



And Also With You

JANUARY 2014

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JANUARY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel

TUESDAYS

6:30pm-Graham
Cook Bible Study-
Information: 455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am

Women's Bible Study
Information: 990-2973

12:00 noon

Holy Communion

THURSDAYS 2PM

Dr. Box's Bible Study
Information: 990-9375

FRIDAYS

8:15 am

Men's Group
Information: 422-3169



CHALICE BEARERS

January 5

Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

January 12

Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

January 19

Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

January 26

Jane and Bob
Grafe

No Self Made Men



The Reverend Scott Davis

Psalm 100:3 (KJV) says, "It is He that hath *made* us and not we ourselves." This simple verse powerfully stands in contrast to what lies deep within the psyche of not only America's story but also mankind's story. As American history students we learned about *self-made men* who pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and against all odds made great fortunes. We were taught that many of the heroes of America, in particular, were *self-made* and *self-taught*.

It is interesting to note that a number of the great heroes in the economic and political realms in this country began with nothing, yet attained vast fortunes and/or succeeded in obtaining the highest offices in the land. The implication is that they succeeded by their own hard work and strength. They were *self-made*. Their hard work and diligence paid off.

Proverbs tells us that the *diligent* person will be rewarded. America's *self-made men* worked hard. They rose early and went to bed late. They were tired. They paid a high price for their diligence and were amply rewarded. The price was the seed that eventually grew into a vast harvest, making these *self-made men and women* cultural heroes.

It is interesting to realize that the men and women whom the culture labels as *self-made* are actually beneficiaries of a spiritual principle: The principle of *diligence*. Proverbs tells us that God [*really*] blesses *diligence*. God designed us to be actively productive rather than unproductive. He rewards *diligence* and enjoys it when we are *diligent*. *Diligence* is a spiritual principle that has a definite pay off.

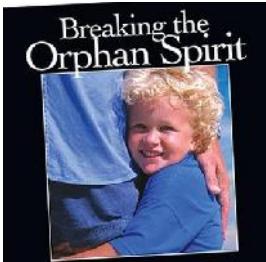
There are, however, no *self-made men* in the Kingdom. Psalm 100:3 states, "It is He that hath *made* us and not we ourselves." This is another spiritual principle. God and God alone is the one who *makes* us. It is God who enables us to become successful, not we ourselves. It is God who opens the doors of advantage, not we ourselves. It is God who gives us favor in various circumstances and with various people, who are key to our success, not we ourselves.

To admit that God has made us and not we ourselves brings us to a place of humility. We cannot take credit for the numerous and miraculous blessings in our lives. God gives us minds and bodies that He might use to favor us in given situations, but it is He that has made us and not we ourselves. Those with an orphan spirit live under the burden that they must provide for themselves, they must fulfill their destiny all on their own. Those with an orphan spirit are prone to believe that every good thing that they accomplish is because they achieve it on their own. They have to because they



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have an orphan mindset. Psalm 100:3 tells us that it is He [God] that has made us and not we



ourselves. There are no orphans in God's Kingdom. There is no room for orphan thinking. This is

why Jesus taught His disciples to begin His special prayer with "Our Father." We have been adopted!

I pray that 2014 will be a blessed year for each of you. I also pray that each of us will come to the deep and powerful realization that "all things come from Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own hath we given Thee;" i.e., it is You, Lord, that hath made us and not we ourselves.

Blessings and Love in Christ,
Father Scott +



Congratulations to Amanda Williams



You may want to check out the December 2013 issue of *Mobile Bay Magazine*.

The Dec issue names the 2013 list of 40 under Forty of the up

and coming Mobile movers and shakers. One of the 40 is Amanda (Mrs. Craig) Williams. Amanda and Craig were the first couple married from Grace Church and they have two sons, Drennen and Garrett. Congratulations to Amanda and you can read her bio online at:

www.mobilebaymag.com/Mobile-Bay/December-2013/Mobile-Bays-2013-Class-of-40-Under-Forty/

Treasurers' Transition



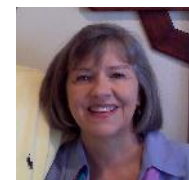
Bill Tunnell



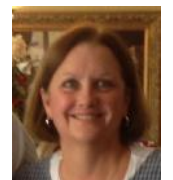
Don Hall

The Grace Church bylaws state that every four years new treasurers are to be chosen. We want to thank our outgoing treasurers, Bill Tunnell-*Receiving Treasurer* and Don Hall-*Dispensing Treasurer* for their faithful commitment to a job well done. Both men have done stellar jobs, receiving and dispensing funds on behalf of the congregation, making deposits and paying bills every week during their tenure.

Cynthia Tunnell will take her husband's place as *Receiving Treasurer* while Sandy Sinclair will become the 2014 *Dispensing Treasurer*. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in these capacities.



Cynthia Tunnell



Sandy Sinclair

Birthdays

- 6 Jan Bogue
- 8 Elizabeth Bonner
- 9 Hannah Roth
- 9 Howard Whittington
- 12 Sherlyn Culwell
- 16 C J Kriner
- 19 Debbie Holland
- 19 Alan Pate



We Give Thanks For New faces seen around Grace Church in 2013

- Arlene Temple
- Robin Smith
- Leo Smith
- Rebecca Hastings
- Tracie Barger
- Glenn Barger
- Elizabeth Bonner
- Ovie Moore—pastor of Union Ministries



Thanks!

Thank you one and all for the very generous and wonderful Christmas gift of money that you gave me during the Christmas Eve Celebration. I appreciate the love and thought behind it, and it means a lot. Many blessings to each of you and again, thanks! Scott +

Looking Back On **2013**

- Grace Church helped fund missionaries to France, so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be shared in a country where there are more palm readers than clergy, and where Islam and Jehovah's Witnesses are making greater inroads than Christianity.
- Grace Church opened its sanctuary to Union Ministries each Sunday night in 2013 so that this church plant could grow and share the Gospel with 20's and 30's year olds.
- Grace Church had a successful Capital Campaign reaching 107% of its goal!
- Grace hosted three 24 hour prayer vigils this fall, two of which included four other churches.
- Grace welcomed back the Rev. Dr. Millard Box and the prophetic word that God is going to visit the Eastern Shore in 2014. At age 97, Dr. Box teaches a weekly Bible Study at Grace.
- Three new small groups were added this year—the Graham Cook Group, a "Second Group" for Newly Weds, and Dr. Box's Bible Study.
- Father Scott performed three weddings in 2013: *Rebecca and Norm Hastings*, *Amy Skinner and Jonathan Bowman*, and *Tracie and Glenn Barger*.
- Work was done to develop and improve the Worship Team's ministry and the sound system at the church.
- Father Scott met with several priests every six weeks this year for retreat, Bible Study, & ministry.
- Father Scott is presently working on developing a network of pastors and churches to provide daily worship throughout the Eastern Shore.

2014



Christmas Eve

