

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10*

*In sin all mankind was conceived and we've all known its face
and as the days and years go by our minds cannot erase
the often tragic consequence of choices that we've made—
how dreadful, sometimes, is the scar that now must be displayed.*

*But if we keep the truth of God's great grace before our eyes,
then we can know His peace in spite of what past sin implies.*

*The scar we bear can vividly remind us of our sin
or point unto the love of God that we now know within.*

*To live within the present is the business of each life;
sufficient are the things therein that seem to bring us strife.*

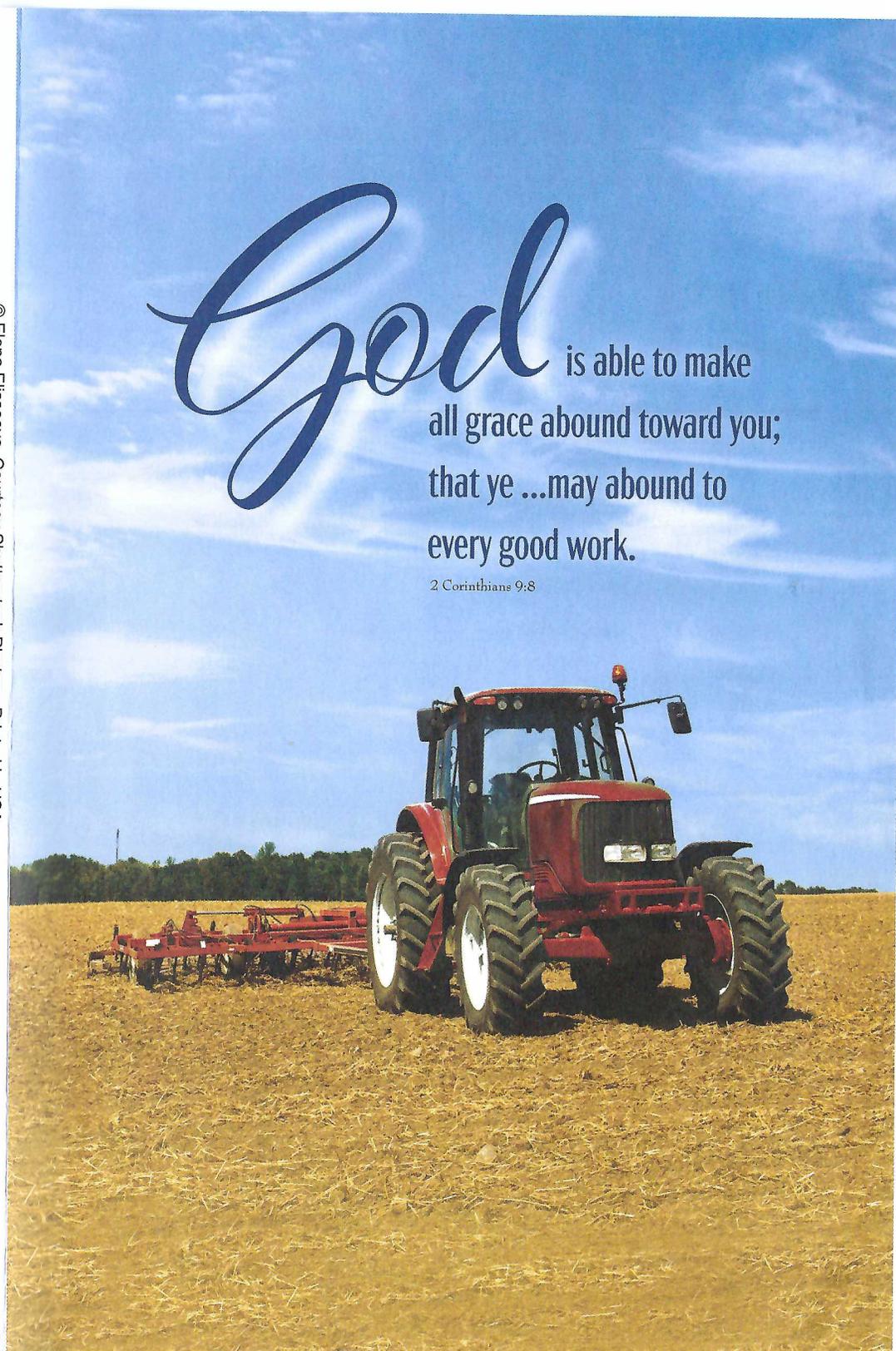
*Yet sometimes past is present in a way that causes pain
and when it does, we come to God and know His grace again.*

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God is able to make
all grace abound toward you;
that ye ...may abound to
every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8



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Call to Worship	<i>Sounds of Hope Part 2</i>
Invocation	<i>Ron Marks</i>
Sing Unto the Lord # 410 Standing on the Promises	<i>Tina Pinkoson</i>
Welcome and Announcements Recognition of Guests Mission Moment Birthdays and Anniversaries	<i>Ron Marks</i>
Worship in Song # 214 He Has Made Me Glad #78 I Love You, Lord	<i>Tina Pinkoson</i>
Offertory Prayer	<i>Joe Morgan</i>
Offertory	<i>Rose Morgan</i>
Special Music	<i>Sounds of Hope Part 2</i>
Pastoral Prayer	<i>Ron Marks</i>
Scripture Mark 1: 9-13 Sermon "Wilderness Gifts"	<i>Rev. Tami Higdon</i>
Hymn of Benediction Hymn	<i>Tina Pinkoson</i>

Scripture for Today

Mark 1:9-13

New International Version

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

A note to the congregation.

Pastor Carl and Shirley wish to thank everyone for the reception, cards, and gift from the church. We cherish our time with you and pray for God's blessing on everyone.

Thanks you to everyone who contributed food for last week's reception. A big shout out to Michelle and Edwina for coordinating and setting up.

Our speaker next week is Tina Pinkoson.

Good Friday Service, April 2.