

March Birthdays

3/2 Michelle Hammock
3/10 Steve Thomas
3/16 Beverly Tarleton
3/17 Connor Hammock
3/24 Charlie Shirey
3/26 Jack Thomas
3/28 Kim Buchanan

Anniversaries

3/14 W.J. & Jill Webb

Deacon/Security Rotation

Mar 02 Jacob Thomas
Mar 09 Steve Thomas
Mar 16 Ernest McCurry

Nursery Rotation

Mar 02 Jenni Wyzkowski & Helper
Mar 09 Melissa Shirey & Robin Buchanan
Mar 16 Kayla Smith & Lindsey Thomas

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BAPTIST CHURCH

March 02, 2025

Our Mission:

Here at FRBC we want to help people to KNOW God personally, GROW in the Lord spiritually, And SHOW God to others in word and action

Think on These Things

A definition for grace that I once read years ago is basically the same one that I continue to use today: Grace is *"unmerited (undeserved, unearned) favor."* The word grace is mentioned some 170 times throughout the Bible, thus assuring us that this is a vitally important concept that God does not want us to miss. The fact that God shows grace to man is one of the most humbling thoughts upon which a person may dwell. Think about it: Man is born with a sin nature, which means that he will sooner or later rebel against God (*"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*). God requires sin to be punished (*"the wages of sin is death"*), but He knows that we can never pay the sin debt that we owe. So, in His great love, He sent His Son Jesus to pay our debt (*"while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"*), that we may have forgiveness of sin and be reconciled to the God who loves us more than anyone (*"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them"*). Instead of the eternal punishment we deserve, God gives those who believe (*"lean one's full weight upon", trust*) in Jesus Christ everlasting life (*"whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"*).

All of this (*redemption, forgiveness, justification, eternal life*) begins with the grace of God that He extends to all who come to Him for salvation by faith. **Ephesians 2:8-9** tells us: *"For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of*

works, lest anyone should boast." No wonder the one-time slave trader turned Christian, John Newton, chose the title *"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"* for the hymn he penned; a hymn that I have heard very fittingly described as *"the Christian's National Anthem"*.

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see... 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!... Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home... The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures... When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun."

As God has shown us *"amazing grace"*, we should also show grace (*unmerited, undeserved, unearned favor*) to others. May He help each one of us to do so, that He may be glorified!

So much to think about as we go about our week.

Love, prayers and blessing,

Trace

this week at FRBC

SUNDAY (MAR 02)

Churchwide Fellowship & Devotion.....9:30a
 Morning Worship..... 10:45a
 Children's Church
 H.O.P.E. ESL.....5:00p
 GriefShare.....5:00p

WEDNESDAY (MAR 05)

Adult Bible Study.....6:30p
 I220 Youth Group.....6:30p
 Journey Kids - Explorers

SATURDAY (MAR 08)

FRBC Thrift Store.....8:00a - 12:00p

upcoming events

MAR 02 - MAR 09

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

MAR 22

Leadership Meeting.....9:30a