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GROWING UP...
SENDING OUT...

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.

GOD IS...
Good
Quiet
Worthy
Yours

Join us for our
September Sermon Series
GOD IS...

Scripture
— AND THE —
Wesleyan
Way

Begins September 5, 2018

WOW!

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. In *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way*, you will discover a Wesleyan approach to the Bible and the Christian life through a Bible study using Wesley's own words.

In this study, authors Scott and Arthur Jones use John Wesley's sermons to illuminate the Bible passages at the heart of Wesley's understanding of what it means to be a real Christian. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons on it. Through their insightful and engaging study, Bishop Jones and his son Arthur show how the teachings of Wesley address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today.

Join us at WOW! beginning
Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Dinner at 5:30 PM
Study at 6:10 PM

WOW!
Back to School

Bring your towels
for water jumpies!!

Wed. Sept. 5
5:30 PM

INsight

Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church
September 2018



A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,

The Lead Like Jesus seminar we hosted was a wonderful experience. I wanted to share several highlights of the gathering.

- Jesus is the greatest leadership role model of all time.
- Leadership happens anytime we influence the thinking, behavior, or development of another person.
- Effective leadership begins on the inside starting with the heart deeply connected to the Father.
- Serving is the only approach to leadership Jesus validates for his followers.

Holy Habits that encourage us to abide in God's Love:

Maintaining Supportive Relationships
Knowing and Applying Scripture
Practicing Prayer
Experiencing Solitude

A Four-Part Vision for personal reflection and church leadership:

Your Purpose/Mission

Key question- "What business are you in?"

Your Values

Key question- "What do you stand for?"

Your Image/Picture of the Future

Key question- "What will the future look like if things are running as planned?"

Your Goals

Key question- "What do you want people to focus on now?"

Church- This gives you some spiritual food for thought. A big thank you to the Methodist Men for their help in making this event happen.

Blessings-
Your Preacher,
Brad

Weekly Events

Sundays

Worship 8:15 AM
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Worship 10:30 AM
Boy Scouts 2:00 PM
Bible Study @ Hearne Home 6:00 PM

Mondays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM

Tuesdays

Intercessory Prayer Team 9:00 AM
Men's Basketball 7:00 PM

Wednesdays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM
The Closet Workday @ BUMC 9:30 AM
The Closet Distribution @ Chapel 11:30 AM
WOW! Dinner 5:30 PM
WOW! Studies 6:10 PM

Thursdays

Bible Study led by Brad Franklin 10:00 AM
Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 PM

Fridays

Bodies On a Mission 9:00 AM



September

Monthly & Special Events

- Sunday, September 2**
United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM
- Monday, September 3**
*Church Office & Daycare Closed
in Observance of Labor Day*
- Tuesday, September 4**
United Methodist Women
General Meeting..... 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 5**
WOW! Back to School Bash..... 5:30 PM
- Thursday, September 6**
Daycare Board Meeting..... 5:30 PM
Safety Team Meeting..... 6:00 PM
- Sunday, September 9**
Art Extravaganza (before & after worship)... 9:15 AM
- Thursday, September 13**
Morning Glories..... 9:30 AM
- Friday, September 14**
Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM
- Sunday, September 16**
United Methodist Men Breakfast..... 7:00 AM
New Members' Luncheon..... 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 18**
NWLA Truck Unloading..... 9:00 AM
NWLA Food Bag Packing..... 10:00 AM
Nightingales..... 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 19**
Bible Study led by Darrell Williams..... 10:30 AM
The Closet @ A Cross Faith..... 11:30 AM
The Table Ministry Lunch & Devotion..... 11:30 AM
The Table Food Distribution..... 12:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 25**
O.P.A.L.S..... 11:30 AM
- Friday, September 28**
Sew Crazy Ladies..... 10:00 AM
- Saturday, September 29**
Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM

For more information about these and other events, or to schedule use of a room at the church, please contact Linda Silas in the church office at (318) 965-2273.

Regularly scheduled events are listed on page 1.



O.P.A.L.S.

(Older People with Active Life Styles)

Tuesday, September 25 at 11:30 AM
in the Family Life Center
Cost: \$5.00

OPALS will meet for fun and fellowship to play Bingo for home baked goodies and enjoy lunch together. Our donation this month to Common Ground will be baking items: small packages of flour, sugar, meal & spices. Come and bring a friend!

We also ask you to call Peggy Rumbaugh by September 23 to make your reservation. Hope to see you there!

**For reservations, please contact:
Peggy Rumbaugh (318) 349-1465**

BIBLE STUDY

Genesis

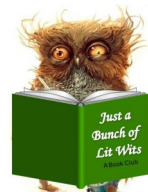
Sundays at 6:00 PM
at the Home of
Buddy & Reba Hearne
3408 Shirley Court, Benton, LA
(318) 965-0122



Welcome to Our
New Choir Director!
Sandy Deville

I was born in Monroe, LA on April 29, 1950; but was raised in West Monroe. I joined the band when I was in 4th grade and played the flute for them until I graduated from West Monroe High School. I have been a member of a church choir since the age of 15 and have been directing children's, youth and/or adult choirs since the age of 20. I do not have a

formal education in music, but I have learned a lot over the years in my daily experiences. Needless to say, I love music and am very excited to be involved in the music program at Benton UMC. Thank you for this opportunity.



Our book club meets again on September 21, 2018 with the book **The Anatomy of Peace by the Arbinger Group**. We choose books at our monthly meetings. Now is the time to jump in and join the Lit Wits! We would love to see you there!

**Contact Joel Carter for information
at (318) 465-9235.**

Changing Lives One Smile at a Time

Found Pennies

For Operation Smile

1989 by Mark David Crosby

Original letter to Roma Downey at Operation Smile from Mark & Rita Crosby about found pennies:

November 15, 2004

Dear Roma,

We are writing to you because we want to share a story about our son, Mark David, and how his story relates to Operation Smile. The story began in 1989 when our three-year-old son started collecting pennies for missions during Vacation Bible School. That year we collected \$200.00. This penny ministry motivated him so much we decided to collect pennies year-round. For the next ten years, not only did Mark David continue to faithfully save pennies, but he reached out and encouraged family and friends to save pennies as well.

In December of 1999, our beloved son was killed in a tragic drunk driving accident. During his life, Mark David touched, inspired, and influenced many through his ministry. At his funeral thousands of pennies were given in memory of Mark David.

Our Bossier City library has continued to keep Mark David's penny ministry alive by placing a tiny jar designated for only "found pennies" in the children's section of the library. Found pennies to us have always been like pennies from heaven.

When I shared this with my friend, she remarked, "I think Mark David is telling you to do something special with found pennies." The very next day I received your letter about Operation Smile.

During Bible school this year, cans were designed with smiley faces and the logo for Operation Smile for found pennies to be returned next year.

Here is our first donation of found pennies that my husband and I found this year.

~Mark and Rita Crosby

Dear Church Family,

July 2018

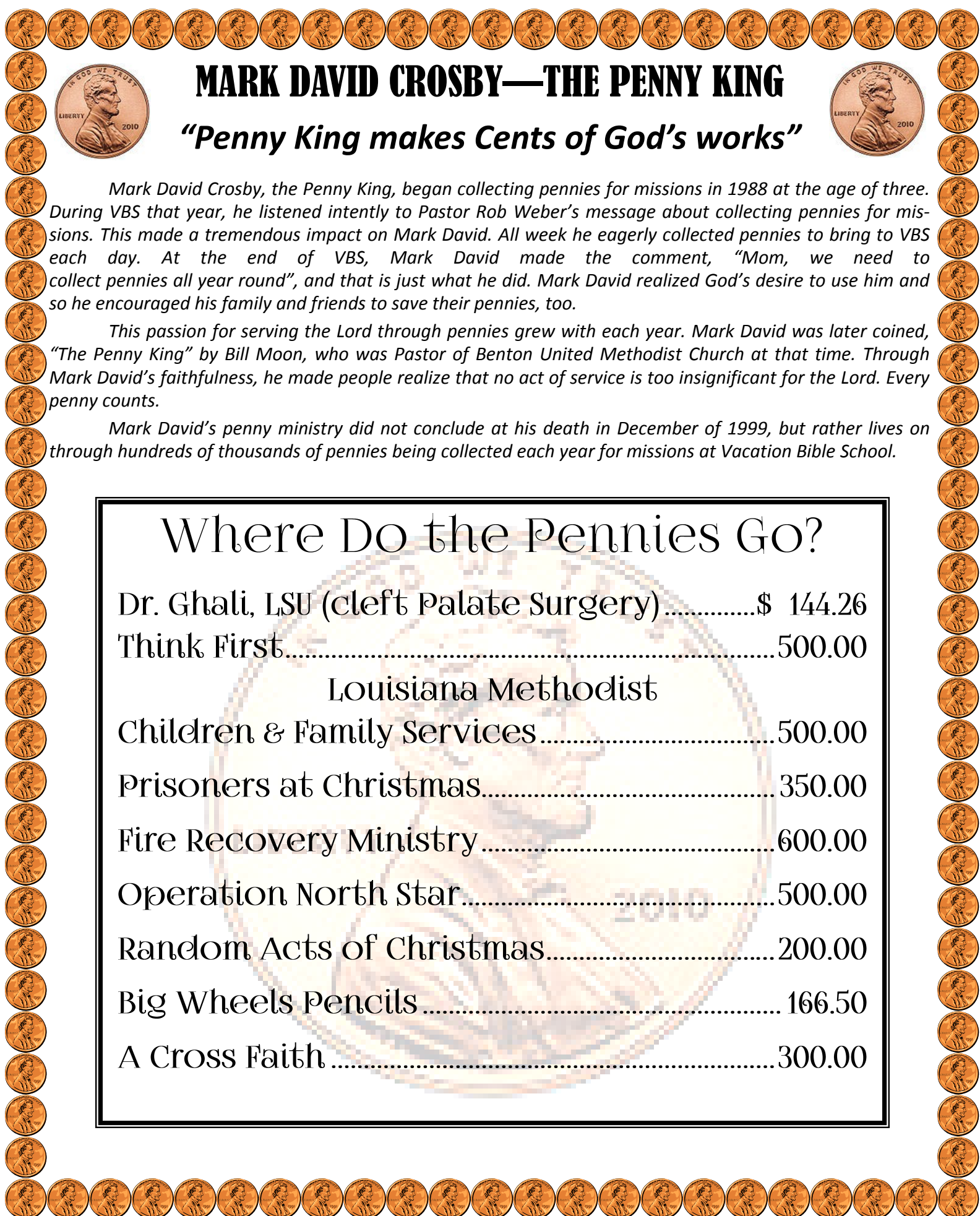
Our first year Mark and I found \$39.78 which we donated to Operation Smile. Our most faithful penny finder was Ed DeBusk. Over the years we have expanded to fifteen people contributing only to found money. This year \$144.26 was turned in for Dr. Ghali.

~Mark and Rita Crosby

Vacation Bible School

Pennies for Missions 2018

\$5,000.00



MARK DAVID CROSBY—THE PENNY KING

“Penny King makes Cents of God’s works”

Mark David Crosby, the Penny King, began collecting pennies for missions in 1988 at the age of three. During VBS that year, he listened intently to Pastor Rob Weber’s message about collecting pennies for missions. This made a tremendous impact on Mark David. All week he eagerly collected pennies to bring to VBS each day. At the end of VBS, Mark David made the comment, “Mom, we need to collect pennies all year round”, and that is just what he did. Mark David realized God’s desire to use him and so he encouraged his family and friends to save their pennies, too.

This passion for serving the Lord through pennies grew with each year. Mark David was later coined, “The Penny King” by Bill Moon, who was Pastor of Benton United Methodist Church at that time. Through Mark David’s faithfulness, he made people realize that no act of service is too insignificant for the Lord. Every penny counts.

Mark David’s penny ministry did not conclude at his death in December of 1999, but rather lives on through hundreds of thousands of pennies being collected each year for missions at Vacation Bible School.

Where Do the Pennies Go?	
Dr. Ghali, LSU (cleft Palate Surgery).....	\$ 144.26
Think First.....	500.00
Louisiana Methodist	
Children & Family Services.....	500.00
Prisoners at Christmas.....	350.00
Fire Recovery Ministry.....	600.00
Operation North Star.....	500.00
Random Acts of Christmas.....	200.00
Big Wheels Pencils.....	166.50
A Cross Faith.....	300.00

Sock Hop 2018



United Methodist Women
 FAITH-HOPE-LOVE IN ACTION

Benton United Methodist Women
 President, Pat Mosher
onthelake8@bellsouth.net
 (318) 572-3447

Our circle meetings are out for the summer. We'll see you at our September membership salad supper on the 4th.

Mark your calendars:



General Meeting:
September 4 at 6:30 PM
Family Life Center
 Salad Supper—bring a salad to share and a friend to join!

We still have 2019 **elections**—please consider serving on our board. See Katherine Ashley to see what positions need filling besides president.

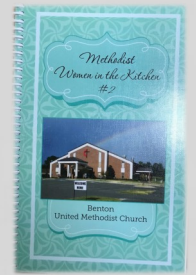
Circles meet **September 13 at 9:30 AM** and **September 18 at 6:30 PM** in the Breakfast Club room.

Annual United Methodist Women Meeting
October 12-13 in Lafayette
 This is our annual state meeting.

Sharing:

We need a leader for the Nightingale circle! Night circle is to bring **spaghetti sauce** for Common Ground.

We thank everyone who made our Sock Hop the best ever!!



Methodist Women in the Kitchen #2
 Our **Cookbook** is still available in the church office at
\$20 each or 6 for \$100.
 They make great gifts!!
Proceeds go to United Methodist Women supported missions.





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 7, 2018

Bringing Bread for the Altar

On Sunday, October 7th, please bring bread to share with a local ministry and place it on the altar on your way in to worship. Pastor Brad will bless this bread for those who will receive it.

About World Communion Sunday in the UMC

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

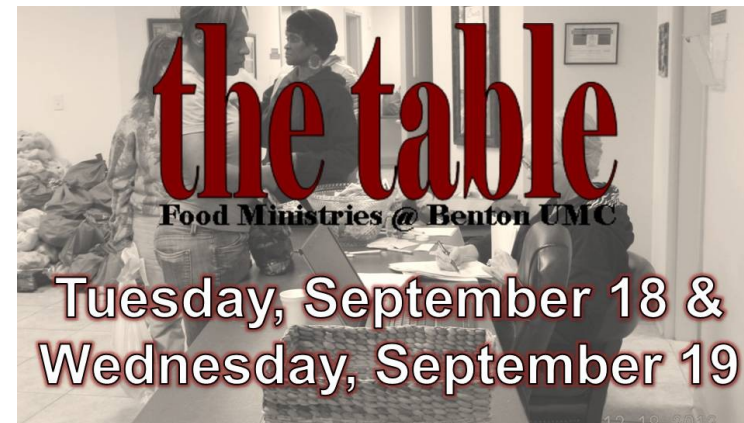
Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

Serving Our Community



Tuesday, September 18 &
Wednesday, September 19

The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, September 18
9:00 AM Truck Unloading
10:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, September 19
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

For more information on The Table, contact:
Kim Hauser kimdenise1996@gmail.com or Rachel
Stoneman rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org

The Closet Clothes Ministry

We need your help at our bustling clothes closet at
A Cross Faith Advocacy Center
(1659 Palmetto Road in Benton) and at Benton UMC.

Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:

3rd Wednesdays 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

All Other Wednesdays..... 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

**A Cross Faith
Advocacy Center**

HOURS:
Wednesday, September 19
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Benton United Methodist Church • Elizabeth Baptist Church • St. Jude Catholic Church
Transforming the community...

For more information on The Closet Clothes Ministry, please contact:

Sue Shadow
318.965.2496
shadow781@bellsouth.net



Souper Saturday Needs You!

We need people to ride along with drivers for deliveries, substitute drivers, soup cooks, and sandwich makers. We have very dedicated volunteers—a family of Christ's servants! We serve on the last Saturday of each month. Please join us to see if this is where you connect in service.

For more information on Souper Saturday, contact:

Katherine Kavanaugh
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katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net

Each one should use whatever gift he has received
to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace
in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10