

## WHAT DOES DISCIPLESHIP LOOK LIKE?

JESUS paid it all. He gave every bit of himself for our chance to be with Him and the Father for eternity. By His stripes we are healed. No bandages needed here—no antibiotic salve applied. The old is new, the holes are filled, the weak places made strong, and the cracks are no more. He paid it all.

Grace upon grace. Forgiveness piled up in heaps. Love flowed from Calvary in sheer bucketfuls. Sweet forgiveness for our bitter sinfulness has been our dressing—our Balm of Gilead.

What is an apt response? What will our reaction be to such undeserved ABUNDANT MERCY?

Oh, we know what the Bible says. Stuff like “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44); “Don’t be like the Pharisees” (6:5); “Don’t worry” (6:25); “Follow me and let the dead bury the dead” (7:22); “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me... but whoever loses his life for me will save it” (Luke 9:23).

But what does this flesh out to look like? In other words, what does it look like for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian who is really wanting to follow Jesus?

- Grace moves us to love beyond the skin. We are a unique people who see a person for the great eternal potential they possess and not the flawed outside. Like a birthday present, you cannot tell what lies within the packaging but we know whatever is there has eternal possibilities. (Romans 12:26).
- Grace moves us to move from the security of our personal mental, physical, and emotional boxes to live at risk for the sake of the gospel. Some 30 South Korean Christians are presently being held against their will in Afghanistan by the merciless Taliban. Pictures show them to be young, beautiful people who just wanted to show the love of Jesus in a dangerous place. (Romans 8:18).
- Grace moves us to move around our space doing good. We are known for doing good and not evil. We seek immortality, glory, and grace by doing good like Jesus who, Luke says “went about teaching and doing good and healing...” (Acts 10:38). Those who know God’s grace are described by Paul as those who will receive, *glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism* (Rom. 2:10). The first thing we want to do each morning is “to do good” and not harm.
- Grace moves us to look in the mirror and not forget what we look like. Grace covers our sin like a ewe covers her lamb in the snow—blanketing us lest we perish. Every day the grace of God is covering our sins—AMAZING GRACE, MATCHLESS GRACE! (Rom. 3:24-25).
- Finally, Grace moves us to love for *if I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing* (1 Cor. 13:3). Here the Apostle Paul speaks of the two most difficult traits of a disciple: Giving up our money to the cause of Jesus and enduring physical persecution for the cause. He says EVEN if we master these two salient marks of discipleship and do it for any other reason than love, we miss the mark. Do all things in love. **“Love God with reckless abandon.”** (Oswald Chambers) yc

### PRAYER LIST

- ♥ Betsy Canfield is recovering at Laura’s home.
- ♥ Joy Courtney, Yale & Betsy’s friend, is awaiting test results.
- ♥ Sam & Jackie Estes, Nancy Head’s parents. Sam is in Baptist East in Hornlake with fluid on his heart and difficulty breathing. He’s had a bad year; the trips to the hospital are more difficult to cope with as his heart gets steadily weaker.
- ♥ Betty Burton, friend of Jim & Nancy Head, is struggling with chemo treatments for cancer. The cancer is very stubborn; pray for her and her family.
- ♥ Larry Mittlestat is back in the VA hospital.
- ♥ Ann Mobley is home recovering.

### CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Howard Farrar, Mary Louise Gipson, Beverly Graham, Beverly Hufstetler, Charlotte Hunter, Larry Mittlestat, Joe Saia, and Mart Salley.

### CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Want to get more involved at church but don’t want to commit to teaching every week? Here is the perfect ministry for you. We currently need more teachers in Children’s worship. We currently have 7 teachers. We would love to add your name to our list. You would only have to teach once every 2 months. Think about it. See Jenny Farrar if you can help.

### CROSSGATES NURSING HOME DEVO.

Please remember those in the Crossgates Nursing home. They are so uplifted by the devotionals, singing and prayer that are offered to God in their presence. Our next visit will be August 19 at 2:00. Please come and let them know how much God loves them. Some residents have expressed an interest in spending more time with us in way of more singing and/or games following the devotional. If you are able to stay a little while longer, the residents would enjoy spending time with you.

### LEADERSHIP MEETING

We will have our next Leadership Meeting on Sunday, August 26 at 7:30 a.m.

### BACK TO SCHOOL SWIM PARTY

There will be a Back to School Swim Party for those in the 6<sup>th</sup>-12 grades on Sunday, August 12 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Ken and Linda Salley. Please check out the sign-up sheet on the Teen Bulletin Board and sign-up to bring refreshments. PLEASE SIGN UP SO KEN AND LINDA KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT!!!

### FREE INDEED

FreeIndeed will be with us the August 11-12. They will perform in concert Saturday, August 11 around 7:00.



During the concert, we will take up a love offering for the Canfield family. They will also lead our worship service on Sunday, August 12.

### POTLUCK

It has almost slipped through the cracks!!! We will share in a potluck lunch on Sunday, August 12 following our morning worship assembly with FreeIndeed as guest worship leaders. Invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors to come and share in this special day.

### PANTRY

The pantry is VERY bare. Try to remember to pick up your groups items. If you are not in a group, pick up any item on the list. We can never have too much. If you would like to donate money just drop you donation into the contribution plate with a note or memo that it is for the pantry.

### SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Contact Tim Nelson if unable to serve at 601-853-3704.

### 8/12/07

Greeters ..... Canfield Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... FreeIndeed  
 Call to Worship ..... Glynn McMillen  
 Prayer ..... Jim Head  
 Presiding ..... Jerry Mitchell  
 Closing Prayer ..... Lonnie Livingston

### Serving

Dusty Reynolds	Al Ellis
Terry Claunch	Justin McCoy
Danny Dendy	Ken Salley

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Jenny Farrar  
 Children’s Worship ..... Laura Stanley

### 8/19/07

Greeters ..... Blevins Life Group  
 Song Leader ..... Tim Farrar  
 Call to Worship ..... Allen Rogers  
 Prayer ..... Tim Farrar  
 Presiding ..... Alvin McMillen  
 Closing Prayer ..... Jeff Sweeney

### Serving

LaRan Kilpatrick	Al Ellis
Ryan Hamrick	Todd Lott
Tvrone Oliver	Dan Ellis

Evening Worship ..... Life Groups  
 Nursery ..... Helga Mittlestat  
 Children’s Worship ..... Kim McDaniel

### THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Aug. 12– Ps.93-95; Rom. 11:22-36  
 Aug. 13- Ps. 96-98; Romans 12  
 Aug. 14- Ps. 99-102; Rom. 13  
 Aug. 15- Ps. 103-104; Rom. 14  
 Aug. 16- Ps. 105-106; Rom. 15:1-20  
 Aug. 17– Ps. 107-108; Rom. 15:21-33  
 Aug. 18– Ps. 109-111; Rom. 16

### DATES TO REMEMBER

August 11- FreeIndeed Concert  
 August 12 – FreeIndeed lead worship  
 August 12 – Potluck  
 August 12 – Youth Back to School  
                     Swim Party  
 August 19- Crossgates Nursing Home  
                     Devotional

LIFE GROUPS		
Area	Location	Leaders
South Brandon	Rotated	Paul McManaway
		Glynn McMillen
Pearl	Building	David Blevins
		Lonnie Livingston
Florence/Star	Rotated	Yale Canfield
		Allen McDaniel
Brandon	Sweeney Home	Jeff Sweeney
		Tim Farrar
Reservoir	Rogers Home	Jim Head
		Allen Rogers
Teens	Varies	Ken Salley

**Mission Statement for Heart Matters**  
 To enhance the mission of the Skyway Hills church of Christ and to build a sense of community among the members of the body of Christ through an accurate and quality communication of 1) ministries and activities of the church 2) the opportunities for each member to find fulfillment as disciples of Jesus and 3) the scriptural application of God's Word to life relevant issues today.

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 Sunday Bible Class.....9:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 pm  
 Wednesday..... 7:00 pm

**YOUTH**  
 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades)

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**YAKS**  
 (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)


**GOD LOVES YOU and so do your Sunday School Teachers!**

**Come and spend time with both this Sunday.**

*"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above."*  
 Colossians 3:1

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August 12, 2007



# Heartbeat

Long Days have been given by so many workers at the benefit garage sale last Saturday. Some of you were here forever. Betsy and I can never thank you so much for what you are doing for our family.

Betsy continues to grow stronger while waiting to be placed back on the transplant list. She will need a little more healing to be changed from "Status 7" to an active candidate for the liver transplant list. Pray this healing takes place soon please so that she can be placed back on the candidate list and receive a liver soon.

Thanks to Alan Rogers for the good thoughts he brought us in Sunday's Sermon. We continue to have good sermons by several of our men. I will be back preaching this Sunday and will continue to preach through Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. Let me encourage you church to be with us at 9:00 for FREEINDEED.

Recently returning from South Africa, FreeIndeed will be here to talk of their exciting days and evenings spent in South Africa. They will share that experience in the class time with everyone, including teens, in the auditorium. Please be there on time so we can give them all the time they need.

FreeIndeed will lead our worship at 10:00. This is always a great period of praise and worship so please don't miss it.

FREE INDEED WILL BE IN CONCERT THIS SATURDAY FROM 7:00 PM TO 9:00.

I want to encourage you to meet new friends at church:

- TAKE TIME TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW.
- WRITE DOWN THEIR NAMES.
- INVITE PEOPLE TO LUNCH!!! EVEN IF YOU WERE NOT PLANNING ON EATING OUT, TAKE 'EM TO LUNCH. SPEND A LITTLE: MONEY, TIME, AND LOVE.
- INVITE PEOPLE TO JOIN YOUR SMALL GROUP.

What a great weekend this will be for the Lord. Have you invited someone?

- Deacons**
- David Blevins, Education
- Tim Nelson, Calls/Visitor/Greeters
- Jim Head, Life Groups
- Allen Rogers, YAKS