



Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

PERSEVERANCE! PATIENCE!

Have you ever been in a test . . . a challenge . . . a season when it's just down right hard and you wonder if things will ever change and get easier? Does some kind of infirmity or affliction or financial crisis or family issue seem to just go on and on? I think that we all can say "yes" to all of the above at some time or another. We say that the devil is after us, and that is true, but God is after something as well. Satan wants us to grow weary and be discouraged and give up, and God wants to take those hard things to shape and mold His character into us and work into us patience, perseverance, endurance and longsuffering. These are not popular words, because in order to get this kind of fruit we usually have to go through some trials and fiery tests! I don't like trials, and I don't like tests!

James 1:2-4, ***"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces PATIENCE. But let PATIENCE have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."***

Webster's Dictionary defines PERSEVERANCE: Steady, persistence, in a course of action or purpose, doggedness, steadfastness, tenacity, resolute, unyielding, holding on, determined, bull-dog quality of tenacity. I want all these qualities in my life! The process that God uses is custom designed for each of us.

My health issues for years have been what God has allowed in order to work some perseverance and patience into me. I don't like the process . . . God loves the process! I want things to change now! God says, "Trust Me to heal you in My time and trust Me to work all things for your good and for My glory!" As I trust and lean on Him in weakness . . . He becomes my strength, and though the process seems long . . . I think I see a little more patience forming in me!

II Peter 1:5, ***"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control PERSEVERANCE, to PERSEVERANCE godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."***

I know that we can be encouraged and inspired by the Word of God and we can also be inspired by great Christen men and women who have already finished their race and fulfilled their destiny.

John Wesley, along with his brother Charles, founded the Methodist Church in the mid 1700's. Through many hardships and persecutions, he remained steadfast and committed to the call of God to preach and share the Gospel. He persevered and did not quit or give up. Here is an entry from his journal:

Sunday A.M., May 5. Preached in St. Ann's. Was asked not to come back anymore.

Sunday P.M., May 5. Preached at St. John's. Deacons said, "Get out and stay out."

Sunday A.M., May 12. Preached at St. Jude's. Can't go back there either.

Sunday P.M., May 12. Preached at St. George's. Kicked out again.

Sunday P.M., May 19. Preached at St. somebody else's. Deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't return.

Sunday P.M., May 19. Preached on the street. Kicked off the street.

Sunday A.M., May 26. Preached in meadow, chased out of meadow as bull was turned loose during the service.

Sunday A.M., June 2. Preached out at edge of town, kicked off the highway.

Sunday P.M., June 2. Afternoon service. Preached in the pasture, 10,000 people came to hear me.

I want that kind of PERSEVERANCE and PATIENCE in my life and with my destiny!! How about you???

I love all of you and so appreciate your faithful prayers and support all these years.

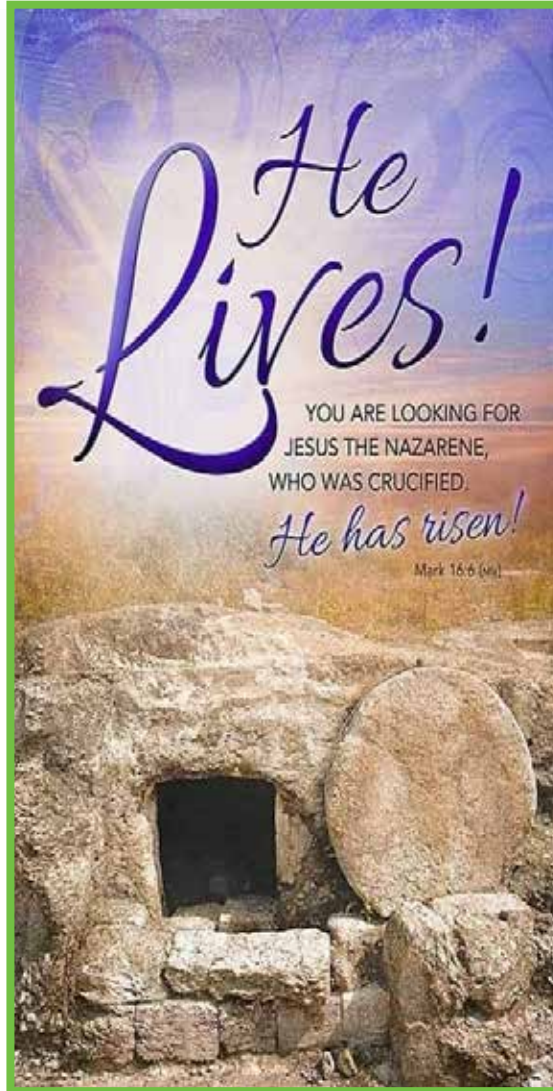
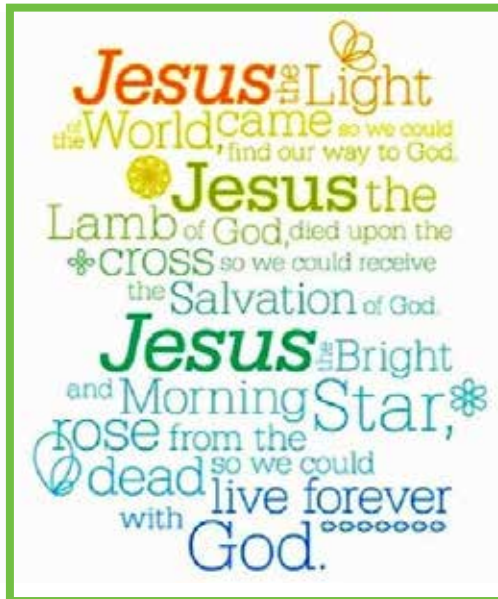
Rhonda



Donation Drop Off Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am-2:00pm

Total Served in March **2,926**

3 meals a week &
groceries twice month



We want to give a special

Thank you

to these groups who have
loyally served at Grace
Place for years!! You are
all such a blessing to so
many!!

Christ Church
Family Church
Christian Life
First West
St. Paschal
St. Paul
Cook Baptist
First Baptist Bernice
Lea Joyner
Fruit Loops
Bethany Winsboro
Life Church
North Crossing
Target
Antioch

CURRENT NEEDS:

Shampoos
Soaps
Wipes
Deodorants
Bottled water
Finances



Join us Saturday, May 7 for

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KIDS**

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