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**Jumbled Thoughts**



**By Rev. Ryan Bachuss**  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**

Grace is such an important part of what being a Christian is all about and today Paul explains how much we need God's divine grace as a part of our lives. Paul says that all of us were doomed before God's grace came to us. We were living sinful lives and we were dealing with the nature of humanity. But then guess what out of the love that God has for us, we are saved from this sinfulness, we are saved from death, we are restored to living a life of faith. We are God's handiwork and we are given to doing good works through Jesus. Not only that but all these good works are from God, that way we can't say it was all us. Not only does God grant us grace, he grants us the ability to show that grace to others. Paul tells us that this is a gift, we get to not only know God's love and grace but we get to share it. Can you imagine what life would be like if we were all left alone to our own methods. Would we ever reach heaven? Would we even know that we need grace? If left to our own devices the answer is no. But take heart because God leaves in each one of us a desire to know God. The presence of the Spirit leads us to understand that we need grace, and Paul says God raised us up with Christ and for that we can be thankful. I hope you all have a great rest of the week. See you Sunday where we talk more about this grace we have.

[A Heart for Christ](#)

*As long as you keep your mouth closed, I told myself, you won't be doing anything wrong. I'd been outwardly holding back my anger toward a colleague after misinterpreting things she'd said. Since we had to see each other every day, I decided to limit communication to only what was necessary (and retaliate with my silent treatment). How could a quiet demeanor be wrong? Jesus said that sin begins in the heart (Matthew 15:18-20). My silence may have fooled people into thinking all was well, but it wasn't fooling God. He knew I was hiding a heart filled with anger. I was like the Pharisees who honored God with their lips, but their hearts were far from Him (v. 8). Even though my outward appearance didn't show my true feelings, the bitterness was festering inside me. The joy and closeness I'd always felt with my heavenly Father were gone. Nurturing and hiding sin does that. By God's grace, I told my colleague how I was feeling and apologized. She graciously forgave me and, eventually, we became good friends. "Out of the heart come evil thoughts" (v. 19), Jesus says. The state of our heart matters because evil residing there can overflow into our lives. Both our exterior and interior matter. By: Karen Huang*

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- C--Create a community of trust & faith with our neighbors.**
- A---Attend to the physical needs of our neighbors.**
- P---Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.**



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 C/O Evelyn Ham  
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**ATTENDANCE/STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:  
 Sunday, March 3rd, 2024**

**Presley Chapel UMC**

**In Person Attendance = 34    Online Attendance = 10**

**General = \$871.00                      Building Fund = \$0.00**  
**Missions - \$14.00**  
**Mission Fund Balance = \$2,006.39**

**Huntsville UMC**

**In Person Attendance = 37    Online Attendance = 5**

**General = \$6,332.00                      Building Fund = \$0.00**  
**Missions = \$67.00**  
**Mission Fund Balance = \$1,554.81**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**Presley Chapel UMC - Happy Birthday:**

Trent Gabbard - 11, Zander Denton - 14,  
 Lindell McCollough & Porter Jones - 16  
**Happy Anniversary:** Lindell & Laura  
 McCollough - 14

**Huntsville UMC - Happy Birthday:**

Grace Archambault - 10, Lincoln &  
 McKindley Preston - 11  
**Happy Anniversary:** Russ & Sandy Flory -  
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**If you watch our service on Facebook,  
please comment or like us so that we can  
count your attendance.**

**METHODIST MEN'S CHICKEN PICK-UP:**

If you can help by picking up chicken on  
tuesday mornings at tyson Springdale  
see Butch or myself for info

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAFAF29A4F4C34-chicken>



**Breakfast with the Pastor is back. Join me  
on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am at  
Granny's for breakfast, a cup of coffee,  
prayer, or just a conversation.**

The Laundry of Love program is well  
underway. We are accepting donations  
toward this each week. You may make a  
donation by just putting the line "laundry"  
on your check or envelope or in Huntsville  
by keeping the Coins for Christ container.

You may also sign up to participate through  
the sign up genius site here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAFAF29A4F4C34-45516134-laundry>  
Thank you as always for supporting the  
outreaches of our church.

**Holy Week Services:**

- \*Palm Sunday, March 24th - 9:30 am @ PCUMC and 11:00 am @ HUMC
- \*Contemporary Worship, March 24th @ HUMC at 4:30 pm
- \*Maundy Thursday, March 28th @ Presley Chapel at 6:00 pm
- \*Good Friday, March 29th @ Huntsville at 6:00 pm
- \*Easter Sunday Worship, March 31st - 9:30 am @ PCUMC and 11:00 am @ HUMC with Easter Egg Hunts following both services & Potluck Lunch at Presley Chapel @ 12:15 pm

**Lent season prayers every Wednesday -  
Facebook and Email.**

**Sermon Series**

Lent sermon series: How far does love go?

March 10: "Grace is our only path" Ephesians  
2:1-10

March 17: "Do we love our life?" John 12:20-28



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**March 24: Palm Sunday services "Opposites"  
Mark 11:7-11 & 15:44-47**

**Our Military Members:** JR Lievsay, Steven Davis, Owen Davis, John Commerford, Kimberly (Commerford) Gannott

**Youth Fundraiser and Contemporary worship  
Sunday, March 24th starting at 4:30 pm**

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers...*  
Please email your prayer concerns to Pastor Ryan @ [ryan.bachuss@arumc.org](mailto:ryan.bachuss@arumc.org), [huntsville@arumc.org](mailto:huntsville@arumc.org), or [presley.chapel@arumc.org](mailto:presley.chapel@arumc.org).



*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."*

Romans 8:26-27 New International Version  
(NIV)

Bobby Hawkins & family, Tim Stroud, Karen Fuller, Joe Lyman, John Karnes, Karigan-Winter family (Bob Saylor family), Mack, Molly, Oakley & Olivia Spears, Harper Isaacs, Cassandra, Von Sikes, Gayla, Uma Dutt family, Rachael Tishner, Buddy Goudeau, Randy Whitman, Debbie Haynes, Daron Deal, Jessica Higgins, Martha Killion and family, Bo Parmain, Nolan Nance, Russ & Sandy Flory, Stacy Ramsey, Gerald & Karla Van Brunt, Beverly Goya, Liberty Madewell, Charles Berry, Melissa Woods, Les & Marlene Norton, Amanda Cousins, X Dotson

**Pastor Ryan's prayer report:**

Denton Grubb would love to have visitors; he is in room 302 at Meadowview. Les and Marlene Norton are asking for prayer as he is homebound right now due to oxygen restraints. Marlene is taking care of him as best she can, but needs prayers her health holds out. X Dotson is on dialysis now. We lift up Gerald Van Brunt as he recovers from gallbladder surgery. We lift up Martha Killion in our prayers as she grieves the loss of her daughter Krystal. We lift up Daron Deal as he recovers from surgery and we lift up Russ Flory as he recovers from knee replacement.

**Recipes of the Week**

**Quick Chili**

2 lbs ground chuck; 1 medium onion, chopped; 1 small bell pepper, chopped; 2 pkgs. of your favorite chili mix; 2 cans ranch style beans; 2 cans diced, chili ready tomatoes

Brown ground beef with onions and peppers in a large pot. Add beans, tomatoes, and chili. Mix well and let simmer. Add water to the amount desired for the thickness you want. Let simmer for at least an hour. Serve with



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sour cream, shredded cheese, and Fritos or crackers.



**Children's moment**

This season of Lent is not about something you find in your dryer or your belly button. This is a time of reflection as we follow Jesus to the cross and resurrection. During this time, often people give things up, but I challenge you instead to pick something up. Help someone who is needing help, lead a time of prayer at school, or just take a few extra minutes to pray.

**K.I.D.S.**

Church isn't always quiet.  
Church isn't always Sitting Still.  
Church is always ACTIVE!!!  
Come find out what we are doing!

**Joke of the week:  
What do superheroes use to mend their capes? Masking tape.**





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March 20 regular youth

March 27 stuff easter eggs

## **Youth News!**

**Our youth fundraiser is coming! It will be Palm Sunday, March 24th, before the contemporary service. Menu still to come.**

**If you are scheduled to bring the meal for youth, please plan for 25 youth and adults. We will be providing drinks and desserts for the youth so all you will be needing is a main dish. Remember that we have younger ones now so they should not eat quite as much.**

### **March activities:**

March 6 regular youth

March 13 regular youth

## **Jumbled Thoughts**

**By: Pastor Ryan**

When Lent season comes around, so many people are thinking of things to give up. But do you realize the reason we do this? It is to remind us every day to think of the item we gave up of how much Jesus' love for us means. It is also a time we can draw closer to God through the act of fasting. Scripture tells us that while Jesus was in the wilderness he neither ate nor drank. He was fasting and preparing himself for his ministry. This is a valuable opportunity for us to prepare ourselves to receive all that Jesus has in store for us.



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## **Upcoming Events**

**Just the Girls Having Lunch @ Huntsville UMC**

**Wednesday, March 13th @ 11:30 am**

**Huntsville Church Council meeting**

**Sunday, March 17th @ noon**

**Ladies Bible Study @ Huntsville UMC**

**Tuesday, March 19th @ 5:30 pm**

**NO YOUTH on Wednesday, March 20th**

**Contemporary worship @ Huntsville UMC**

**Palm Sunday, March 24th**

**Youth fundraiser dinner before contemporary worship on**

**Sunday, March 24th**

**Maundy Thursday service @ Presley Chapel on**

**Thursday, March 28th 6:00 pm**





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**Good Friday Service @ Huntsville on  
Friday, March 29th 6:00 pm**

**Easter Egg Hunts at both churches on Easter Sunday, March 31st**

**\*\*Candy is needed at Huntsville to stuff the eggs. Please bring  
your donations to church before Wednesday, March 27th.\*\***