

## Reginald Dale Martin

June 28, 1951 - October 5, 2012

It is with a heavy heart that Grace Mission announces the death of one of its most faithful members, Reginald Dale Martin. Reggie passed away peacefully at Hospice House on Friday, October 5th after a brief but serious illness. As Grace Mission's long time caretaker, Reggie served God by taking good care of His house. He also served his fellow men, women and children by actively participating in Grace Mission's ministries. He was well loved outside of Grace Mission. The spirits of so many people in the Frenchtown neighborhood in which he lived were uplifted when they saw Reggie wave and shout, "What's up?" or when they saw him approaching their homes with a big bag of food from Grace Mission under each arm. Reggie will be greatly missed by his family, his brothers and sisters in Christ at Grace Mission, and those many others whose lives were touched in one way or another by Reggie.

*Rest eternal grant to Reggie  
and let light perpetual shine upon him.  
Through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace Reggie.*

### January 25th - Save the Date!

On Friday, January 25, Grace Mission will be offering a delicious luncheon for those who will be arriving in Tallahassee for the Diocesan Convention. The cost will be \$5.00. This will be a fundraiser for Grace Mission and an opportunity for the Diocesan family to visit and see Grace Mission's many ministries.

The meal will be served by the Community of Deacons who will be modeling their Servant Ministry as they wait on tables and do the dishes.

### Computer Help Needed!

Grace Mission needs a volunteer computer/website person to help us keep our website updated and current! There are minimal hours and work. The pay is crummy but the rewards are outstanding! If you have some time and skills, please call Pastor Amanda at 224-3817.

### Like Us!

Like us on Facebook! You can keep updated with all of the current events happening at Grace Mission through Facebook.

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## Gratitude

Deacon Jeanie Beyer

We rejoice that there are angels here among us who are carrying on that first century message of hope and joy that Jesus brought to the world in the Incarnation. Of course those angels are you.

Grace Mission is grateful for the generosity you share with us through your time, talent and treasure. You make it possible for Grace Mission to offer hope to our congregation. A clean pair of socks soothes the tired feet that come through the Sanctuary Door. A warm T-shirt offers another layer of warmth to the chilly bones that are trudging the streets on a cold winter's night.

In offering these tangible gifts, our congregation receives messages of hope and joy in the fact that they are not forgotten or alone. They experience that God is with them in the flesh and dwells among us. The message of Christmas.

Again this Christmas, we welcome your gifts of T-shirts and socks. We also would be grateful for donated hams for our Christmas Eve Feast.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season,

Deacon Jeanie

### Its Getting Colder Outside.....

We need sweat-shirts, T-shirts, socks, caps and warm jackets! And don't forget to save all of your travel-sized toiletry items for Grace Mission - we can always use tooth-paste and toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, razors, deodorant, etc. Everything helps!

### Just a Reminder.....

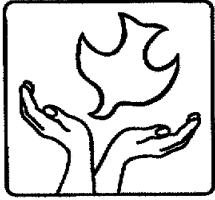
Grace Mission is a drop off center for Goodwill Industries, Inc. Please drop off discarded clothes, blankets, sheets, towels etc. Hours at Grace Mission are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

When we fill a bin we receive vouchers that can be used to purchase clothing, coats, shoes and other items that are needed by those attending Grace Mission.

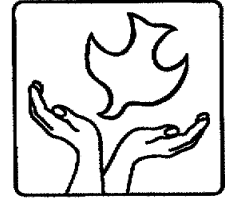


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## **Words of Grace**

*The Rev. Amanda Nickles, Vicar*

Before Jesus was born there was an Angelic Announcement...we hear of angels appearing to shepherds in a field – announcing the glad tidings of Christ’s birth which echoed across the skies.

What is the message of those Christmas angels? First of all, it is a message of Love and Peace. “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all men” sang the angelic multitude (Luke 2:14). It is a message of Joy and Hope. “Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people” (Luke 2:10).

The angels announced that the God of the Universe came down from Heaven that first Christmas night and took human form...the announcement made to a despairing, hopeless, and frustrated world the coming of the Prince of Peace and the Author of Love.

At Grace Mission, we share the message of the Christmas angels – God not only exists but He is a loving heavenly Father who seeks to restore us to what we were created to be – His children. Because God’s Son, Jesus Christ, has entered this world, what a wonderful and glorious Joy and Hope we have because of that first Christmas!

Help us continue the Angelic Announcement of Joy and Hope to all that come to Grace Mission. Help us to share the miracle and meaning of that first Christmas night.

From all of us at Grace Mission we want to thank you for your continued support for a ministry that provides Joy and Hope to others. Rejoice!

“We hear the Christmas Angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel!”

*O Little Town of Bethlehem – Philip Brooks 1868*

May the Joy and Hope of Christmas fill your heart.

*Blessings, Pastor Amanda +*

## **A Christ-Centered Christmas**

*Elizabeth Crowe, Grace Children’s Ministries*

For our children the hope, spirit, and joy of Christmas is present all year at Grace Mission. God pours out his love through you as you support us both on-site and behind the scenes, making many things possible for them through the year, like Vacation Bible School (VBS), summer camp at Camp Weed, the After-School Program, Awana Club, and Backpack Blessings of weekend snacks, all things that bring much joy to them. You truly are angels to them!

At the end of our Sunday service they also find joy in telling the congregation what they learned in Sunday School. It’s an angel moment for them when they momentarily become the bearers of Good News. Here in their spiritual family, which includes you, they find and feel God’s love, comfort, and protection.

I felt God’s love last week while digging through Grace Mission’s plastic recycle bin. As I retrieved bottles for our Festival’s ring toss game, a car pulled into the parking lot and the driver asked if I needed money for a meal. Rather than be embarrassed, I was delighted for his concern and ability to see with his heart what appeared to be a need.

This year we will continue to provide Christmas presents for our children through Angel trees. There will be several angels for each child on the tree, as we are listing only one gift per paper angel. This is to make it possible for all interested parties to participate without creating a financial burden. You may select just one angel/gift or as many as you would like. Please turn in all gifts by Wednesday, December 12 so we can have them ready for our family Christmas service on Tuesday, December 18.

Thank you for your continued support to the children of Grace Mission. If you have any questions about the children’s Christmas activities, please email [elizcrowe@comcast.net](mailto:elizcrowe@comcast.net) or call 850-320-2233.

In this season of angels and good tidings, may we see with our hearts and open them to provide joy to the world!



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