



# March 2010



## echoes of grace newsletter

*"And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:16-17*

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sunday    monday    tuesday    wednesday    thursday    friday    saturday

	1	2	3	4 Men's Luncheon	5	6
7  Lord's Supper	8	9 WCA Open House  WCA Day at CiCi's Pizza	10 Leadership Mtg.	11	12  <i>Ladies Retreat Myrtle Beach</i>	13  <i>Spring forward</i>
14  HS Afterglow	15	16	17 	18	19	20 
21  Missionary Troy Manning	22	23	24	25	26	27  Youth Wii Night
28 Zaxby's donates 15% to Teens  Youth Service	29	30 Sr. Saints Luncheon  WCA Fine Arts Concert	easter cantata sunday, april 4th 10:30 a.m.			

### The Names of God

*from a message preached by Pastor Benson  
on Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
Part 2: The Names Which Reveal His Identity*

- The first revelation of God is found in Genesis 1:1. **The name of God given there is "Elohim."** "Elohim" means "to worship." This is the name of our God. He is the Worshipped One. He is the only object of true worship, praise, adoration and trust. **The word "Elohim" is given in the plural, though it refers to one God.** The significance is obvious—we worship one God who is three distinct Persons in one glorious Being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- Another name of God is "El" or "Eli."** In Genesis 12:7-8, the Lord appeared to Abraham and made a covenant with him. Abraham built an altar there and called the place "Beth-El," which means "the house of God." This is the word our Lord used when He cried, "*Eli, Eli, lama sa-bach-tha-na?*" that is to say, "*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*" (Matt. 27:46). **This name, "El," means "strong, or mighty God."** It is expressive of the power of God.
- God reveals Himself under the name "Eliom"** in Genesis 14:18-22 (Melchizedec). "**Eliom**" means "**the most high God.**" It is expressive of God's supremacy and majesty. Our Lord Jesus is called "*the Son of the Highest*" (Luke 1:32). Eliom is the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity.

*Ladies DELIGHT Corner*

*Ladies Retreat March 12-13  
in Myrtle Beach*

*Ladies Spring Luncheon*

*Saturday, May 8th*

*Ladies Prison Ministry  
Saturday, May 29th*

## WHEN THE ROLES REVERSE Caring For Aging Parents

What happens when your mother or father—or both—become incapacitated or unable to care for themselves, due to either physical or mental infirmities? Most of us have gone through our lives looking to our parents for help, to varying degrees at different stages of our lives. As children, we were taught to obey our parents, and to honor and respect them throughout our lives. How are we to handle it when we have to become the caretakers, and we have to tell them what they can and cannot do? What happens when the roles of parent and child reverse?

Every situation would differ from individual to individual, and we certainly do not have the time or space to deal with each one. But there are some principles to guide us, and there are some resources available to help as we go through these circumstances.

First of all, we must recognize that the Bible put no time limits on “honor thy father and thy mother.” We must always show them respect and honor “as unto the Lord.”

Secondly, prepare. For those who have not yet had to face such a crisis, now is the best time to think and plan. Talk to your parents. If there are several siblings, all of you should talk to each and to your parents together, if possible. Discuss their financial and medical status, their desires and fears, their strengths and their weaknesses. Many times families plan for the death of a parent, but not for their diminishing capabilities.

Thirdly, pray for wisdom, and trust and lean on the Lord for strength. There may come a time when there are some difficult decisions that have to be made—decisions that no one wants to make, and that your parents adamantly disagree with. For example, there may come a time when you have to inform your parent that they can no longer drive. Perhaps their eyesight is failing, or maybe their judgment is no longer adequate to make quick decisions, but if their operation of a motor vehicle could endanger them or someone else, that decision would have to be made. Ask the Lord for grace and compassion and lots of patience—and remember that your parents probably had to ask for lots of it while they were rearing you!

Fourthly, love will carry you through the roughest of times. That doesn't necessarily mean it will be easy, but again, think of how many times your parents did the right things with you because they loved you. Don't let the trials tear your relationship apart; don't let their offense at “telling them what to do” be taken personally. Continue to love them, and tell them you love them, and ask the Lord for more grace to love and respect them.

There is something devastating about watching your own parent lose his or her ability to function as your parent. But there can still be precious time to spend with them, caring for them, giving back to them just a small measure of all that they have given you. Treasure that time.

Just a couple of resources that are available on the website: Focus on the Family's website [www.family.org](http://www.family.org) has a number of resources—books and articles—available, especially in the “Focus Over Fifty” section. Another, [www.practicalcare.com/agingcaring.html](http://www.practicalcare.com/agingcaring.html) has a good list of “26 Questions to Consider” for that all-important talk with your parents.

**Labor Day Family Camp  
at The WILDS  
September 3-5, 2010**

**Pastor Alan Benson,  
Featured Speaker**

**More information available in  
brochures on back tables**

**Register soon—camps fill early!**

### BIBLE QUESTION CORNER

*Bryan Palumbo got it again (Cindy McNally was a close 2<sup>nd</sup>): 1 Corinthians 13 is the love chapter of the Bible.*

**THIS MONTH'S QUESTION: What does the Psalms say is “more to be desired than gold”?**

### The Heart ♥ of Grace

#### NEW ARRIVAL!

Aengus Cade Haddock, born 2/19/10  
Parents: Will & Kara (Metcalf) Haddock  
Gloating Grandpa: Rob Metcalfe  
Great-Grandparents: Dale & Charity Metcalfe

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brian, Jenny & Taylor Bishop  
Bryon & Beverly Dorey

#### HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO:

Beverly Heyde, in the death her mother

