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# Women's Ministries Newsletter

## Amazing Grace

It's been a long 6 months, hasn't it? Many of us are feeling weary from the battle. Weary from the disunity, the divisiveness, the name-calling; weary from the news and the mandates and the brokenness of this world.

Now is not the time to retreat, friends. It is time to press on and press in. It's uncomfortable and hard.

But for this season and every season in between, there's God's grace lavished upon us: excessive, exorbitant, extravagant grace.

We need grace for the day to day fight.

We need grace for missed milestones.

We need grace for the unfamiliar.

We need grace for our relationships and the differing sides we find ourselves.

We need grace for new schooling methods.

We need grace for the plodding.

Our needs are personal and varied. But the grace of God is readily available no matter our need.

James 4:6 says, *"But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'"*

We have to humble ourselves and admit our insufficiency and inability. We have to ask. James 5:16 says, *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* Our God knows our need. We can confidently approach Him, pour out our hearts, and cast ourselves upon His mercy.

God's grace isn't stingy. It never runs out. We're undeserving, yet God doesn't hold back.

What about us? Are we stingy with the grace we offer others? Those who live with us, disagree with us, oppose us? Because God's grace is available, abundant, and never runs out, we can lavishly share it with all those in our world.

Colossians 4:5-6 reads, *"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."*

Sisters, throughout these uncommon days, may our hearts bask in the amazing, abundant grace of Jesus, and may we be wise, lavish dispensers of the grace we received from Him at the cross.



## Bible Studies Coming This Fall!

- **Women's Bible Study** taught by Marlene G. & Vicki M.: Wednesdays at 9:30am beginning September 9 (back of sanctuary).
- **First Love: "The Great I AM Has Come"** taught by Summar C.: Wednesdays at 9:30am beginning September 9 (Room 108).
- **"A Woman After God's Own Heart"** taught by Nancy V.: Tuesdays at 6:30pm beginning September 15 at Nancy's home.
- **"Habakkuk: Remembering God's Faithfulness When He Seems Silent"** taught by Nikki M.: every other Wednesday evening at 6:30pm beginning September 23.

## 2020 Ladies' Christmas Brunch Update:

The Ladies' Christmas Brunch has long been a tool used of God for evangelism, encouragement, and rich fellowship, readying our hearts for the Christmas season. After much prayer and careful consideration, the Women's Ministries Leadership Team has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Ladies' Christmas Brunch. The ongoing spread of COVID-19 paired with restrictions on large gatherings make an event such as the brunch impossible to host at this time. While this is not what we'd hoped or planned, our hearts are firm and steadfast in the goodness of God.

In place of this year's brunch, we are planning a unique event that will refresh and encourage your soul during the holiday season. Stay tuned for exciting details!

"Women's Ministries seeks to support the church's mission and vision to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ. Committed to the Word as our authority, we're passionate about nurturing a culture in which Titus 2 discipleship (older teaching younger) can thrive by providing opportunities, resources, and support for women of all ages to connect with one another and the Lord Jesus Christ."

*The 2020-21 Women's Ministries Leadership Team:*  
*Nikki M. (chair), Abby P., Chloe S., Brenda V., and Johannah W.*

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."* Colossians 3:12-17

We extend a special, heartfelt thanks to Lynn B. for designing and producing our Women's Ministries newsletters for many years. This issue is her last, and we are grateful for the beauty she's shared with us on these pages as she's helped to communicate truth that points us to Jesus.

