



# The Messenger

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## Five Ways to Relax in God's Grace

By Rick Warren

**"Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace" (Hebrews 12:15 NCV). How do you learn to "R.E.L.A.X." in the liberating grace of God?**

**R**—Realize nobody's perfect.

Psalm 119:96 is a verse directed toward God, and it declares, "Nothing is perfect except your words" (TLB). What society tells you isn't perfect. What popular opinion tells you isn't perfect. What you learned growing up isn't perfect. But God's Word is perfect. When you get in the Bible and build your life on it, you will have a perfect foundation.

**E**—Enjoy God's unconditional love.

The Bible says, "See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children—think of it—and we really are!" (1 John 3:1 TLB) When you become a follower of Christ, you're not just a servant of God anymore. You are a child of the King. A servant is accepted on the basis of what he does; a child is accepted on the basis of who he is. A servant starts the day anxious and worried that her work will please her master; a child rests in the secure love of her family. A servant is accepted because of his workmanship; a child is accepted because of his relationship.

**L**—Let God handle things.

What do you do about the uncontrollable things in life? "Cast all your anxiety on [God] because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7 NIV). When you're fishing and you cast a line, there comes a point where you have to take your finger off the button and let it go. Just like the essence of casting is letting go, to overcome perfectionism you have to let go and let God do his work.

**A**—Act in faith, not fear.

Remember how you got into God's family in the first place. Ephesians 2:8 says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith." There's no other way to get into heaven except by grace. You'll never be good enough, and you can't buy your way in. It's a free gift from God.

**X**—Exchange your perfectionism for God's peace.

Perfectionism destroys peace. Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-29, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest . . . Learn the unforced rhythms of grace" (The Message). What a deal!

You're going to fail a lot in life. But you don't have to worry about it if you've received God's grace. In fact, there's only one failure you ever need to worry about: "Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace" (Hebrews 12:15 NCV). Receive it right now, and then relax.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Chip*

### **Come and Worship with Us!**

9:00am Contemporary Worship—Lacy Hall

11:00am Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

### **Come Learn With Us!**

10:05am Sunday School

We have over 10 classes for all ages...  
find one that suits you!

We also offer weekly Bible studies...  
check the website for dates & times

# BETHANY NEWS

## **Calling All Bethany Art Lover's**

Kathy Littlefield (Shelly Wolff's mom) is inviting the Bethany Family to view some of her paintings - showing at Uncle C's BBQ restaurant – 6548 Hwy 92, Acworth ....Open: Thurs – Sun : Noon to 7PM (Ongoing exhibit)

ALSO

MARIETTA: Light of Hope Presbyterian Church – artist invitational “Candlelight Rhapsody in Blue” Exhibit. 1507 Hurt Road, Marietta. Four pieces of her work will be displayed along with other local artists from October 27<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>: Sat: 4-9, Sun: 12-6, Tues – Fri: 9-2 (closed Monday). I would like to thank all the BUMC art lovers for their encouragement and support. Hope to see you there. God Bless!

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Grab your knitting needles or crochet hook and join us in making prayer shawls for those in need of a physical touch to remind them of our prayers and God's love. We will be meeting in the Koinonia Classroom (just outside the office) at 6:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We have some yarn donated to us that you are welcome to use. If you have questions please call Claire Farmer at 770 596-8701.



## **This Saturday, October 13, 9:00-2:00**

All proceeds will be for our Summer 2019 Summer Mission Trip to Hinton Rural Life Center. Please come and bring your family, friends and neighbors.

## **Trunk-or-Treat - We need 35 trunks!!** **October 28, 4pm until 6pm**



Let your creative minds go free and create all kinds of trunks. Your trunk can be themed, a game of some sort, whatever you create. If you are not able to do a trunk as a family or group, **please** consider donating candy to help supplement what the

trunks will be giving to insure we have enough candy for the event to be successful. We need YOU to be a participant either by donating candy or having a trunk and giving out candy that way.

There will be a Food Truck that will have kid-friendly menu, candy apples, FREE flu shots, some give-a-ways, and some other fun things, as well as music provided by our very own Praise Band! Candy donation boxes will be on Children's Hall or outside church office door. Contact Mary Jane, Autumn or Chandra.

## **Nursery Worker Needed**

After 18 years of faithful service in our nursery, Tammy Groce, is leaving us to relocate to Blairsville, GA. We will miss her dearly. This leaves a vacancy to fill in the nursery on Sunday mornings, 8:30-12:30. If you are interested in this paid position please talk to Mary Jane. We need this filled by October 28.

## **Methodist Men's "Steak Dinner"**

It's finally here - The METHODIST MEN'S STEAK DINNER for only \$10 !!! Monday, October 15th Lacy Hall 7pm. We have secured a "great chef who cooks a great steak" and the men of Bethany need to be part of the action. Tickets are on sale now. See Ron Johns, Wayne Human, David Young, Jim Westbrooks to buy a ticket.

### **Our Pastors**

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*Evelyn White, Pianist*

*Donna Hester, Organist*

## SERVANTHOOD, ETC.

### Attendance for Sunday, October 7

Contemporary Worship Service—73  
 Traditional Worship Service—96  
 Sunday School - 121

### **OCTOBER 14, 2018**

*“What Must I Do?”*

Mark 10: 17-31    Rev. Chip Wilson

#### Acolytes

John & Josh Reilly

#### Greeters

9:00 am    The Vance Family  
 11:00 am    Debra Nix & Beth Weldy

#### AV Tech & Sound

9:00 am    Kevin Ammerman & Cindy Webb  
 11:00 am    Meredith Baker & Kevin Ammerman

#### Presentation Team

TBD

#### Scripture Reader

TBD

#### Ushers

9:00 am    Keith Groce  
 11:00 am    Sandra Crowe, Brenda Danas,  
 Diane Roberts, Walter Trotter, Terry Wullschlegler

#### Children's Church

Carolyn Reilly & Catherine Simpson

### Upkeep Projects

You may have noticed the outside painting, air conditioning repairs and few other things going on around the church. While some of these items were planned, most were not. Please continue to honor your pledges and if you can, please give a little extra.

Thanks. *The Finance Team*

### Family Night Supper

October 17 menu will be parmesan chicken breast, baked potatoes, green beans, rolls, salads & banana splits. Reservation slips will be in the worship bulletin.

## REACHING OUT & SUCH...

### Bethany Holiday Bazaar

We are getting very excited about our 5th Annual Holiday Bazaar, which is being held on Saturday, November 17. Because we have so many great vendors, we will begin our shopping journey in The Rock and proceed down to Lacy Hall. Proceeds from this event will benefit Habitat and the Military Working Dogs.

We need volunteers to help set-up on Friday and take down on Saturday. We also need a few people to direct our shopping guests from The Rock to Lacy Hall, restrooms, etc. Please contact Shelley Booth if you can help at shelley.booth@att.net or 404-372-4040.

### Remembrance Service

Wellstar Community Hospice cordially invites you to their *Celebration of Life and Remembrance Service* on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 2pm. The service will be held at Grace Community Church, 770 Kennesaw Ave., NW, Marietta, GA 30060. Reception to follow. **Please RSVP by October 19.** They are also making a *Remembrance Quilt*. You may submit a 10 inch square and 300 word write-up to: Threads of Love c/o Barbara Ingram, Tranquility at Kennesaw MT, 475 Dickson Ave., NW, Marietta, GA 30064. For more information call 470-245-9959 or email Barbara.Ingram@wellstar.org.

### Church Meeting

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7pm in the Garth Davison Classroom. This meeting will serve as our Pre-Connection Conference Meetings (*aka Pre-Charge Conference Meeting*). Please make notice of the date change for this meeting. All members are asked to be present.

### UMW

The Bethany UMW hope you can join them at Marietta First UMC this Sunday, October 14 at 2:30pm for the Atlanta/Marietta District Annual Meeting. For more information contact Co-Presidents, Sandra Crowe or Louise Young.

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**Current Prayer Concerns**

Family of Jack McClannahan-stepfather of Sharon Rice  
 Family of Harold Mills - brother of Pat Trotter  
 Elizabeth Fisher - mother of Shelley Boggus  
 Ann Friedlander  
 David Hendrix

**Pray For Our Friends**

Steve & Kathy Beckham	Eloise Fulmer	Mary McBath
Nell Bilderback	Lisa Hilley	Connie Dewberry
Jane Eisenberg		Martha Speir

**Long-Term Prayer Concerns**

Christine Adhikari	Mary Anne Malcolm
Neal Allen	Patty Mann - family of Gail Garrett
Cyndi Bonilla - family of Mary Jane Higman	David Marvin-family of Ray Gary
Shawn & Angel Campbell	David May
Don Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	Maryanne McCurdy
Gary Carter - nephew of Travis Carter	Mariana Moosa
Martha Ciffone - friend of Mary Anne Malcolm	Phil & Selene Mozley
Donald Clark	Tammy Osborne
Britt Crump - nephew of Judy Kelley	Buddy & Evelyn Panter
Rev. Stiles Cobb	Joyce Poolos
Jim Danas	Aaron & Allie Rice
Laura Denton	Eliska Rucker Family
Mollie Edmondson—sister of Wayne Thomas	Russell Elementary School
Bobbie English	David Smith Jr.—family of Dianne Tidmore
Guy & Alison Gabrielson	Chris Sperry - friend of Britt McCurdy
Aaron Garner	Richard Sprayberry
Victor Gary	Doug Stisher
Mandy Harrison—sister of Melanie Crowe	Helen Sullivan
Harvey Hendrix	Rev. Susan Taylor
Charles Hill—family of Johnnie Driver	John Tidmore—family of Dianne Tidmore
Barry Johnson-brother of Tammy Groce	Cole Tolbert-family of Brad & Laurie Mote
Jackson Jones—Terry family member	Kaye Wilson—friend of The Sprayberry's
Patricia Kramer	
Lecia Landolt—daughter of Mary Lanford	
Kelley Lennon—friend of Leta Thomas	

***Happy Birthday!***

**October 9** - David Human  
**October 10** - Claire Farmer  
**October 13** - Spencer Young, Ron Adhikari  
**October 14** - Keith Groce  
**October 15** - Neal Allen, Virginia Busby  
**October 17** - George Lowther

**COMING UP ...**  
**OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 20**

**Sunday, October 14**

9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship - Lacy Hall; Children's Church—Room 101
10:05 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
2:30 PM	Girl Scouts - Children's Hall
6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Group

**Monday, October 15**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
6:00 PM	Finance Meeting - Koinonia
6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:00 PM	UMM - Lacy Hall; Joymakers; Lamplighters
7:30 PM	Boy Scouts - Scout Lodge

**Tuesday, October 16**

6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
6:45 PM	Cub Scouts - Lacy Hall
7:00 PM	ESOL - Koinonia
7:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, October 17**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
5:45 PM	Family Night Supper - Lacy Hall
6:00 PM	Kings Kids, Youth
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

**Thursday, October 18**

6:30 PM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal - Lacy Hall

**Friday, October 19**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
7:45 PM	Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, October 20**

9:00 AM	Jazzercise - The Rock
10:45 AM	Zumba - The Rock