

# GRACE CHURCH NEWS



**Grace for Change in Our Times!**

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**The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in his way; though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the LORD upholds his hand.**

**Psalm 37:23-24**

**We are coming to the end of a wonderful summer under the influence of Covid19. For some we are looking at the start of the new school year or starting college for the first time. For some its starting a new job, renovating or moving (All of the above in our case). Autumn is waving hello at us and moving in during the month ahead. The year has evaporated before our eyes.**

**During my time at YFC South Africa we spent a lot of time casting the organizational vision till 2020. I wish I could go back and tell them it would not be the way anyone imagined! They probably wouldn't believe me. For some of us maybe all our dreams came true for others maybe none. All I can say is I couldn't have guessed any of it accurately.**

**I realized in my early 20's that I would need to get some decent help if I was to accomplish anything in life. That help was to come from the LORD. I asked God to take the helm as I was in a pretty lost and lousy state. My life was all over the place and God came and gently stitched all the pieces back together. Even the pieces that I thought would amount to nothing God has used.**

**As we all look to the future let us not focus so much on building another barn which houses only perishable seed and hay. Let us focus on the continuing work of the cross in the lives of those around us. There is great anxiety and uncertainty to where we should carry the "Good News" of surety.**

**So as the winds of change are blowing quite blustery this 2020 Autumn to put it mildly. I look to this Psalm that Shannan and I gifted to everyone at our wedding. May your footsteps be guided of the LORD as you continue to put your delight in Him.**

***Love & Hugs from Your Grace Church Family!!!!***



**Pastor Don**

**Yesterday, I asked a friend “What are your goals for the next five years?”**

**She had one and one only goal: a good goal, an attainable goal. A dream.**

**But, in asking her that question, I had to ask myself the same one. What are MY goals for the next five years? Marilyn and I discussed this. Here is a brief summary.**

**I want to be used to bring people to know Jesus; to trust him, serve him, love him and, in turn, that they might continue with the same goals.**

**I want to see the Church grow not only in size but also in depth.**

**I want to see young people catch fire for Christ: to have an insatiable yearning to serve him.**

**Pastor Paul Martin said “Keep the gospel at the front of all your relationships”. (Fort William Baptist, 2017) In other words, make the gospel preeminent in your life – and, I’m saying, in your goals.**

**The older I get, the more I see that the gospel is the clearest, truest goal that I can have. It’s the only goal I can take with me into eternity.**

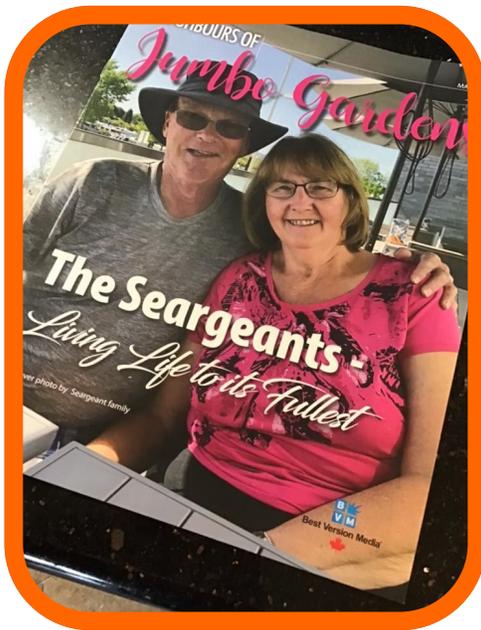
**Now, I realize – all this sounds super-spiritual, religious; even saintly, all things that I am definitely not. To me it sounds like an old man – which I definitely am.**

**But just maybe, in all my years, I have seen enough to know that the old adage holds true:**

**“Only one life, t’will soon be past.**

**Only what’s done for Christ will last.”**

**Maybe another goal could be to live another five years? Nah. I’d rather be with Jesus.**



**Dennis Seargeant**



# Glory Bound

**Psalm 46: 10 “Be still and know I am God”**

**Exodus 14: 14 “The Lord will fight for you and you only need to be still.”**

**Just imagine if it were like a train – Jesus is the engineer and conductor. He has invited you with him – opened the door and said come on in – on your way to heaven – Yes – He is with us all the time.**

**Philippians 4 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God and the peace of God will transcend all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

**Life is filled with disappointment, difficulties, problems, heartache grief and more.**

**Once on board God’s train heading for heaven, sit down in a comfortable seat, perfectly calm, relax throw off the anxieties.**

**Psalm 46: 10 comes into light. “Be still and know that I am God”**

**Exodus 14: 14 “The Lord will fight for you, you only need to be still.”**

**Bring on the joy of salvation on your way to heaven**

**Romans 8: 16-17 “The spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children – then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ”.**

**Putting complete faith and trust in the Lord as we ride towards heaven.**

**God is in control, what a glorious future!**



**Vivian Treichler**

### **Blueberries**

**Our God works in mysterious ways. I am glad about that, it is always for our benefit and I thank him for it.**

**My lady friend, her son and I went blueberry picking past Upsala, down an old logging road. I had been there before. When we got there the car stalled. It was partly on the road. We picked blueberries for 2 hours. My friend decided to go for help to get a tow truck because the car would not move. While she was gone, I heard a noise like a fog horn. I noticed there was a truck below the hill. It was not there before and he wanted us to move the car. He walked up the hill to see what was the matter. He was driving up the hill with a load of wood. He sent me to flag down a truck that he knew was going to come. He said he had booster cables. They got the car going. Then along came another truck who was my nephew. He showed us where the blueberries were. I am sure my friend was surprised when we met her coming with the tow truck. We got home safe with our blueberries. Praise the Lord.**

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### **Driving story**

**I am glad that the Lord knows what we can do and what we cannot do.**

**I now have to laugh at the foolish things I tried to do in my younger days.**

**Our group of young people went to Boulevard Lake. We had a boat. I decided to take it for a ride by myself. I had never driven a boat before. I started out not really knowing where I was going and did not know how to turn the board around to go back. I kept going forward. One of the group noticed I was getting close to the dam and swam to help me turn around. He rescued me from going down the dam. I thank the Lord he had someone rescue me.**

**One time I was learning to ride a bike that also ended up in disaster. I ended up in the McIntyre Creek which was nearby. I did not know how to stop it.**

**The Lord knew best that I would not have to learn to drive a car. I probably would have driven like Jehu, 2 Kings 9 says he drove his chariot furiously, no one wanted to get a ride.**

**I am better off to stick to my knitting.**