

## AMAZING GRACE CONTINUES TO SAVE WRETCHES

John Newton was nurtured by a devoted Christian mother who dreamed that her only son would become a preacher. But she died when John was a child, and he followed his sea-captain father to a sailor's life. John didn't care for the discipline of the Royal Navy: he deserted ship; he was repeatedly flogged, and eventually he was dishonorably discharged.

He had had enough of religion, England, and the Royal Navy. So, he headed for regions where he could "sin freely." John ended up on the western coast of Africa, in the center of the barbaric slave trade. He found a place where he could sin freely, but he was in the midst of people who also sinned freely. His employer was a ruthless slave trader who sinned freely as he bought and sold people created in the image of God.

And it should be no surprise that John Newton found that the employer who embraced a life of "sinning freely" mistreated him. Newton's life during that period bore the appearance of a modern Prodigal Son's. He was "a wretched looking man" toiling in a plantation of lemon trees in the Island of Plantains. His "clothes had become rags; he had no shelter from the elements. And he found himself begging for unhealthy roots to allay his hunger."

After more than a year of such treatment, he managed to escape from the island, in 1747. The following year his ship was battered by a severe storm. Newton had read *The Imitation of Christ*, and during the life-threatening voyage he tuned his life back towards Jesus Christ.

Ironically, Newton then served as captain of a slave ship for six years. He gradually came to abhor slavery and later crusaded against it. Newton felt dissatisfied with the hymns of the traditional hymn books. He began writing his own hymns, many autobiographical in nature, including "Amazing Grace!"

In his old age, it was suggested that Newton retired because of bad health and failing memory. He replied, "My memory is nearly gone, but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!"

Jesus' death and resurrection unleashes amazing grace that continues to save wretches. Jesus's death and resurrection continues to declare criminals no longer condemned but justified. Jesus' death and resurrection continues to give peace.

*We believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,  
who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.*

*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Romans 4:24–5:1**

Grace & Peace  
Derek

### Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,  
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244

**YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE**

## Family News & Notes

- **Jack Ussery, Richard Fraley, Judy Sullivan, and Norma Payne** are all recovering from surgery.
- **Rick Murphy** as he continues on IV antibiotics for several weeks.
- **Donna Meadows** will have cataract surgery **Thursday, April 12.**
- **Lula Whittle** is going to West Clinic for continued treatments.
- **Jeanette Williams** has a compression fracture.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HEALTH ISSUES:** Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Lula Whittle, Jeanette Williams

**REHAB:** Danny Jackson, Peggy McGowen

**SHUT-INS:** Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Helen Weathers

**FAMILY:** Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Sallye Giles, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood,

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, April 15,** Lynn Stalnaker will be celebrating her 90th birthday. Please come and join her celebration in the FLC that day at **1:00PM.**

### EL SALVADOR MISSION TEAM

The El Salvador Mission Team will host their annual Dinner and Silent Auction on **Sunday, April 22, 2018,** after morning worship. They will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner and the silent auction will be for desserts. Adult plates are \$10 and children's plates are \$5. Come and enjoy the meal and bid on your favorite desserts.

It is that time of year again, the mission team needs donations for their annual yard sale. To donate items please contact **Nick or Daphne Eddlemon.** The sale will be **Saturday, May 5, 2018.**

### THE ARK

Any senior Goodman Oaks members interested in going to The Ark and Creation Museum and other sites in Bowling Green, KY, **May 21-24,** we still have a few slots available. For more information see **Jean Kuykendall** or **Nancy Herron.**

### VBS

Reserve the dates in **July from the 15–18** for VBS. More information to follow later.

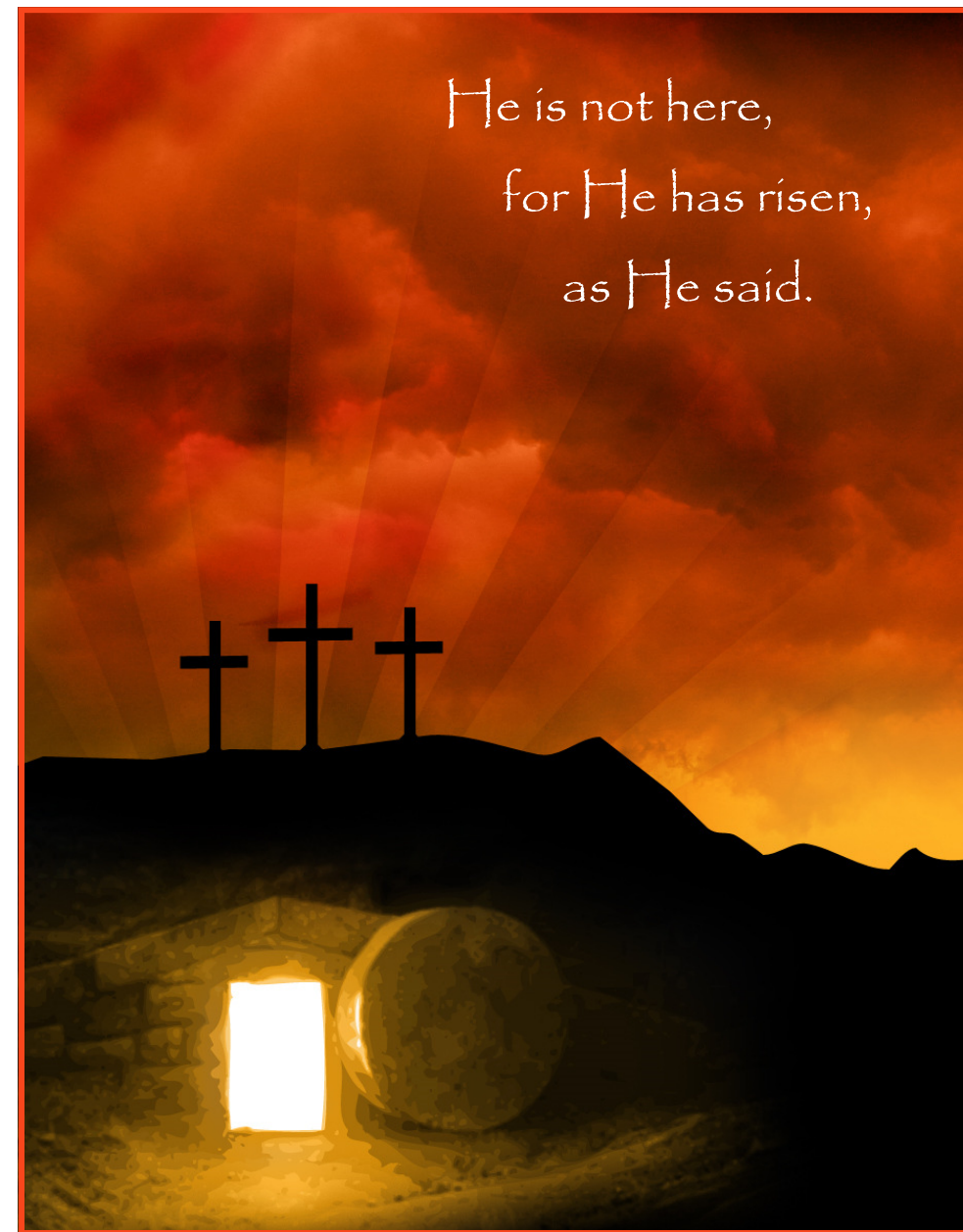


### Reminders . . .

- ☞ **There WILL BE service tonight at 5PM.**
- ☞ Use **CAUTION** in the **FLC and hallways** due to upgrades/painting
- ☞ The TLC's will have their First Friday Fellowship on **Friday, April 6,** at 6:00PM

*Invite a friend to worship*

He is not here,  
for He has risen,  
as He said.



### YOUTH NEWS

#### AREA WIDE

Our next Area Wide will be in Como **tonight.** Make plans to be there. Let **Jared** know if you plan to attend.

#### SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Camp is now open. Please be sure to go to [www.sardislakechristiancamp.org](http://www.sardislakechristiancamp.org) to register your child. The full amount is not due at registration. You can pay a deposit only. The dates for our session of camp are **Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2!**

## WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 21**.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call **Derek McNamara** at 662-349-3600.

### MEETING TIMES

#### Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00AM  
Morning Assembly 10:00AM  
Evening Assembly 5:00PM

#### Wednesday:

Bible Class 7:00PM

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## Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

### "JESUS OUR RISEN HIGH PRIEST" HEBREWS 4:14—16

### THE WEEKLY RECORD

<b>Contributions:</b>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 16,399
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
<b>Attendance:</b>	
Bible Class	373
Morning Assembly	551
Midweek Class	NA

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### April 1, 2018

Singing - Luke McNamara

797 "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

242 "Sing Hallelujah To The Lord"

Prayer - Mark Aldridge

129 "Amazing Grace"

The Lord's Supper and Offering

Oscar Wooten

344 "Low In The Grave He Lay"

345 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"  
"Before The Throne"

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"JESUS OUR RISEN HIGH PRIEST"

HEBREWS 4:14—16

Invitation Song:

179 "He Is Lord"

Shepherd's Prayer - Marty Brownfield

Him we proclaim,  
warning everyone and teaching everyone  
with all wisdom, that we may present  
everyone mature in Christ.

~Colossians 1:28~

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