

September 13, 2016

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

It was great to see so many of you on Sunday. I hope you all enjoyed the Ministry Sunday activities.

As I said in my sermon, our theme this year is *Sharing Grace*.

The Bible says we all receive grace upon grace, and here at Grace Church, we know that to be true. God's grace IS amazing.

Grace is God's love for us, unearned and undeserved. God loves us, not for anything we do or accomplish, but simply for who we are, as a child of God, created in God's image.

We all experience God's grace in many different ways, not the least of which is being part of a special church community, and so this year we will be *Sharing Grace* with each other and with those around us. Each and every one of you will be able to participate:

- By listening to fellow parishioners as they talk about how they experience God's grace and then learning to share your own faith story, as well.
- By inviting others to visit Grace Church so they can know a community of unconditional acceptance, welcome and friendship, following in the way of Jesus.
- By participating in one of our outreach and social justice ministries to share God's grace with those beyond our church walls.

As we go through the year, you will hear more and more about different opportunities for *Sharing Grace*, and we hope you will get involved because as the singer-songwriter Burt Bacharach wrote:

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some but for everyone*

See you in church,
Andrew