

NEWSLETTER

SLD Newsletter

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The Newsletter

The SLD Newsletter this month features leadership sessions for women and men along with a new family to our congregation.

Glenn

“... he who leads; with diligence ...” Romans 12:8

The Challenge

The current Women’s Leadership Challenge will complete on November 15. Susan Carter, Heather Cope, Sheri Fontenot, Terri Jones, Susan Krech, Cheryl Ruddy, Beth Simpson, and Amanda Whittington have done excellent in completing the challenges.

The next Men’s Leadership Challenge will begin in January. Several men have told me they want to take The Challenge! Join these men in developing your spiritual growth! Look for sign-up sheets on a table in the south hallway on November 18.

Family Focus

The Grant Family



Family Focus is proud to introduce our most famous members, Carey and Amy Grant. O.K., maybe they aren’t famous, but their names are! Carey and Amy, along with their daughter Victoria placed membership at Germantown in August.

Carey grew up here in Germantown where he graduated from Germantown High School in 1992. He attended college at UT Knoxville and came home to follow in the family’s footsteps as a third generation home builder. Carey’s grandfather started building homes in 1947.

Amy grew up in Henderson and moved to Memphis in 1987. She graduated from White Station High School in 1988. After high school she attended UT Memphis where she received a degree in medical records administration. Following college she worked at both the Med and Baptist East as a coding specialist. She is now employed by the family as a domestic engineer, a job she has held since the arrival of Victoria in 2006. She also claims fame by way of the title “Domestic Queen”; I’m sure Carey and Victoria would agree.

It only seems fitting that since they have show-biz names, Carey and Amy would meet at a rock concert in New Orleans. They were married on May 22, 2004. They share an interest in live music events and snow skiing. Carey is a member of the SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) and enjoys sports car racing. Amy, in keeping with her love of music, plays the piano.

The Grants have not waited to get involved since placing membership at Germantown. Carey helps lead worship by serving communion and leading prayers. Amy works in the nursery and helped out with the summer’s VBS program.

Please make a point of getting to know this fine family. The family at Germantown is glad to have the Grants working and worshipping with us.

- Latina Brumfield -

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for the members of the Germantown church of Christ as we lead by being Christian servants.

Be Thankful

For What?

Blessings.

We are very blessed in our lives. God has given us life and in life, while we attempt to do the will of God, we experience opportunities, tests and trials. We are affected by our success or failure in meeting these challenges; but either way we can persevere and build character.

In addition Peter tells us that as Christians God has also given us the Christian life, which is affected by our knowledge of God. Through Jesus Christ we have been granted all that we need regarding life and godliness, i.e., we have been equipped for a full life. Our Christian life has the promise of being able to escape the corruption that is in the world, be effective in our service and enter into an eternal life in heaven.

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by this He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

2 Peter 1:2-4 (NASB)

Have you ever tried counting your blessings? Take time to count your blessings; write them down. Try this exercise for 15 minutes. You should be able to fill up several sheets of paper in a few minutes. You’ll be surprised at how many blessings you count!

Here’s just a start:

- *God the Father and His attributes*
- *God the Son and his sacrifice*
- *God the Comforter and his indwelling*
- *Life as a gift from God*
- *Your physical family - by name*
- *The church’s role in your life*
- *The degree of physical health you possess*
- *God’s creation*
- *God’s mighty works*
- *God’s promises*
- *Salvation and eternal life*

There are many blessings within each of these!

How?

Respond

Since God has also given us the Christian life Peter states we should have a response to what God has done for us: we should make every effort to support our faith by growing in our Christian life. If we continue to grow, then we will not stumble, but confirm our calling and have heaven as our home.

“Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

2 Peter 1:5-11 (NASB)

We should support our own faith by being diligent in our spiritual growth as a Christian. Since God has given so many spiritual blessings in our life we should continue to learn more about God, to mature in our Christian life and to be more useful in His service.

Pray

Let God know that you are thankful for the blessings He has showered upon you and your family.

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

Psalms 106:1; 107:1; 118:1 (NIV)