

# Grace Notes

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October 2026

## A Peep-of-Day Prayer Meeting

*Before they call I will answer; while they are  
yet speaking I will hear – Isaiah 65:24*

I recently read an encouraging story of God answering the prayers of his people, as they prayed for spiritual revival in their land. Whenever I read stories like this, I am encouraged to believe it may be God's will to do in the present, what he did in the past, in answer to his people's prayers. That is my hope.

The story takes place in Jamaica. The year was 1860, and the Christians living there heard about a prayer revival that was sweeping the world. Wanting to become part of it, they began "peep of day" (dawn) prayer meetings, mostly held on plantations, so people could meet to pray before working in the fields.

On September 28, 1860, Theodor Sonderman, a Moravian missionary from Germany, who regularly visited the town of Clifton, Jamaica, as part of his ministry, began what he believed would be a normal Moravian prayer meeting. Scripture was read, a hymn was sung, and Sonderman opened with prayer. Then someone else prayed, and another followed. Even children began to pray. One boy poured out his heart to God, and Sonderman saw tears streaming down everyone's cheeks as they pleaded with God for mercy. The meeting broke up after three hours but many people, still burdened to pray, went to a nearby schoolhouse and continued their intercessions.

The next day, more prayer meetings sprang up in adjacent communities. In Bethel Town a missionary proposed a dawn prayer meeting, and five hundred people came to pray. The missionary had to leave during the day, so the local pastor called for another meeting in the evening and even more people attended. The prayer revival was spreading.

After four weeks, Theodor Sonderman was meeting with more than three hundred inquirers, and the revival was reaching into other denominations, the Anglicans, Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Presbyterians.

Among the Methodists of Montego Bay, the chapel of 800 members saw 547 people come to Christ. The eighty Baptist churches on the island reported 12,000 conversions during the revival. The Congregationalist churches grew so much, the missionary board was able to withdraw all its missionaries, leaving the congregations in the able hands of indigenous believers. The Jamaican Presbyterian churches saw more than 3,000 conversions in 1860 and another 1,700 the following year.

One Congregational minister summarized the results of the revival in these words: "It closed the rum shop and the gambling houses, reconciled long-separated husbands and wives, restored prodigal children, crowded every place of worship, quickened the zeal of ministers, purified the churches, and brought many sinners to repentance. It also excited the rage of those ungodly people whom it had not humbled."

And it all began with prayer. When Christians, burdened for the spiritual state of their country, gathered together for times of prayer. And as they prayed for a spiritual revival, God, in his mercy, answered their prayers in a powerful way, and granted them the revival they requested.

So let us keep praying for spiritual revival in our nation. Let us pray individually and with other believers, as we do on Wednesday mornings. And perhaps God will answer our prayers, and grant the revival our country so desperately needs. He has done this for our nation before, and he may, yet, in his mercy, do it again. That is my hope. That is my prayer.

## Our Heavenly Father's Love

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever;  
he does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear  
him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear  
him;  
for he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.  
But the steadfast love of the Lord is from  
everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Psalms 103: 8-19**

thank  
you!

Thank you Don and Dana Andries for  
the days you stayed to let Tiger Air  
install our 7.5 ton a/c and all the  
communication with Tiger Air to get  
the best service and unit for our  
sanctuary.

We appreciate everything you both do!!



**Praying for our Nation...**

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

*"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way."*

*(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)*

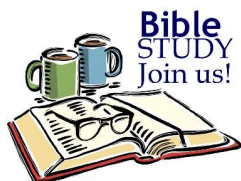


Blessed  
is the NATION  
whose  
GOD  
is the LORD.  
Psalm 33:12

***The Lord's Supper***

.Will be observed on  
October 4  
at the morning worship service.  
Everyone is encouraged to be in prayer and  
repentance in preparation to partake  
In this holy sacrament

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,  
and I will listen to you."*  
**Jeremiah 29: 12**



**Please Join us every Wednesday  
Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall  
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book  
"Survey of the Old Testament"  
By  
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



*Ladies*  
ministry

Dear Sisters in Christ,  
The women of Grace meet on the second Tuesday of the month for prayer, Bible study, and fellowship. We would love to have you join us. We are studying the book of Hebrews. We have learned a lot and have had many prayers lifted up to God In our time together. Please come join us on the second Tuesday, everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.



### **Pennies for Missions**

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

We have collected through September \$203.00

### ***Calendar of Activities for the Month***

**Men of the Covenant:** Thursday, October 1 at 1:00pm  
**Session Meeting:** Sunday, October 11 at 12pm  
**WIC Circle Meeting:** Tuesday, October 13 at 10 am  
**Prayer for our Nation:** Wednesdays at 10:00 am  
**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am

### **Men of the Covenant**

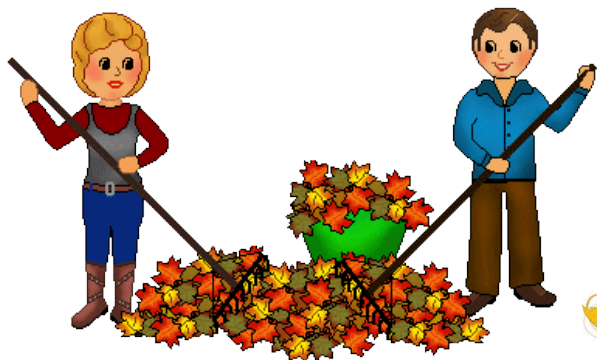
**Thursday, October 1**

*All men of GPC* are invited to the Men of the Covenant which will resume its monthly meetings.

We enjoy a nice meal at 1:00 p.m., but many of the men arrive around 1:30 to enjoy some good fellowship. Following the meal we will hear a devotion from the Word of God. Men, please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.



The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday October 11, at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.



**HAPPY** fall  
fall

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*"Do not be  
conformed to this world, but  
be  
transformed by the  
renewal of your mind, that  
by  
testing you may  
discern what is the will of  
God, what  
is good and  
acceptable and  
perfect."*

**Romans 12: 2**



| Sun                      | Mon | Tue                                                          | Wed                                                          | Thu                                   | Fri | Sat |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|                          |     |                                                              |                                                              | 1<br>1:00pm<br>Men of the<br>Covenant | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>Communion           | 5   | 6<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study  | 7<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study  | 8                                     | 9   | 10  |
| 11<br>Session<br>Meeting | 12  | 13<br>10:00 am<br>WIC Circle<br>Meeting                      | 14<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study | 15                                    | 16  | 17  |
| 18                       | 19  | 20<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study | 21<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study | 22                                    | 23  | 24  |
| 25                       | 26  | 27<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study | 28<br>10:00 Prayer for<br>The Nation<br>10:30 Bible<br>Study | 29                                    | 30  | 31  |

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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## *Verse to Remember*

*May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.*

—Psalm 126:5-6