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Robinson Cano is an all-star second baseman who left the New York Yankees at the end of the 2013 season to take a 10 year, 240 million dollar contract with the Seattle Mariners. When Cano returned to New York for the first time as a Mariner in April of 2014, everyone knew that he would get booed by Yankee fans for leaving.

Before the game, he made an appearance on "The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon." They took a cardboard cutout of Cano to the streets of New York and encouraged Yankee fans to practice booing Cano in front of the cutout. What these fans didn't realize is that the real Cano was standing behind the cardboard cutout, waiting to surprise the unsuspecting fans.

The reactions of the fans on the street were surprising. While they think they are booing a cardboard cutout,

they are merciless. They boo and shake their fists, telling Cano he is not welcome, and that he should go back home to Seattle.

But then Cano comes out from behind the cutout and in mid-sentence they completely change their demeanor. They begin smiling, they run to shake his hand, and even give him a hug. One man goes from saying, "Boo! You stink!" to "Hey, welcome back to New York!" all in one breath.

How often are we willing to speak poorly of someone behind their back or when there are seemingly no repercussions, but then act much differently when we are with someone face to face?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Colossians 4:6).

The idea is that in all of our conversations, we should exhibit graciousness, kindness and a Christ-like quality that merits the smile of Jesus Himself. Even when we disagree with someone; even when they behave ugly toward us; even when the other person's speech is angry and provocative, our speech should be filled with grace.

The world may be filled with ugliness, but God's people must respond with grace. Such a commitment to grace requires our heart and minds to be renewed the Holy Spirit. Let God do His work in your heart. Only then can we fulfill our mission to help people encounter the grace of God.

The shepherd loves the sheep!

Pastor Brian

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nona McGowan	2nd
Hailey Rice	8th
Diana Waters	8th
Ben Dillon	9th
Tina Spearman	9th
Elaine Bumgardner	10th
Nathan Fox	10th
Dean Branch	12th
Weston Merriott	14th
David Lemoine	25th
Kevin Rice	25th
Chris Lott	29th
Marcus Fondren	30th
Ryleigh Jo Spearman	31st
Lou Jones	31st

Anniversaries

Russ & Susan Merriott	27 th
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CHARLIE'S CHATS

We still have a few chairs left.
Come and join us for choir practice Wednesday at 6:30.
You will truly find it a blessing!



Fellowship
Saturday,
March 21st

From 1 - 3 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall



See Kay Sutton or
Bro. Charles
if interested

Week of Prayer for **SEND NORTH AMERICA** and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer for March 1-8, 2015

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

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SEND NORTH AMERICA

Our Church Goal
\$1,500



THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
Faye Woods
Nell Sparks
Carole Prucey
Janet Jones
Kay Sutton
Darlene Hay
Nathan Cash
Sherry Hudson
Russ Merriott
Nancy Lockey
Nancy Dorbandt



Saturday, March 28
at 8 a.m.



SUNDAY	
Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	
Adult Prayer	6:30 p.m.
Youth/Children	
Bible Studies	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Church Council:
Wednesday, March 4th at
5:30 p.m.

Business Meeting:
Sunday, March 15th after
Morning Worship



March 29th
After Worship
Bring your
favorite covered dish

Hard Candy needed
for our
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4th



EGBC MISSION STATEMENT
We exist to help people
encounter the grace of God