



heart

in me

In the weeks leading up to Easter the bulletin covers will focus upon David's prayer found in Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart O God," which will direct our study of "Amazing Grace!"

Each cover is a copy of a block print that I cut for this series. My intent is to give you a visual, a Banner, that helps direct your prayers over the next seven weeks. (So, if this is something you would like to use there is string and clips available for your use. Enjoy this time with the Lord).

*Dear God,*

*I recognize that I cannot serve, share I cannot live this life of grace You have given me without recognizing your sacrifice. That you suffered, bled, and died for me. With that amazing fact before me I ask now that You clean out, O God, the inner conflicts of my life. Search out, O Lord, the hidden motives of my life. Root out the destructive actions of my life. May faith, hope, and love increase in everything I am and in everything I do. Amen.*



## First Chinese Baptist Church

March 12th, 2022

*In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," we will be singing and preaching the next few weeks about God's grace and mercy given to us!*

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Time

**"You Are Crowned with Many Crowns"**

Call to Worship

P Almighty God, during the next few weeks as we prepare for Easter may this be a time of repentance, a time to remember that Jesus was sacrificed for our sins on the altar of the cross.

**C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, "Create in us a pure heart" as we worship today.

**C Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, you have forgiven our sins. Now, by the power of your Spirit, make us bold witnesses of our Savior's Amazing Grace!

**C Amen.**

**"Ancient of Days"**

Offertory Prayer

Offering

Doxology

Special Music "And Can It Be, That I Should Gain?" Jeff Burkett

## SUSTAINING GRACE

"God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished..."  
*Philippians 1:6 (NLT)*

"My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that the grace of God is with you no matter what happens." *1 Peter 5:11 (NLT)*

## GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE...

### 1. HELPS ME KEEP STANDING \_\_\_\_\_

"Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. Take a firm stand against him, and be strong in your faith." *1 Peter 5:8*

"The temptations that you have are the same ones that all people have. But you can trust God. He will not let you be tempted more than you can stand. When you are tempted, God will also give you a way to escape. Then you will be able to stand it." *1 Corinthians 10:13 (ICB)*

### 2. IT HELPS ME KEEP STANDING \_\_\_\_\_

"It is God who gives us...the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts..." *2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (NLT)*

"For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose." *Philippians 2:13 (Ph)*

### 3. IT HELPS ME KEEP STANDING \_\_\_\_\_

"So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you. I will support you with my right hand that saves you." *Isaiah 41:10 (NCV)*

"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble."

*Psalms 46:1 (NLT)*

## HOW TO RECEIVE GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE

### 1. CALL OUT FOR \_\_\_\_\_

"God gives grace to the humble. So give yourselves completely to God... Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you." *James 4:6-8 (NCV/NLT)*

### 2. FILL YOUR MIND \_\_\_\_\_

"I am...completely discouraged; revive me by Your Word." *Psalms 119:25 (NLT)*

### 3. HOLD ON \_\_\_\_\_

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint." *Isaiah 40:29-31 (NIV)*

"So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." *2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)*

**“Create In Me a Clean Heart” 2x**

**God Be With You Until We Meet Again**

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