

# Call of Grace Ministries

*Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest*

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**" Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation. . ."**

Luke 2:29-30 (NKJV)

Scripture describes Simeon as a "just and devout" man who knew that he would see the Messiah before he died. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Simeon went to the temple and there found the Messiah, Jesus, the One he longed to see. Upon seeing Jesus, Simeon praised God, saying (paraphrased) his search was over and he could now die in peace. Peace. We don't say much regarding peace this time of year; we tend to focus on hope. Yet the angels declared "peace" had come to earth as they praised God in the fields (Luke 2:13-14) and truly it is in the peace that is available through Jesus that we find our hope!

The word peace is used to present a lot of specific concepts within the Bible. However, at its core, the word peace stresses the ideas of being made whole or complete coupled with relational unity. And this is exactly what Jesus came to offer us! Consider the truth that we could never be whole apart from God. Without Him we are broken, constantly seeking to be mended, yet unable to find the solution to our brokenness. Why? Because we were created to be in relationship with God; if we are separated from Him, we will never know peace.

Jesus came to offer us peace, the opportunity to be complete, by having our relationship with the Father restored through the offering of Himself. Whether or not Simeon knew of the Cross, he knew the LORD'S salvation had come to earth, when he saw the infant Christ! Simeon's search was over! And in Simeon's praise of God we are reminded of two things. First, we too, should praise our Father in heaven that, through His gracious favor, we have been made complete in His peace through our Lord Jesus. Finally, if we look at Simeon's praise we see God's peace is for all people, not just us (Luke 32:31-32). So tell someone who needs to hear that, like Simeon, when they truly see Jesus, they will see the LORD'S salvation and be made whole as they come to know the God of Peace! *Merry Christmas!*

We are in full swing with the Salvation Army: literally! We have been swinging the bell for the Salvation Army since shortly after Thanksgiving. While doing this, we have passed out thousands of Gospel tracts and prayed with people for various needs. Our desire is to share the truth and love of Christ with others and help the Salvation Army meet their goal of sharing His love by meeting physical needs throughout the year in the name of Jesus. And the Lord makes this happen; as we share Jesus, the bucket is filled! Even as we are blessed to be sharing His word and ministering to the needs of others, we are blessed to know we are helping others be able to minister in His Name through the funds which are being collected.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who went with us to the Lights Fantastic Parade. This year we focused on passing out Gospel tracts. Six of us went. In a very short period of time we passed out over 3,600 Gospel tracts! We could not have gotten so many tracts into the hands of the attendees without your help Jade, Dean, Jeff, and Kevin. Thank you for your service to the Lord!

Cindy and I will be heading to Texas to serve with Beautiful Feet Ministries in January. Beautiful Feet ministers to the homeless in the Fort Worth area. The Gospel is shared and discipleship is ongoing even as physical needs (shelter, food, clothing, hygienic needs, etc.) are met. We are looking forward to serving with Brother Mike and his team at the Feet and ask that you pray for what the Lord is doing through their calling.

What happens in two and one-half months? Mardi Gras of course! And we are in preparation for this event. The dates in 2019 are Thursday, February 28th, thru Tuesday, March 5th. This is the most spiritually tasking mission on our calendar, both for Cindy, who stays home, and myself. Please begin praying for Cindy and all the families who stay home as their men go to share Jesus in one of the darkest areas of the U.S.: the French Quarter during Mardi Gras. I also ask that you begin praying now for what the Lord will do in New Orleans! As well, pray for those of us who will go in His Name: that He will continually renew us for the battle we face. Each time we go into the streets may the Lord be our banner! Men, as you pray, ask the Lord if you are to have a hand in lifting His banner in New Orleans this year. If you believe you are called to come, contact me; we'll talk.

Thank you for lifting us to the Lord!. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or you are led to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you in any evangelistic effort, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

*Dennis & Cindy Mohr*

**~Cindy's Bottom Line~**

**During this Christmas season we often sing, "Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." What a wonderful reminder that Jesus is God's gift of peace to us. Share that gift!**

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