

**March 15, 2015**

**SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Of Princeton, New Jersey*

**Jesus Christ**

For by Him were all things created,  
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,  
visible and invisible ...

And He is before all things,  
and by Him all things consist.

- Colossians 1:16-17

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class  
11:00 AM Morning Service

Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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**10:15 a.m. Bible Class**

**11:00 a.m. Service**

Opening Hymns

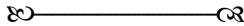
Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

**Nursery Today:** Melinda C. **Nursery Thurs:** Carol D.  
**Announcements:** If you would like to designate a gift toward the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter missionary offering please mark “Missionary” on the outside of the envelope. Please, do not put your name on the outside of the envelope for any offerings, only the amount.

The works by which Abraham and Rahab showed their faith (James 2:21-25) were works seen by no one except God. Even so, the works by which we show our faith are works seen by God alone. Others may benefit from them, but God alone sees them, and sees them as works of faith. *Don Fortner, pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Danville, KY*



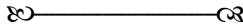
### **BE CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY (1 Peter 5:5)**

If you want to be useful to God’s church, ask God to give you humility, for God is only served in humility (Acts 20:19). A humble person is a great blessing to others and it is easy to be with a humble person. We are most Christ-like when we are humble (Phil. 2:5-7). A humble person will be thankful because he knows he doesn’t deserve anything. A humble person won’t be a boaster because he knows he doesn’t have anything to boast in except Christ. A humble person won’t be lifted up with pride because he knows everything he has God gave him and everything he is God made him. A humble person has a teachable attitude because he knows he doesn’t know it all. A humble person will forgive easily and assumes the best of others. A humble person is a happy person because he is content with whatever God has seen fit to give him. A humble person is a gracious person because God gives grace to the humble (I Peter 5:5). A humble person will submit to the will of God in all things: “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time” (I Peter 5:6). Oh to be a humble person! *Frank Tate, pastor of Hurricane Road Grace Church, Ashland, KY*



## ALTOGETHER LOVELY!

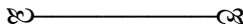
Is the Lord Jesus Christ such an ugly, unattractive, undesirable Husband that His bride will not love nor serve Him unless she is driven or bribed? What a dishonoring thought! What a blasphemous thought! Those who truly know the Lord Jesus, love Him. Those who love the Lord Jesus, desire to honor and serve Him. Those who desire to honor and serve Him do so, as willing and thankful servants, constrained by the knowledge of His great love for them, and the love which they, in return, have for Him (II Corinthians 5:14; I John 4:19). To all who know Him, Christ is “altogether lovely,” and desired above any other, and all else! *Maurice Montgomery, pastor-emeritus Bible Baptist Church, Maddisonville, KY*



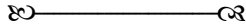
## REBUKE

**“Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.” (Proverbs 9:8)**

Someone has said, “Faithful reproofs, if they don’t profit you will provoke you.” God’s prophet, John the Baptist, faithfully rebuked Herod for taking his brother’s wife (Matthew 14:4). Herod’s response to the truth of God was anger and murder toward God’s prophet. On another occasion, the prophet of God, Nathan, rebuked King David for taking Bathsheba to be his wife and for the murder of Uriah the Hittite, her husband (II Samuel 12:7-14). David, instead of being angry, was humbled and confessed before God that he was a sinner and begged for mercy. David expressed this in Psalm 51, “Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.” Now here is the question for us. How do we react to the rebuke of Holy Scripture? Are we humbled and broken hearted? Do we beg God for mercy and forgiveness or do we get angry and upset? Believers are humbled before God; those who don’t believe God are only angered and enraged before God’s sovereign word and will (Rom. 8:7). *Tom Harding, pastor Zebulon Baptist Church, Pikeville, KY*



**Acts 17:11: These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.**



### **HE THAT DOES NOT BACKBITE**

**Psalm 15: 3: He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.**

This is the answer when the question is asked, “LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?” (Ps 15: 1) It is a reasonable question considering Psalm 14 says, “The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God. They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.” (Ps 14: 2-3) Christ Jesus is the only one who ever walked this earth who was neighbor to us. He did not slander anyone. God the Son did not work evil toward us, only righteousness. He did not scorn his neighbor. Christ Jesus truly is the one the good Samaritan typifies. (Lu 10: 25-36) Christ is the only one who ever “loved the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his strength, and with all his mind; and his neighbor as himself.” Like the man in the parable, God’s elect fell in our father Adam. We were stripped of all righteousness and left in the ditch of depravity. Like the priest and the Levite, the law and religion would not help us out of our condition. But Christ, like the despised Samaritan, had compassion on us from eternity. He came and bound up our wounds, pouring in the oil of the Holy Spirit and the wine of his blood. Christ himself is our rest like the wounded man was put on the beast so he could rest. The Head of the church brings his weak child to his church and continues to take care of us through his gospel. As his preachers care for his people through the gospel, Christ provides for them. Christ is the Neighbor, who alone has really shown mercy to those who are truly in need.

When Christ has done this work for us, he bridles our fleshly backbiting tongue and gives us a new heart. Now, by God’s grace, we love him who was Neighbor to us, who showed us mercy. In a much smaller way, we follow his steps by loving our brethren, as well as other needy sinners who are yet fallen and robbed in the ditch of depravity. We show them mercy by speaking the truth of Christ instead of backbiting them or his holy name; we show them mercy by providing whatever they need to help them get under the sound of the gospel of Christ rather than doing evil to them; we love them by taking them up when they fall rather than taking up a reproach of scorn against them. All of this is because Christ was Neighbor to us.