



# And Also With You

MID-FEBRUARY 2016

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## FEBRUARY

### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)

### MONDAYS

10:45AM  
INTERCESSORS  
706-897-6381  
6:30pm-Graham  
Cooke Group-  
Information: 455.5940

### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am  
Women's Bible  
Study-Information:  
990.2973

### FRIDAYS

8:15 am  
Men's Group-  
Information:  
751-5266

## CHALICE BEARERS

### February 14

Becky Johnson  
Jan Bogue

### February 21

Maggie Rockett  
Susan Jones

### February 28

Kitty Barksdale  
Janic Terry

### March 6

Bob and Jane  
Grafe

## God's Will and Yours



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

While writing each newsletter, I attempt to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying and then pass on to you what I am hearing. This newsletter's subject surprises me, and yet I am interested in sharing it with

you.

I want to talk about furthering God's kingdom through your will, as in *last will and testament*. Before you throw this into the waste basket I invite you to read on. Everything you have in your bank account, the real estate may own, and other holdings are because of Him. "*All things come from Thee O Lord and of Thine own hath we given Thee* (I Chronicles 29:14 KJV)."

I know each of you personally at Grace Church and most of you on the mailing list, and I know that you love the Lord deeply and have pledged your life to live for Him. Therefore, what I am about to write is *very important*.

We have a personal relationship with the Lord, yet many of us have not done too good a job at passing it on to the generation(s) behind us. I project that many churches will close within the next two decades. There has already been an amazing shift in *church* over the past two decades, since 1996. I can only imagine what it will look like in 2036! The even more

terrifying question is, "What will the culture look like in 2036?"

If we do nothing then there will not be much for our children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren to cling to when they come to a point in life when they really need the Lord. Many churches will have closed. We will have gone to our rewards while they are in the midst of their battles.

What can you do today that will make a difference tomorrow? I know you are praying for your loved ones and that you have shared the Lord with them as best possible, yet family members do not always listen. Also, every family has its share of prodigals. What will be available for them in the years to come when we have gone?

I propose the following: If you are the *surviving spouse*, tithe (10%) your estate to the on going service of the Lord. Caveat—if you know that your children are going to tithe their inheritance then read no further. They will have taken care of what I am

about to write. Bless them in that. However, if you are not sure that they will be doing this then designate in your will that 10% of your estate go to the Lord's ongoing work. If you have one heir, this still leaves them with 90% of your estate. If you have two heirs, they each get 45% instead of 50%—not much difference. Three heirs breaks down nicely to 30% each instead of 33.3%—again not much difference. So why not sow 10% as a seed into the ongoing spiritual life of your



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family and the generations to follow?



You may say, "But my family does not live around here so how does leaving mon-

ey for kingdom work help my grandchildren in the Northeast or out West?" The answer is that your act of giving sows a seed into your family's soil, and we trust that God will bring forth a harvest to bless them wherever they live.

Our newsletter goes out as far as Oregon, Maine, Texas, Colorado,



Tennessee, Virginia, and France! What if pastors in these locations share

the same idea? What if believers in these locations participate and these places turn out to be where your grandchildren end up living? We all have to trust that God can make a gift given in the South to prosper in the Northeast or the West Coast.

You might ask, "Who do I give the 10% to?" I would begin close to home and then ripple out from there. Where has the Lord fed you on a regular basis? Start there. For instance I would begin with *Grace Church* or whatever church you are attending that is feeding you. (This is not self serving since I probably will not be rector at *Grace* in 2036! Crike! I am writing this as a gift to my successors.) *Grace Church* may or may not be able to support itself in twenty years without the help we designate today. I am convinced that the Eastern Shore needs the prayers and ministry of a church like *Grace*. We might be small but the *Camelia Café* (restaurant in



down-town Fair-hope) is small, yet is very, very good (and expensive). When you eat a meal there it is a memorable experience. I would like to think that is true of *Grace* as well!

Another ripple a little further out is leaving part of your estate's tithe to *The Union* or a young church like it. My reasoning is that *The Union* is a church of young people in their late twenties and early thirties. In 2036 they will be hitting their stride. These days, there are very few young churches like *The Union* out there which are attracting young people in this age group so why not invest today in what God is doing!

Another blessing to *Grace Church* in this matter is that our two missionary families are young couples their thirties. In 2036 they will be in their fifties. They may or may not be on the mission field by then but the organizations that they serve now will continue to send men and women to share the gospel with a world that is lost. Who would not like to be a part of that—using temporal means to gain eternal salvation for the souls yet to come?



I have other ideas if you are interested. Email or call, and I will be happy to get you thinking. Your giving before and after your death is between you and God. We have failed in some key areas re reaching for Christ the younger generations, yet this is one opportunity where we can get it right. I encourage

## Fried Chicken Pot Luck

Sunday, Feb 21  
following worship

Southern Fried Chicken  
(provided by the church)

Yum! Bring a side dish, salad,  
or dessert.



## Jan 2016 Financials

Income	\$ 17,177
Expense	\$ 16,779
Net	\$ 398

## From Our Missionaries

Dear Father Scott, Thank you and Grace so much for the Christmas gift! It was truly a blessing. God is doing awesome things here and we are loving it, but there is that small tension of missing family and friends. You have helped make that easier and we are incredibly grateful for your support and prayers. Blessings, Jeremy Skinner



The Riley's thank you will be in the next newsletter. It had a picture and there was not enough room because I was so long winded in this newsletter!

you to pray about adding a codicil to your will that tithes your estate to the ongoing ministry of God's work. How incredible if our bit today helps bring eternal life to another soul tomorrow.