

They Loved Their Church

During the Great Depression, First Methodist Church in Willard, Ohio, was in great danger of closing. It wasn't that the church lacked members. So many of them were unemployed or had a meager income that they could give very little.

Because the church was in debt, the time came when the members had a choice: they could mortgage their homes and save the church they loved or they could shut the doors and try to find another place to worship. Many families mortgaged their homes, thus saving their church home.

After the Depression waned and the members were a bit more stable financially, they decided to rename the church Grace Methodist. They said the church had been saved by the grace of God and His blessings for them.



Would we do the same, if needed? Are we as thankful to God today for our church and the grace He gives us every day of our lives? ✚



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**Come, ye thankful people come; Raise
the song of harvest home. All be safely
gathered in Ere the winter storms
begin; God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied. Come to
God's own temple, come; Raise the
song of harvest home.**

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