

GraceNOTES

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CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

\$100,000 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

God has blessed our very own 17-year-old, **Shaykeim Powe** who attends Summit High School in Mansfield, Texas. A few weeks ago Shaykeim applied for a 100k scholarship at the Boys and Girls Club where he's been going since the first grade. The scholarship which he applied for was sponsored by Beyonce and Jay-Z. He was given a task to write an essay which allowed him to get deep and personal about his life. It went from Shaykeim being in the top 11 to the top 3 in no time. He and his fellow Boys and Girls Club members were given a chance to go to the "On The Run Tour II", to see Beyonce and Jay-Z. A once in a lifetime opportunity occurred on September 11 when Shaykeim heard DJ Khaled announce his name as the recipient of the 100k scholarship. Shaykeim said that he needed the money. If he didn't receive it then his plan would be much different. He feels blessed to have it. When asked how he felt when it was announced Shaykeim said, "He was 'very excited, very thankful, relieved, and honored". He is now thinking of applying to the University of Houston. He will officially be given the money once he has graduated and will be using it for the main college necessities. Congratulations Shaykeim, your Grace family are so very proud of you!— **Destiny Lewis, Youth Journalist**



GRACE MEMBER RECEIVES HONOR

Mrs. Evelyn Flood-Coles is the recipient of the Church Women United 2018 Human Rights Award. Mrs. Flood-Coles received many awards for her work with the less fortunate. She firmly believes she serves God by serving people. She also has been involved in many activities at Grace UMC. She was a Sunday School Teacher, Choir and Gospel Chorus member, and currently is a member of a dynamic Sunday School Class. Mrs. Flood-Coles loves all phases of the Church. She has actively participated in UMW for the past 30 years. She has serviced as President, on many Committees, District Officer, Representative and Coordinator to Church Women United, and attended School of Christian Mission now called Mission u. She has coordinated the collection of school supplies for the Bethlehem Center and Pennies for May Fellowship, "Least Coin Offering". She collected items for the benefit of the less fortunate and senior citizens in the area. In addition, she was part of the group that founded Arlington Charities which feeds over 1,000 persons a year. Mrs. Flood-Coles is inspired by her belief that, "God has many hands to do His work and her two hands are an active part of this group". Congratulations Mrs. Evelyn Flood-Coles!— **Pamela Pinkerton-Whitley**



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Grace UMC Arlington seeks to bring people into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ by making disciples through our words and actions in cooperation with God's Grace.

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Grace and Peace to you!

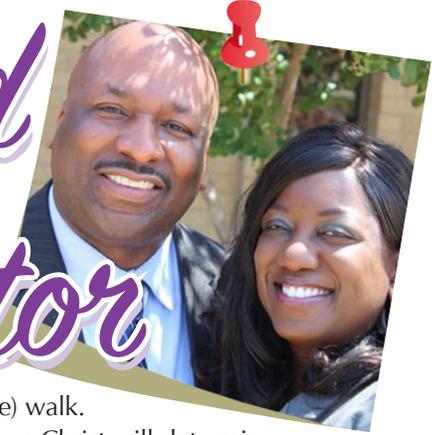
“And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...”
Colossians 1:9

Paul’s letter to the Church at Colossae was written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Meaning, God’s Spirit breathed into Paul as he wrote the letter to a group of people who were dealing with a certain set of issues. The primary issue was what we will call an Christological problem. The Colossian church was being told by outsiders that Jesus Christ was not as important as they first believed. This letter dispels this untruth by asserting that Jesus is so important that he is, “preeminent.” The Holy Spirit assures us that Jesus is the “fullness of the God-head in bodily form.” In other words,

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:15-18

Jesus is all that and more! God’s Spirit is still breathing through this Colossian letter by reminding us to walk like Jesus walked. How we view Jesus Christ will determine how we practice

a Word from our Pastor



our Christian (Christ-like) walk.

How we understand Jesus Christ will determine how willing we are to submit to him and how we should treat others right, especially those who belong to him. I pray that you ***“may be filled with the knowledge”*** of God’s will in ***“all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”*** When this occurs you will find yourself walking in the peace of God that passes all understanding and fulfilling your God-given purpose in life.

(To download, listen or re-listen to the message from the Colossians Series, ***“What Are You Wearing”*** go to www.graceumcarlington.org, click on the “Sermon Series” page and click the message link.)

Thank you for your continued support in prayer, service, witness, financial gifts, and presence as **Grace UMC Arlington** continues to ***“bring people into a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ, by making disciples through our words and actions in cooperation with God’s grace.”***

—Pastor Bates and Rona

October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Worship Meeting 6 pm Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Class 7 pm	4 Women of Grace Prayer Call 6:30 am	5	6 Women of Grace Bible Study & Fellowship Lunch 11:30 am
7 Church Charge Conference	8 Finance 6:15 pm Admin 7 pm Columbus Day	9 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	10 Immersion Bible Study 6:30 pm	11 Immersion Bible Study 6:30 pm	12 Immersion Bible Study 6:30 pm	13 College Prep Inst. 8-10 am
14 Pastor Appreciation 8:30 am start time Benevolence mtg 11:30 am	15	16 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	17 Worship Meeting 6 pm Outreach 6:15 pm Prayer 6:30 pm Bible Class 7 pm	18 Women of Grace Prayer Call 6:30 am	19	20 Prayer 9 am
21	22	23 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	24 Worship Meeting 6 pm Bible Class 7 pm	25 Women of Grace Prayer Call 6:30 am	26	27 Prayer 9 am UMW/UMM 10am Trunk or Treat 5-7 pm
28 Compass Care Team 11:30 am	29	30 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	31 Worship Meeting 6 pm Bible Class 7 pm			

Save the Date!
Grace Yard Sale & Festival
November 3rd

