

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 3.16.18 Life Group Weekend** at the Kellis house in Candor. 200 Old Ripley Place, Biscoe, NC 27209
- 3.24.18** Philine Mattingly's baby shower, 10:30a.m... Philine is having a boy and is registered at Amazon.
- 3.25.18** 2018 Honduras Meeting right after Bible Class in overflow room.
- 4.1.18** Easter Sunday! Easter Egg Hunt for the Children after Bible Class.

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Laurie Bleux's Farther
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Harriett Betterson and Family
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- Kensington Martin, 14yr old young lady at PHS with stage 4 Throat Cancer
- Jill Anderson Cope, Friend of Gary and Sandy Barnett
- Michael Bridges & Family

"GRACE"

If something is true can there be something opposite that is more true? It is true that you reap what you sow, and you get what you deserve, but something even more sweeping, and infinitely more beautiful, is at work at the same time. The Apostle John began his book in verse 16 by saying "from the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another." John says the law was given through Moses but Grace and truth came through Jesus.

Sowing and reaping, deeds and consequences have come. We have a moral law and it is universally accepted. This law is in the Bible, our Civil Code, our relationships and in all of nature. Standing alone the result of the law is death and all the side effects. God suspends the end result of our deeds through mercy. Through Grace God gives us abundantly all the things we need but have not earned and may never even thought about. In the parable of the talents the one talent man accused God of reaping where He had not sown *Luke 21:19*. It's a clever thought, just said exactly backwards.

We reap where we have not sown! We take out what we did not put in. Then, to make matters silly, many of us adapt the mind of the one talent loser. That is to say *God is hard* and *that explains my fear*. We twist the story exactly opposite the truth. The truth is we receive blessing after blessing from the abundance of His grace. Instead of fear we should live in praise and worship! Getting it all backwards and failing to see God as He is, germinates our fears. Knowing God and seeing Him for who He is literally dissolves fear.

John goes immediately to this issue. He says: "No one has ever seen God, at any time, but Jesus has made him known" *John 1:18*. Jesus appeared to demonstrate, to make known, God, and the fullness of His Grace toward us, so we could be free of this fear *Hebrews 2:15*.

God Himself is so beautiful, so abundantly full of grace, so unimaginable active in his giving of good gifts it defies human reason. We could never in a million years make up a God so beautiful, so full of Grace and so in love with us.

You have never and could never produce for yourself all the things that sustain you. You had nothing to do with creation, nor did you choose to bring yourself into the world. You had nothing to do with setting the world up as it is. God supplies the context of our earthly lives and the context of our heavenly lives. God meets the needs we have before we ask him. *From the abundance of His grace we receive one blessing after another*. God is the ultimate giver, the ultimate lover, the ultimate essence of Grace!

Believe!
Your shepherds

Assembly Times

- Sunday Worship 9:30AM**
- Sunday Class 11 AM**
- AWANA, Sunday 10 AM**
- Wednesday, 7 PM Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

- AM Bible Class 95**
- AM Bible Class Average 88**
- AM Assembly 119**
- AM Assembly Avg. 124**
- Contribution \$5,196.00**
- YTD Average Weekly \$5,295.66**
- Weekly Budget \$7,918.62**

Shepherds

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- Rick Chamberlain 859.409.2063**
- Rom Kellis 608.3423**
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- Ernie Oliver 391.1312**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations!

Please congratulate Siera Kirby and Cameron Sutton on accepting God as their Lord and Savior through baptism on Sunday, March 4th.

Anniversaries:

- 3.2 Sid & Kathy Upton
- 3.28 Cliff & Carol Brown
- 3.30 Jack & Janice Holt

Birthdays:

- 3.19 July Baker
- 3.19 John Chandler Jr.
- 3.24 Joie Guill
- 3.24 Jonnie Guill
- 3.25 Sandi Chamberlain
- 3.28 Jeanie Kirby

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Opportunities to Serve

March 18, 2018

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Ruben Macedo

Mary Joy

Lord's Supper:

Brian Devereaux

Servers in March:

Dave Hill

Corey Wisniewski

John Turner

Chris Amaral

Kris Black

Door Greeters in March.:

Juan & Lucy Ortiz

Nursery:

Jeanie Kirby

Katie Kirby

Toddler:

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Siera Kirby

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AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Gull, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

Last Sunday, the elementary class started a lesson about the King's Dream that we will finish up next week. We had so many kids sharing and asking great questions that we didn't even finish! I gave some background information about Daniel and then went through the story from Daniel chapter 2. That crazy king with a crazy name expected people to be able to know what he was dreaming and why he was dreaming it! The kids were baffled by this. We can't know what other people are thinking because we don't know everything, but God does know everything about us -- every single thing. This can seem a little scary to think about because we wouldn't want God to know our deepest darkest secrets, but it's actually very reassuring because He does know them and He loves us anyways!

Daniel got to experience a closeness with God because he trusted God in his most desperate hour. When his life was threatened, he didn't panic. He didn't turn to other people for wisdom when he needed most, He turned to God. Daniel trusted in God, our all-knowing God, and we can too!

Blessings,
Lauren Brannan

MEN'S NEWS

1 John 4:20-21

Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Who is your brother or sister? I believe Jesus answered that one with the story of the Good Samaritan.

Our marriages assist us in this endeavor..."what's that endeavor?" you say.

Learning to love and then learning to love some more.

Hate comes naturally to us and only requires for the wrong button to be pushed.

Marriage requires a culturally-abnormal commitment to love our spouses as they are, but also a commitment to help them become what they are not yet.

God actually turns out quite easy to love when compared to ANY of us on the "love-ability" scale.

We are called to love the unlovable - and if we are unable to do this, it is not their fault, but our falling short of the heavenly call.

Join us tonight as we explore Chapter 3 from Sacred Marriage.

-Justin