

Disappointed with Grace

Jonah 4

- I. The Problem with Grace
 - A. Selfish graceí a grace Jonah could live with.
...when justice is man-centered and mercy is provincial.

 - B. Sovereign Graceí exactly the grace Jonah feared.
...what God is determines what grace is and what man is determines why God's grace is a problem.

- II. The Pity of God
 - A. Seen by compassion compared.
... Jonah was sad when judgment did not come.

 - B. Seen in compassion exercised by God.
...Jesus wept because judgment must come.

Hugh Martin on the death of Jonah's vine: "For what end may it have been planted? For what end may it have grown? To the end, perhaps, that it may wither, and droop, and die; and that my heart, ungovernable, may at last, by losing it, be taught to feel, that if the object which my poor foolish love fastens on be hard to part with, how infinitely wrong in me to desire God to abandon those purposes which His infinitely wise will hath cherished from eternity, and which He hath bound in with and wrapped around my destiny, at once to bless and train me—exercising my faith and patience, stripping me of all creature confidence that He may fill me with uncreated good, and rendering me one trophy more among the many thousands of the poor and needy whom angels have seen sitting not desolate even with every idol shattered, and whom angels have heard, through grace, exclaiming: --Though my flesh and my heart fail; though my house be not so with God; though the fig-tree shall not blossom; yet will I rejoice in the Lord; for He hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: this is all my salvation, and all my desire" (Jonah by Hugh Martin—first published 1870)

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
	5:30 P.M.	Small Group w/Hopkins
Wednesday	5:30 P.M.	WEDFEST
	6:30 P.M.	Classes
	7:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Deacon Meeting

Visitors: We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Exploring Church Membership Class is scheduled to begin on October 27 and includes four classes. We meet during the Sunday School hour and provide an introduction to the beliefs and ministry of our church. If you are interested please speak with the Pastor.

The Hopkins small group meets tonight at **5:30** at the home of Gary and Karen Hopkins. The group is discussion oriented, offering encouragement and prayer for one another. Light snacks and plenty of time for fellowship are included. Everyone is welcome.

Change for October Only: The Esther Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30 instead of October 8. The meeting will be in the board room at the church. All ladies are invited to attend for a time of Bible study and fellowship. If there are any questions please contact Linda Smith at 903-534-1127.

Dear Fifth Street Ladies, Please join us on Saturday, October 12, for a shower in anticipation of the birth of a new covenant child, Penny Smith. The shower will be at 2:30 at the home of Brenda Orbaugh 7403 Catherine Ct. Brittany is registered at Amazon.com. Hostesses are Jami Brumfield, Karen Hopkins and Brenda Orbaugh. You may call 903-571-7692 if you need directions or have questions.

RUF-Sunday: On Sunday, October 20, we are inviting RUF students of Tyler to join us for worship and a fellowship lunch to follow. Rev. Dan Smith will be preaching and there will be an opportunity for you to meet and visit with the students around the meal. Please plan to join us as we look for opportunities to encourage the ministry of RUF as they encourage students to connect with the ministry of Christ's church. This is a covered-dish lunch so please bring enough for your family-plus and please bring your dish ready to serve thanks.

Please consider signing up to assist us in the nursery. If you have questions about this you may talk to Rosie Abernathy. If a number would agree to work once every other month, that small commitment would provide a great deal of help to this ministry.

Nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder will be received for the next few weeks. If you wish to nominate someone please pick up one of the nomination forms from one of the tables as you leave the sanctuary. Nominations can be left in the office or placed in the hands the Pastor or one of our Elders.

Ladies, please make plans to attend. Our Ladiesø Night Out is changing to a new night and time. We are meeting Monday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. No place picked yet, further details to follow.

As You Pray, please also pray for:

- Nominations for church office here at Fifth Street.
- City Presbyterian Church of OK City, seeking to buy a building.
- Covenant Theological Seminary.
- Flood victims of Colorado and the workers assisting.
- And please remember to pray for the ordinary things: Worship, Sunday School and Wednesday teachers, Nursery, and the every week parts of our ministry.

Please sign up for our WEDFEST meal by filling out the form below and place it in the offering plate. There will be two adult classes offered: **Peacemakers**, led by Gary Hopkins and John Orbaugh, and **No Apology Necessary**, led by Pastor Simmons.

Help Needed for WEDFEST: We have enough help to prepare & serve the meal, but we need help with clean-up afterwards. If this is something you can do please indicate below. We need 2-3 people.

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WEDFEST Signup

Name: _____

	Meal (5:30 p.m.)	Menu
_____	12 and older - \$4.00	Southern Chicken Cornbread Casserole
_____	Ages 3-11 - \$2.00	Garden Salad
_____	Up to 2 years 6 No Charge	Baked Fruit Pies-Apple and Cherry
	<i>Family maximum of - 10.00</i>	

...students are always free, just let us know you are coming...

Yes, I can help with clean-up. Name: _____