

REMNANT OF GRACE
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A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day, decided to pause by the altar to see who came to pray. Just then the front door opened, and a man came down the aisle. The minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while.

His shirt was torn and shabby, and his coat was worn and frayed. The man knelt down and bowed his head, then rose and walked away. In the days that followed precisely at noon, the preacher saw this chap. Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.

Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear. He decided to stop and ask the man, 'What are you doing here?' The old man said, he was a factory worker and lunch was half an hour. Lunch-time was his prayer time, for finding strength and power. I stay only for a moment because the factory's far away; as I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is kind of what I say:

'I just came by to tell you, Lord, how happy I have been, since we found each other's friendship and You took away my sin. Don't know much of how to pray, but I think about You every day. So, Jesus, this is Ben, **just checking in** today.'

The minister feeling foolish told Ben that it was fine. He told the man that he was welcome to pray there anytime. 'It's time to go, and thanks,' Ben said as he hurried to the door. Then the minister knelt there at the altar, which he'd never done before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love, as he met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed down his cheeks, he repeated old Ben's prayer: 'I just came by to tell You, Lord, how happy I've been, since we found each other's friendship and You took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about You every day. So, Jesus, this is me, **just checking in** today.'

Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Ben hadn't come. As more days passed and still no Ben, he began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. The hospital staff was worried, but he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Ben was with them, brought changes in the ward; his smiles and joy contagious, changed people were his reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Ben could be so glad, when no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurse's concern: no friends had come to show they cared, he had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old Ben spoke up and with a winsome smile; 'The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, He's been here all the while.' Every day at noon He comes here, a dear friend of mine, you see, He sits right down and takes my hand, leans over and says to me:

'I just came by to tell you, Ben, how happy I have been, since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin. I think about you always and I love to hear you pray, so Ben, this is JESUS **just checking in** today.'

As this little story ends with Ben resting in JESUS' arms, we have an opportunity to write our own story with what life affords us today. Let's not get too busy lest we forget to "**check in**" on a daily basis. With HIM, our lives are totally awesome - whether the day is good or bad. Asking JESUS to forgive our sins and be our Savior is the most important thing we can ever do. HE really is all we need and HIS love is unconditionally! HE waits, with arms open wide; **just check in** with HIM today and get ready to be truly amazed! 😊

Information and Calendar of Events

Yadkin Christian Ministries **APRIL** project: canned **black-eyed peas**. Please put your cans in the hallway near our nursery. Your donation will help feed many, who are hungry.

We are in need of more dusters for our sanctuary. Anyone available to dust during any week day, please let us know and we will be glad to unlock the sanctuary for you. Again, "thank you" to all our faithful volunteers who help clean our church each week. Please know God sees what you're doing and your service helps our church financially.

April 22: 7:00 p.m. FREE Movie Night in the KMD Activity Center.

April 24: VBS committee will meet after worship for a short meeting in the conference room. We need to decide what we are going to do for VBS this year.

April 26: Pastor Search Committee will meet in the conference room at 4:30 p.m.

April 28: GADABOUTS will leave our church at 9:00 a.m. going to the Moose Café for breakfast at the Farmer's Market. Hope you can join us!

May 4: Church wide supper is at 6:00 p.m., followed by Bible Study and TeamKIDS at 7:00 p.m., then Choir practice at 8:00 p.m.

May 5: Library Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.

May 8: Celebrating **Mother's Day**. (Note: The altar flowers will be placed in our church on Mother's Day in loving memory of Trula Shockley by her family, who still loves and misses her each day).

May 9: Care Ministry meeting at 11:00 a.m.; **Women's Ministry** meeting at 12:15 p.m. will be held in the conference room.

Attendance April 17

Sunday School = 32 Worship = 58

Offering April 17

Church Offering	1,659.00
General Fund	
In memory of Margaret Eddleman	50.00
Benevolence Fund	
In memory of Trula Shockley	50.00
Fall Festival	300.00
Total	\$2,059.00

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Deacon On Call This Week (April 17 – April 23)

Ralph Nixon 961-6000

Ministry Assignments for Sunday, April 24

Greeter: Clara Macemore
Children's Sermon: Tammy Poindexter
Children's Church: Carol Nixon
Worship Nursery: Judy Pinnix, Ramona Trivette
Ushers: Ronnie Mitchell, Kelly Wooten, Joel Poindexter,
Kenis Carter, Bill Long, Alfred Matthews

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Staff

Interim Pastor – Reverend Grady Trivette
Chairman of Deacons - Ralph Nixon
Administrative Assistant – Debbie Wiles
Music Director - Maclyn Powell

Continue to pray for the unsaved, sick, our country, leaders, church, and community throughout 2016. (II Chronicles 7:14)

Date: ___/___/___

Today I'm grateful For:

Blank box for writing gratitude.

People To Pray For:

Heart-shaped box with horizontal lines for writing names.

Self Improvement:

Answers to Prayer/Hand of God
in my life today:

Lined area for writing answers to prayer.

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