Bread	Terri Maurer



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## Your Grace Is Too Small

In recent years we have been hearing a lot about the grace of God. It would almost seem as though those who speak so much of grace somehow think that they are the first to discover it. It is a good thing that men are speaking and writing about the grace of God, except for one thing – the grace they write of is often too small. It is as if they see in the grace of God nothing more than the forgiving of our sins. We hear such statements as this: we do the best we can and God's grace takes care of the rest. It is certainly true that we need God's grace to cover our sins but this is a very inadequate, limited view of grace.

One of scripture's greatest statements on the grace of God is in the second chapter of Ephesians (Ephesians 2:1-10). In this passage Paul says, "By grace ye are saved;" then again, "By grace ye are saved through faith." (Ephesians 2:5, 8) Does that mean merely that all our sins are forgiven? Certainly not! For while our sins are forgiven, there is much more. A dramatic change occurs in us – a change so radical that it is described as going from being dead in sin to being made alive. The apostle further states that we are God's "workmanship" so that not only is forgiveness a gift of God's grace but so also are all our good works as we live our lives under the law of Christ. (1 Corinthians 9:21) So that all our Christian human effort (and much is required) is undergirded by the grace of God – "It is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8) Furthermore, this is all accomplished through the gospel – "the power of God unto salvation." (Romans 1:16)

God's grace can and will rework our lives if we let Him. But if we refuse to let Him mold and make us but rather continue to yield ourselves as servants of sin, do not expect God's gift of eternal life but rather the wages of sin which is death. (For a complete statement of this point read Romans 6:1-23)

*Claude*

## WELCOME VISITORS

Visitors, you are our honored guests! We are so very happy that you have joined us today. Please fill out a visitor card and place in collection plate.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 26 Youth Fun Night 6pm-11pm** will be held at the church building. The fun includes a movie, making pizza, and playing games. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend or two.

**October 11 North Main Fall Fellowship Barbecue & Chicken Stew**

**October 12 Gospel Meeting**

### AREA EVENTS

**Sept 19-20** Cary church of Christ Youth Rally

**Sept 25-28** South Stokes church of Christ Gospel Meeting

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Phil Forrest Monday Sept 22

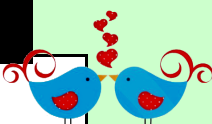
Tom Davenport Thursday Sept 25

Jimmy Snow Thursday Sept 25



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Patsy & Ortie Boyd Saturday Sept 27



## PRAYER LIST

**Buddy Hudson**, Kirby Kinder's brother-in-law, continues to recover from open heart surgery.

**Nettie Kimbrell**, Dalton's grandmother, is experiencing issues with her health.

**Joe Koontz**, Glen Koontz's brother, is not doing well and experiencing failing health.

**Gena Long**, family friend of Grace Forrest, recovering from surgery to remove brain tumor and receiving radiation treatment.

**Fern Nickels** has bone cancer.

**Wanda Scott** has chronic heart problems.

**Terry and Abel Shelburne**, relatives of the Boyds, were in an auto accident in June which resulted in the loss of three family members.

**J R Stroud** has rheumatoid arthritis.



**Bob Freeman** continues to have health issues.

**Joe Koontz** (Glenn's brother)

**Amelia Price** (Ann Nilo's granddaughter)

**Rick Seamon**

## SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer (Steve Anderson's mother)  
Bertha Graves  
Sadie Rice

Catherine Seamon  
Elizabeth Seamon  
Dorothy Smith  
Larry Warner