



The Good News

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PHCC (Pulaski Heights Christian Church)

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PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lrphcc@gmail.com.

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THE SUBSTANCE OF GRACE

Scot Crenshaw
from a sermon delivered
July 6, 2014

As you know, I have been preaching a series on the grace of God for the past several weeks. I chose to prepare and deliver these sermons for a number of reasons. Among them are: (1) to demonstrate there are many good reasons to affirm and accept people, deeply rooted in Scripture; and (2) to explore where grace leads us in the church, once we have established it as a basic foundation for ministry.

Regarding the first reason mentioned above, I find that some Christians operate on the assumption that the affirmation and acceptance of people is a good thing to do, but that the reasons are extra-biblical. There are certainly many reasons to be *grace-ful*, but the biblical witness is not to be overlooked and should be a driving force to how we serve. Church is to be fueled by the grace of God as evidenced within the Bible. Granted, there are passages which do not seem too grace-filled. But when they are understood within the larger theology of the Scripture, which is the message of grace, (to pg. 2 "Message")

("Message" from pg 1) every passage comes into a much clearer focus.

The first- and second-greatest commandments, loving God and loving others as ourselves, is a grace-based perspective. Doing to others what we would have them do to us is about grace. Getting and giving not what we deserve, but what we need, is all about grace.

And what do we do with grace in the church? It is all about loving service, discipleship, and worship. Finding ways to connect the grace of God to people both inside and outside church ranks is fundamental to the basic mission of the Lord in the world. Discipleship relates to our walk with the Lord and our spiritual formation as His disciples.



Loving and serving people in light of the grace of God, simply put, is the way of the Lord Himself. Understanding that God is for us shapes our view of ourselves, our view of others, and our world-view overall. Worship, then, passionate worship, is the natural result of having grace as a theological and spiritual foundation.

God's mission is grace-driven; therefore the church's mission is to be grace-driven.

Graphic source: http://www.gracecantony.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/worship_clipart.jpg

Jan Painton Memorial Service



The family of Jan Weber Painton: Kim Painton, Kelly Nelson, and Curtis Painton selected PHCC as the site of Ms. Painton's memorial service. In addition, they served a luncheon afterwards.

The service and luncheon centered on some of Jan's favorites. She had asked that at her funeral the congregation should sing camp meeting songs. While Jeannie Cross played piano, the congregation joined in on *Revive Us Again*, *Amazing Grace!*, *Bringing in the Sheaves*, *The Unclouded Day* and *Love Lifted Me*.

One of her favorite purveyors of barbecue was Sim's, so Curtis, Kelly and Kim served up Sim's barbecue, baked beans, slaw and potato salad on the memorial Saturday: June 28, 2014. Several friends of Jan's came to speak about her, and to reconnect with old friends whom they hadn't seen in a long time. Rev. Donna Rountree presided over the service, and Rev. Arnold Nelson delivered the eulogy. Long-term member Jean Hampton (flowered top) drove all the way from Missouri to join the memorial, and told some interesting stories about Jan.



Madison Christian Community Youth Group Visits PHCC



This started with an email sent to Pulaski Heights Christian Church as the result of a chance meeting in Chicago between Jen Streit and Ronny Nowell, a pastor at First Christian Church in Rogers, AR. They met at the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference in Chicago a few weeks before. Well, there was actually much more that came before that meeting: a long-term association between the Madison Christian Community in Madison, WI, and Heifer International; a group of girls who were excited about the possibility of going to Heifer Ranch outside Little Rock; a plan to ride Amtrak rather than driving; a failure to find anyone able to meet them at the train at 3:00 am on June 22d among the churches that Jen attempted to contact in our area.

At Rev. Nowell's suggestion, Jen sent an email with the subject line, "Fwd: looking for assistance for traveling church youth group." It was a matter of finding someone who was willing to get up early on Sunday morning to meet the Madison Christian Community Youth Group and get them settled in at PHCC for a few hours. Greg Pendleton, who lives in the Capitol View area, fairly close to the station, volunteered. And that made the trip by train a reality for the group.



There were 8 girls, and two adult leaders in the final crew that came to Little Rock. Jen Streit, Doug Crews-

Nelson and the girls worshiped with us on June 22, 2014. Afterward, they changed clothes, walked to the corner of Palm and Markham to meet the bus. They rode to the airport where they rented a 12-passenger van, and from that point they were on their own. We appreciate them giving us an opportunity to serve in this way. We acknowledge Greg Pendleton's generosity for making it possible.



Jen provided a little history of Madison Christian Community. It was started over 40 years ago as a partnership between Advent Lutheran, ELCA and Community of Hope, UCC in Madison, WI. The original vision was that it would be an ecumenical community with many different Christian organizations sharing the grounds and buildings. There are separate sanctuaries for the two churches, but the rest of the facilities are held jointly. They often worship jointly, as well. The youth group has boys and girls from both congregations. Jen is the adult choir leader for the UCC congregation, and the joint youth group leader.

New Members, Baptisms



Josh Cox and Steven Seymour were baptized and joined PHCC on June 15, 2014. We see them here a few minutes after their baptism.

July 2014 at PHCC



Events in July 2014

Birthdays in July

6 - Shelby Summerlin; 9 - Susan Gordon; 15 - Paula Skarda; 17 - Angela Frazier; 19 - Jay Summerlin, Alex Summerlin; 23 - Greg Pendleton; 24 - Alex Perry (VC3); 31 - Betty Jo Thibault.

Events of note

4 - Independence Day 2014
 9 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
 20 - Potluck & Sign August birthday cards.

Sunday School

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Please Continue Prayers for:

The Search Committee, Bonita J., Anne P., Betty A., Susan G., Ron C., Jean H., Paula S., Julia Faye C., Karen A., Kim P., Trip R., Marie G., Patsy B., Lynda C., Keith R., Selen O., Pulaski Heights Christian Church, and others God leads you to know of.

August 2014 at PHCC



Events in August 2014

Birthdays in August 3 - Scot Crenshaw; 17 - Julia Moore; 21 - Jordan Morris (VC3); 27 - Robert Montalvo; 28 - Jeannie Cross.

Events of note

13 - 6:00 pm Board Meeting
 17 - Sign September birthday cards.
 31 - 7:30 am Community Breakfast at QQUMC

Sunday School

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24

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 Sunday Worship ~ 10:30 a.m.
 Seeking a Pastor
 Music Ministry ~ Stephen & Jeannie Cross
 Musician ~ Betty Jo Thibault



June 2014 Stewardship Report

Jun. Budget Needs – \$7,886.42
 Jun. Offering – \$3,871.00
 Other Income – \$6,747.11
 Total Jun. Actual Income – \$10,618.11

Jun. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,436.92
 Jun. Actual Expenses – \$11,335.59
 Net Loss for Jun. – \$ (717.48)

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 06/30/14
 Offering – \$41,721.92
 Other Income – \$54,322.04
 Total FYTD Income – \$96,043.06
 Expenses FYTD – \$97,242.67
 Net Loss FYTD – \$ (1,199.61)

170 meals were served on June 29, 2014 to 141 persons at Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church. It was our privilege to provide the 5th Sunday crew to prepare and serve the meal. We had 14 people there from the church and the Venture Crew. Alex Perry, Shannon Perry, Jackie Perry, Tamara Jones, and Quentin Williams from VC3. From PHCC there were Angela and Rebecca Frazier, Josh Cox and Steven Seymour, Tim Nance, Sam Ellis, Tom Ryan, Julia Moore, and former regular Alan Saugey who stationed himself at the sink and washed up all the dishes! Thanks to everyone who turned out on that Sunday. And thanks to the QQUMC staff, especially Drexel Adams, who always provides excellent support.

