



REDEEMING GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Who is this cruel person?

As humans, we often do not like what we perceive as injustice. Yet we find ourselves surrounded by injustice. There is injustice all around us. History is filled with stories of injustice. One such story tells of a most cruel and harsh slave. This man personified injustice. But who is this cruel man?

The story begins with this slave who was in terrible debt to his King. As was the custom of the day, the King prescribed that this slave, his wife, and even his children be sold so that the slave could pay his debt of a \$1,000,000,000! Upon hearing this, the slave fell to his knees and pleaded with the King for mercy. The King was moved with compassion and forgave the slaves debt.

The slave, now free from his debt, left the King's presence. The slave then encountered another slave who owed him \$1000. That slave asked him to be patient with him and he would pay him

back. But the slave, who had been forgiven a debt that he could never repay, was enraged. He ordered that the man be placed in prison until he could pay his debt. Bystanders who had witnessed the King's incredible compassion on this slave, could hardly see how he was treating this man who owed him a comparatively small debt. They reported this man's actions to the King.

The King was outraged at such injustice. The very same man that he released from a debt, now had no compassion on his fellow slave! The King then ordered that this cruel slave be delivered to tormentors until he paid his own debt. But who is this cruel man? This cruel man is you (and me)! God has forgiven our insuperable debt, yet we will often not grant forgiveness to our brothers. Oh, may God have mercy on our cruel hearts! (Matthew 18:23-35)

Pastor Mike



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MAGNIFYING JESUS
THROUGH WORSHIP AND
THE WORD; **MOVING**
BELIEVERS IN JESUS
TOWARD MATURITY AND
MINISTRY, AND **MAKING**
JESUS KNOWN TO OUR
NEIGHBORS AND THE
NATIONS

Calendar:**March 2010 Redeeming Grace Baptist Church**

1		17	6:30 pm Bible Study
2			FPU
3	6:30 pm Bible Study		KSC
	FPU		7:30 pm Choir Practice
	KSC		8:30 pm Praise Band Practice
	7:30 pm Choir Practice	18	9:30 am JAVA
	8:30 pm Praise Band Practice	19	9:00 am Tot Time
4	9:30 am JAVA	20	
5		21	9:30 am Sunday School
6			10:45 am Worship Service/Deacon Vote
7	9:30 am Sunday School/New Member Orientation	22	7:00 pm Women's Ministry Meeting
	10:45 am Worship Service	23	
8	7:00 pm Women's Ministry Meeting	24	6:30 pm Bible Study
9	6:30 pm Global Outreach Meeting		FPU
10	6:30 pm Bible Study		KSC
	FPU		7:30 pm Choir Practice
	KSC		8:30 pm Praise Band Practice
	7:30 pm Choir Practice	25	6:30 pm Elder's Meeting
	8:30 pm Praise Band Practice	26	6:00 am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
11			9:00 am Tot Time
12	6:00 am Men's Breakfast/Bible Study	27	
13		28	9:30 am Sunday School
14	9:30 am Sunday School		10:45 am Worship Service
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15			
16	6:30 pm Homeschool Momma's		

Announcements

Men's Bible Study

On March 12th and 26th the men will be meeting for breakfast at Famous Anthony's on Route 221 from 6-7:30 a.m. This will be a time of prayer, Bible Study, and fellowship. We are using "50 Reasons Jesus Came to Die" by John Piper. Copies of the book are available for anyone who would like to come. Please talk to Charlie Hesse if you have any questions.

Women's Ministry

Calling all Women:

The Women's Ministry team is looking for volunteers to help out in several areas. If you are interested in helping out in any way you can contact Ann Croteau, Amy Murrell, Sara Peterson, or Kelli Wilt. Some places where help is needed are meals for moms, baby/bridal showers, bereavement meals, kitchen upkeep/clean-up, and communion set-up and clean-up. Please prayerfully consider where God would have you serve.

We are putting together a "Meet the Members" bulletin board. If you would like to participate, please fill out the questionnaire that will be provided for you.

Kid's Corner

KSC (Kids Serving Christ) has started back up. The children meet every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. There are two new classes for kids ages 8-12 so we are now serving children 2-12 in this wonderful program. There is a Bible Study with Pastor Mike going on at the same time so there is a great place for you to go also. Consider bringing your children to this wonderful program and having some great enrichment time for yourself, too!

Tot Time, our one day preschool, has started up for this year. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. This month's meeting days are March 19th and 26th. Please consider sending your 2-5 year old to this fun time of learning.