



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED  
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION**

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to  
find and follow Jesus!***

**Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!**

# Agenda (see news letter)

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DURATION EXPECTED</b>
<b>INTRODUCTORY/ OPENING PRAYER</b>	5 min
Gathering / Communicating Community needs	10 min
Gathering prayer needs	5 min
Prayer for community and praying for needs	15 min
Short Message/ Discussion /Helpful thoughts to remember from the bible	30 min
Gathering of the monetary contributions for the community work (tithes)	5 min
Praise and Worship Music (counting of monetary contributions, join in or get something to drink / eat at the same time)	15 min
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# Community needs?

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<b>CURRENT NEEDS COMPLETED</b>	<b>PLANNED DATE</b>	<b># attending</b>	<b>Complete?</b>
1. We received a request as follows " A family recently moved to Kearney and are experiencing extreme financial hardship. They need assistance with food, specifically"	5-Aug 2011	SGC celebrate God Rocks youth and two people from Birchdale church assisted	YES (Done) (THANKS EVERYONE!)
2. Assist at Kearney Town Regatta Saturday, Lunch preparation Sunday. Support the Jumping Castle initiative 10am to 4pm-2 people over 18.	30 July 2011	SGC celebrate God Rocks youth, two people.	Yes (Done)
3. A person with a damaged knee needed the floor of his home replaced. He has purchased the materials but he cannot do this himself. A team to assist get this done is needed.	6 August	A team assisted.  HOWEVER: We need as many helpers as we can to get to finish this. Please volunteer!	Partially complete! ( kitchen, living room and hallway were completed..)
4. Provide a touch point/support for elderly person in our community who will be living alone as her husband has been moved to a nursing home	Ad hoc	Two people contacted the lady and checked she was okay, she has the contact info.	Yes
7. Woman with husband that has Alzheimer's needs some help with housework weekly	Weekly	One person	Yes, ongoing
Car repair needed. Person could buy parts but could not also pay for labour.	Last week	One person	??Status??



CURRENT NEEDS TO BE PLANNED	PLANNED DATE	# attending	Complete ?
5. An elderly couple, without ability to drive, with no income, will <b>need to get 20 cord of wood</b> to heat their home this winter [CRITICAL]	Before Winter	To be planned (TBP)	No
6. An elderly couple who cannot do the work themselves need <b>help moving wood for winter</b> heating down into their basement this <b>October</b> . [SUBSTANTIAL]	OCTOBER (TBP)	(TBP)	No
8. Support of Almaguin High to build their <b>snoezelen room effort</b> . They are looking to gather \$50k. [LOW] <a href="http://www.access2011.com/snoezelen-room.html">http://www.access2011.com/snoezelen-room.html</a>	(TBP)	(TBP)	No
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**Please let us know of needs,  
look out for those needing help,  
ask around please!**

# True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. **Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.** Bless those who hurt you. **Bless them, and do not call down curses on them.** Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. **Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important.** Don't think that you are better than others. Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. **If possible, live in peace with everyone.** Do that as much as you can.

# Prayer requests?

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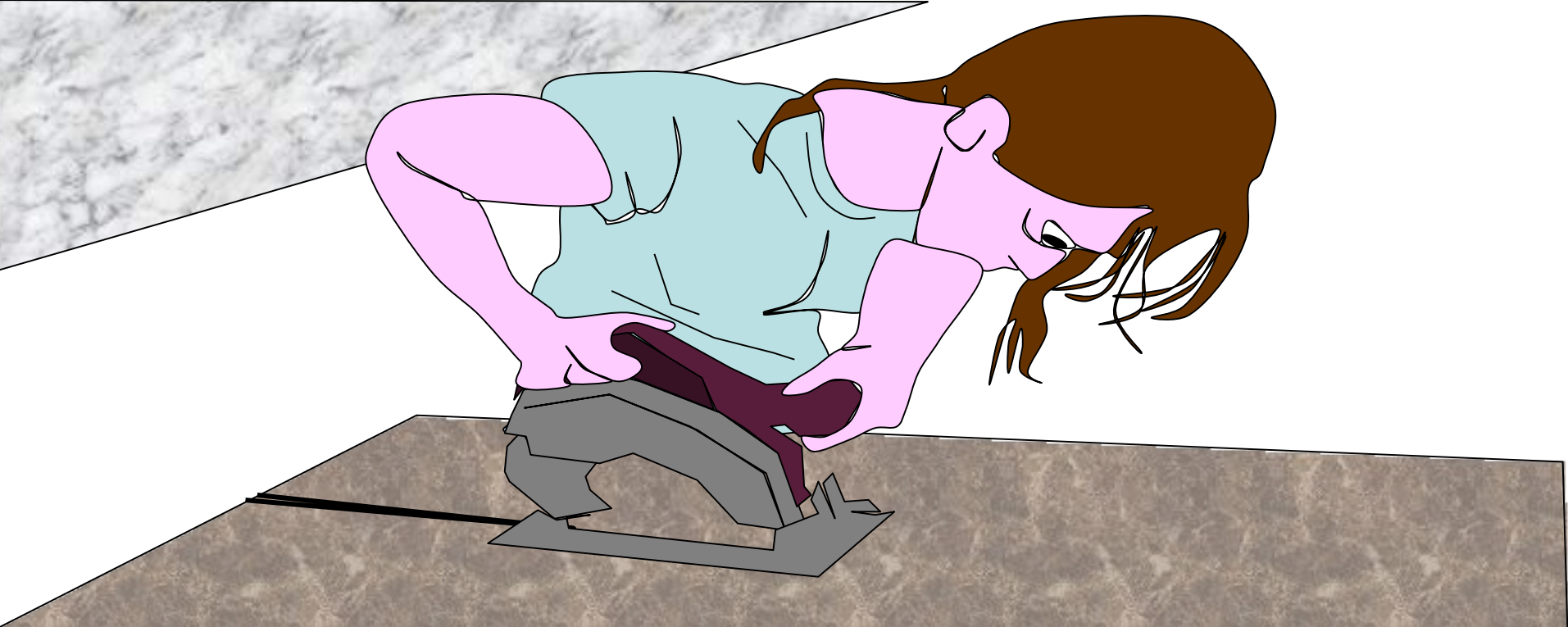


Let us  
pray

# Sort message/ discussion

*Grace enabled!*

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**Grace is the power of GOD that flows to us,  
think of it as the electricity that powers our  
tools with which we help others!**

# People of Grace



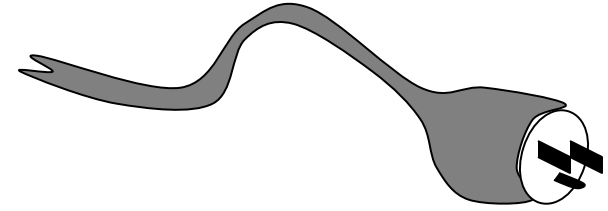
- God's Grace is not being warm, condescendingly courteous, or just having elegance and good taste
- “John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ.”
- Jesus was not elegant or refined, he was regular and rugged.
- **Grace is an attribute of Jesus!**

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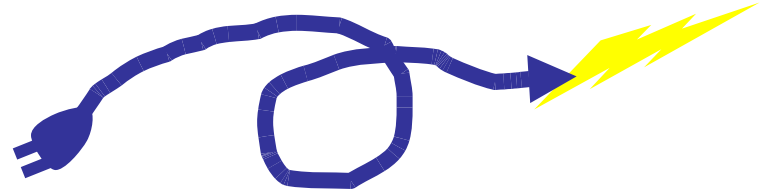
- **Acts 11 : Grace** refers to “The Lord’s hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.”
  - **21 Large numbers of people believed and turned to the Lord.**
  - 22 The church in Jerusalem heard about this. So they sent Barnabas to Antioch.
  - 23 When he arrived and saw what the **grace** of God had done, he was glad.

# Power of grace



- **Grace enables people, who cannot help themselves** spiritually to overcome the tiredness brought on by the weight of life without God, to flip the switch in their lives so they live right with God!
  - It enables them to gain **the power of Holy Spirit**,
  - It **activates and rejuvenates** their spiritual being!
  - It is transforming!
- **It overcomes the worst evils in the world!** It is extended to those who do the vilest crimes against humanity. **There is no softness in this grace!** This is **solid power filled** grace!

# Movement of grace



- Grace is **received** from God
  - “Romans 1:5 Through him(*Jesus*) **we received grace** and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name’s sake.”  
*here it is given by Jesus,*
- Grace can then **be passed on** by men,
  - “Romans 1:7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: **Grace and peace to you** from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

# Qualities of Grace



- **Grace increases in proportion to the evil it encounters**
  - “Romans 5:20 The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But **where sin increased, grace increased** all the more”



# Qualities of Grace



- Grace is the thing that **does away with rules and regulations**,
  - “Romans 6:14 For **sin shall no longer be your master**, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”
- Grace is a **GIFT**,
  - “Romans 11:4-6 . . . , at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And **if by grace, then it cannot be based on works**; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.”

**Nothing we can do can EARN us the right to be part of the spiritual family of God.**

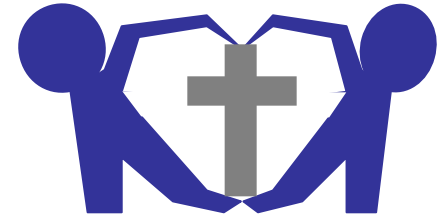
# Reading a piece of our bible

John 5:v 1-14

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a Jewish feast. In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate is a pool. In the Aramaic language it is called Bethesda. It is surrounded by five rows of columns with a roof over them. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie down. Among them were those who were blind, those who could not walk, and those who could hardly move.

One person who was there had been disabled for 38 years. Jesus saw him lying there. He knew that the man had been in that condition for a long time. So he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

# Grace helps us help others



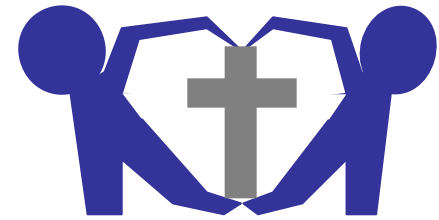
- We ask them and **understand their needs first**
  - “When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, **he asked him**, ‘Do you want to get well?’”
- **not everyone gets grace** before they endure a tough life
  - The guy was lame for thirty-eight years!

Sir," the disabled man replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when an angel stirs the water up. I try to get in, but someone else always goes down ahead of me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

At once the man was healed. He picked up his mat and walked.

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- We **need to be helpful** not selfish
  - The guy couldn't get to the water because no one helped.
- The **recipients of help need to help us help them**
  - “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk,”
- The **recipients of help should be given an opportunity to help others**
  - The lame man could now pick up others and take them into the pool couldn't he?

The day this happened was a Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath. The law does not allow you to carry your mat."

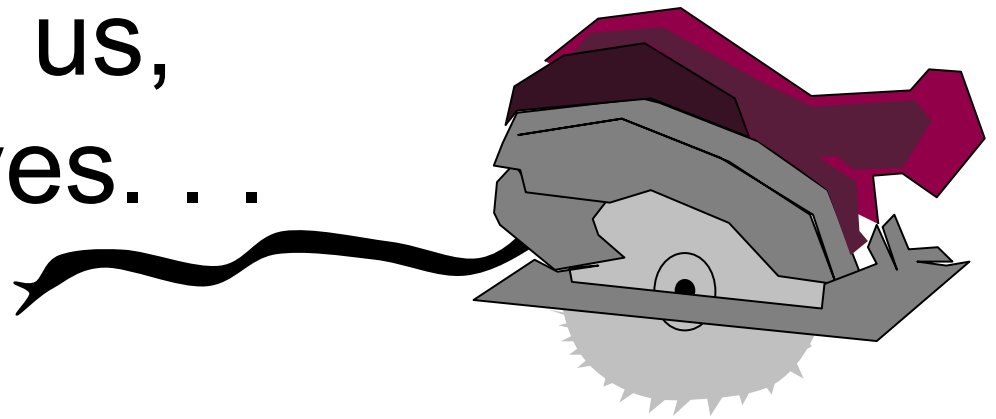
But he replied, "The one who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.' "

They asked him, "Who is this fellow? Who told you to pick it up and walk?"

The one who was healed had no idea who it was. Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there.

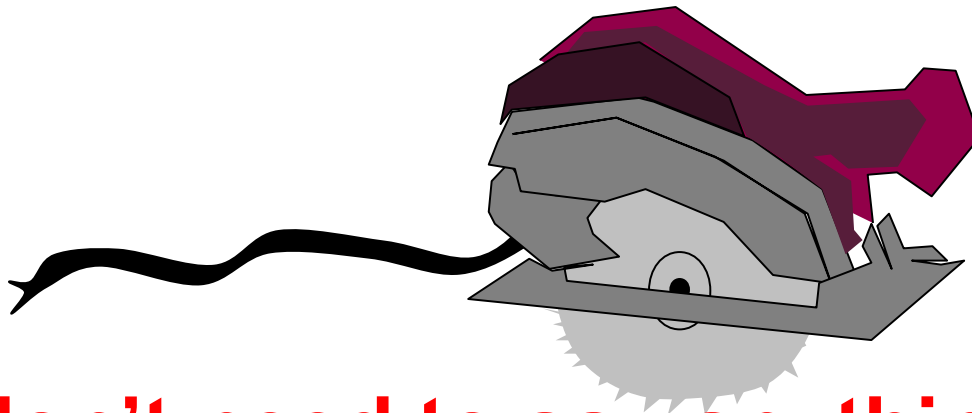
Later Jesus found him at the temple. Jesus said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning, or something worse may happen to you."

Grace enables us,  
if we ask ourselves. . . .



- What are **we** doing to **help those who cannot necessarily help themselves?**
- Can **we** by helping enable them to get to the point that God's grace can **make a difference in their life**, or at least where their life is easier?





- We **don't need to say anything special**, but perhaps
  - they just need to be a shoulder to lean on,
  - an ear to listen words that need to be said,
  - help with cutting their grass,
  - transport,
  - food,
  - warmth,
  - security of knowing others care, . . . or ????.
- Can we **plan and focus on these activities this coming week?**

# Agenda

## ACTIVITY

## DURATION EXPECTED

**Pass a hat!** Gathering of any monetary contributions for the community work

5 min

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# Nicene Creed

- **We believe in one God**, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- **We believe in one leader with authority, Jesus Christ**, the only Son of God, eternally established by the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, established, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and to save us, he came down from heaven, was embodied by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary becoming truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he went up into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- **We believe in the Holy Spirit**, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy universal body of Christian believers acknowledging the leading of the apostles of Jesus. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

On this we agree!



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