

# GRACE CHURCH

## NEWS



**By Grace for Grace!**

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**Say hello to Nutmeg! Yes we have tended to name our pets after spices, you may as well take guess why. We have been deliberating for some time as to the wisdom of getting a pet. Some in my household may say that I am to blame for the lack of this family necessity due to my reticence with regards to the responsibilities that come with caring for a beloved pet.**

**In South Africa it was easy to let them stay outdoors and have a good time outdoors. Here it is not so simple due to the cold weather, taking the dog for a walk seems to be a major right of passage for many folk. Sigh, I seem to have been outvoted. My beloved children have sworn that this newest member of our household will hopefully give Timothy some responsibility, under their watchful supervision. They say Nutmeg will lack for nothing.**

**Oh well if you can't beat them, join them goes the old adage. Galatians 6:5 explains that we each will have to bear our own load. I will be using that statement in the future. What do you think? Timothy on the other hand, needs to learn to take care of something other than himself. Proverbs 22:6 explains that we must train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. This responsibility may be a much needed learning tool for my son who up until now has had little responsibility for taking care of others.**

**Taking care of something or someone other than ourselves is a right of passage. Paul explains to the biblical Timothy (5:8) that taking care of your own household is imperative in our spiritual faith. So for some of you, be prepared for the ramifications of this new adventure.**

**The ooh's and aaah's may be replaced with certain grumbling under the weight of responsibility!**

***Growing up is soooo Hard!***

**Lots of Love From your Church Family!**

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**God has graciously spared the life of President Donald Trump. This statement might make some people bristle at the thought. I heard someone complaining that he survived his brush with Covid 19.**

**Why does God spare some and take others? Firstly; He is sovereign. Secondly; He is omniscient. Thirdly; He is all-wise. There are many other reasons as well.**

**Peter deals with this question (2 Peter 3: 9) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

**Paul reiterates this in 1 Timothy 2:4 “God, our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved...”**

**God also says it in Ezekiel 18 and 33. He wants people to turn to him and be saved from their sin.**

**I recently heard of a very elderly man who, while in palliative care, spoke, for the first time to believing in Jesus and confessing his sin for salvation.**

**Many a time death seems ‘un-timely’. It sneaks up on us. But God has a purpose and a definite timing for all these things. Ultimately, whether we live or die it is to be for the glory of God. (Romans 14:8)**

**Isn't it wonderful that the most dreaded thing in life – death – is in His hands?**

**Whatever our time is to go – it is God's time. That gives me peace.**

**We may have differing opinions on the President or our Prime Minister, but one thing we know; we are to pray for those who rule over us. Let's pray that this trying time of pandemic will give pause to our leaders: that they would consider eternity: that they would consider to Christ.**

# JAMES

A FAITH TO LIVE BY



**Donna Barron**

## **Ready, Steady ...Go**

Can you remember B.C. (Before Covid)? I can, but it seems ages ago. During those “ancient times”, a group of us ladies used to meet weekly in my sunroom (now the Lords’ sunroom – Martin, Shannan and family that is). We had just nicely started a new study of the book of James, when Covid hit. I have been suffering from Bible study withdrawal ever since; missing my times preparing to lead the study, our lively discussions, prayer times, etc. Hopefully some of the others have also missed our times together. I really hoped we could start meeting together again this month, but the second wave of Covid seems to be making that impossible. So I’ve come up with plan B. Why not have our Bible Study via the weekly newsletter? Pastor Martin gave the okay – so here goes. Join with me in a study of the book of James.

### **Background to James**

**Author:** There are a number of individuals named James mentioned in the New Testament. The author here is most likely the half-brother of Christ and the brother of Jude. Paul refers to James in Galatians 2:9 as a “pillar” of the early church in Jerusalem and there is no doubt that he was one of the main leaders there. The letter was most likely written from Jerusalem, since that is where James lived for most if not all of his life.

**Date:** Historical references claim that James was martyred in A.D. 62, so we know that he wrote the letter before that date. Some believe that it may have been written in the A.D. 40s or earlier and may even be the first New Testament letter written.

**Audience:** James writes to the Jewish Christians who had scattered from Palestine and were now living “among the nations”.

**Purpose:** This letter is meant for Christians and teaches us, in a very practical way, how to live the Christian life.

Next week we will start our study of the book of James. During this week, read the entire letter through in one sitting if possible and make a list of what you see as key words or themes.

## News & Such

### Weekly Events

Wednesdays 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary. Please use the front door to enter, social distancing & masks are required.

Thursdays 1—4 pm Quilting—Fellowship Hall masks & social distancing required

### Coming Events

Men's Breakfast Saturday October 17 8:30am Landmark Inn

### Annual General Meeting 2020 and Budget & Elections Meeting

Will be held on  
Sunday November 22, 2020  
More details will follow

### Wonder Working God

Our God is a wonder working God whose timing is always right. The Lord has proven that to me so many times.

The day my father died June 19, 1967, I could have lost my son also. My sister phoned that that the hospital phoned to say my father was dying. I took my boys to the Sheffields across the street. My son Stanley was a baby. They had children the same age as mine. I brought them there and left in a hurry. I did not lock my door. When I was at the hospital the Lord told me to home right now. I left right away, walked home which was on Erie Street. I walked straight into the bathroom. My son Doug, 3 years old, had climbed on the toilet seat and had a full bottle of children's aspirin. He had not taken any yet. I would have lost him too if the Lord had not intervened.

When my son Stanley was 2 years old, he ran into the path of a car on Red River Road and was hit by the car. Guy Wolframe's dad saved his life. Stanley was not breathing but he got him breathing again. He had a cuts and some head injuries. A while later he walked out of the hospital. He is doing well. It was not the drivers fault.

On January 20th, 2008, my son Mitchell on the 401 only got a bent fender. The police car beside him got totaled (front & back). I was praying for him at that time.

The Lord does look after us and works miracles.



**Vivian Treichler**