

COMMON GROUND

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In Leadership we are reading the book "What's so Amazing About Grace" by Phillip Yancy. It is about God's amazing grace and that we as Christian are called to live out that same grace. The section I read this morning talked about the Lords Prayer and God forgiving us as we forgive others. One of our students in Leadership, Collin Lichtenburger, spoke last week at Vespers. He shared that we as a group need to love and accept one another and also that we need to share that accepting love with those outside our group, and those who don't know Christ. I hope we as a group and as individuals will share love and forgiveness with both those inside and outside of UCM.

We can be loving to most people but still hold a grudge or hold onto bitterness in our past. In this message I want to focus on this bitterness. One of the chapters we read last week in "What's so Amazing about Grace" was called "The Unbroken Chains" it talked about a family that had passed down unforgiveness for several generations. The seeds of bitterness had grown until blood relations refused to speak to each other. In my own life I've seen situations and lived scenes like this. The hurt was too bad, the humiliation so humiliating that we wished to hold onto the pain and deal with it ourselves. I do this more often than I would like and believe that I am not the only one. "What's so Amazing about Grace" has made a major impact on my life, covering my wounds with the balm of amazing grace. Ephesians 4:31, 32 says "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

I believe that washing some bitterness away takes time. Today I have this nasty cold that is going around, my plan is to cleanse my body by drinking lots of water. If we want to wash bitterness away, we have to continue to take in the living water that is God's grace and forgiveness. I hope that you will look at your life and think about things you need to forgive or things you just need to let go. Also, there are several copies of "What's so Amazing about Grace" at the office I would be happy to let you read.

GOD'S GRACE,

David
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WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY: "Ra-Mon-Day"--Have a free Burrito lunch with friends in the UCM office (306 Constitution Hall). Drop in anytime between 11:30 and 1:30 p.m.

Music Practice--Come to the office at 3:30 p. m. to sing, play guitar or just listen as we practice the music for Tuesday's Vespers service.

TUESDAY Vespers--A casual worship service, Upper Lola Tilly Commons, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: Dinner & Bible Study--At 5:30 pm we meet at the office and go to the home of David Moore for a great home cooked meal and a casual bible study.

SUNDAY: Leadership--Open to anyone interested in planning UCM activities and willing to make a commitment to leadership. UCM office @ 3p.m.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS



Fall Retreat Scheduled for Saturday & Sunday October 13th & 14th.

Location: Bingle Camp. Meet at UCM Office at 10:30 A.M. Saturday

BRING

TOILETRIES	WARM CLOTHING	WARM SHOES OR BOOTS
PERSONAL MEDICATION	SNACKS	PILLOW
		FLASHLIGHT
SLEEPING BAG (IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE, TALK TO DAVID)		
FOOTBALL, FRISBEE, BOARDGAMES OR CARDS, ETC.		

Cost is \$25.00, which includes the cost of all meals.

(if you have a problem with the cost, please talk to David).

Game Nite & Snacks: We will meet at the office at 7:00 p.m. on October 26th and go to First Methodist church for an evening of Board Games and Fun!! Please bring your favorite Board Game and a snack to share.