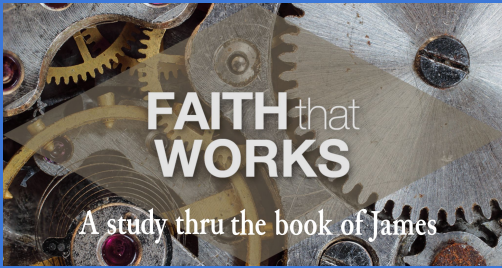


TPC Weekly Newsletter

June 16, 2024



FAITH THAT WORKS: **The Spectrum of God's Grace** *James 4:1-12*

Dealing with Division in the Church

In almost every New Testament letter from Acts thru Revelation, at some point in those letters, quarrels, fights, division, and conflict is described and dealt with.

During the time of the New Testament, when letters were sent to various churches, they would be delivered and read aloud in the congregation by a close companion of the author. Considering some of the challenging and confrontational content in many of the New Testament letters, it must have been an interesting experience to hear and process the content of these letters as God's people. It would be especially uncomfortable (or maybe a relief) to hear the church's "dirty laundry" aired in these letters.

As we consider this passage in James, wouldn't you love to know what was going on in this church that James would think it necessary to address it so directly?

FAITH THAT WORKS: The Spectrum of God's Grace *The Absence of God's Grace – v. 1-3*

What causes problems among God's people? James puts it plainly: uncontrolled desires (v. 1), unfulfilled appetites (v. 2), & unfaithful motives (v. 3).

We have a fatal heart condition (sin) that can only be cured by a radical heart transplant. And the Lord Jesus Christ is the heart donor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Announcements

- The start time for our Sunday worship service throughout the Summer is now 10 AM. All Sunday School classes have also decided to take a break during the Summer.
- The Digging Deeper study meets on Monday at 10 AM.
- The Session meets on Tuesday at 6:30 PM.
- The Deacon's Lemonade stand is open throughout the Summer immediately following worship.

To provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the Worship bulletin board or contact Sherry.

Please know that your ministry support is a valuable means by which God is reaching, teaching, & growing followers of Jesus Christ. As always, we are thankful for God's faithfulness and your financial partnership.

Mission Opportunities

Burrito making kits are available.

Donations are being received for this year's Operation Christmas Child initiative.

Upcoming Events

There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, June 23 to fill out our 2024 Nominating Committee.

Vacation Bible School will be on June 22-23 from 6-8 PM. Spread the word, bring your kids and grandkids, and invite the children from your neighborhood to learn about the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Greeter Ministry

Please look for a warm, welcoming friend to meet & greet you on Sunday mornings. In addition, the greeter will lock all the church doors by 10:15 AM, except for the glass doors to the Narthex.

We hope everyone will take a turn being this warm, welcoming presence. To serve as a Sunday morning greeter, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

The Power of God's Grace – v. 4-6

All of us are naturally aligned with the world and enemies of God (v. 4).

And yet, there remains in us a longing for our heart's true home in God, even as God has not quit on us (v. 5).

Our rescue by God, our restored relationship with God, and renewed life for God is all of grace! (v. 6)

Grace is God's unearned, undeserved goodness shown to us in Christ. Or, grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense!

The Work of God's Grace – v. 7-10

With reverence for God (humility), we must revere and rejoice in God (submission), and resist the enemy of our soul, the devil (v. 7).

The antidote to quarrels and divisions among God's people is our ongoing renewal in the grace of God (v. 8-10). We need to be regularly reminded of the grace of God shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. In this way we will renew our dependence on God and determination to seek first God's Kingdom (Matthew 6:33). We will grieve our tendency to sin, even as we glory in the joy of the Lord. In this way, humility before God and one another is the basis of our whole life.

The Fruit of God's Grace – v. 11-12

James returns to the cause and consequences of conflict in the church: our sinful pride and our careless words. By our words, we exert power and domination over one another. But by God's Word, we exhibit humility and graciousness to one another.

Our Radical Witness to the World

A Story of God's Grace to Us

The Parable of the Loving Father (the prodigal and prideful sons) - Luke 15:11-32

The Evidence of God's Grace thru Us

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)



Prayer Joys & Concerns

Thanks and Praise

Birthdays: Sandra Hollensead (6/17), AJ Kratt (6/19), Andrew Petty (6/21), Susan Bauer (6/22)

Anniversaries:

Needs and Concerns

Those who are grieving...

Those needing help/healing...

Belinda Phelps
Janet Husband
Betty Muse
Sandra Hollensead
Ellen (Kay Nolan's cousin)
Eddie Barker (Janet Husband's cousin) - healing
Jamie King (Lois Bringham's nephew) - healing
Carol Redd
Greta Bemisderfer
Ashley (the Husband's grand daughter)
Gwen Tomblin
Monica (the Bloor-Brandt's neighbor)
Steve Conn
Sandy Koukola
Rev. Bob & Rev. Camille Williams-Neal
Harvey (Miller's great grandson)
Tracy (Miller's daughter)
Ghyll Simoneschi
Susan Bauer
Jean Paulmann
Jane Kurfees
Josh Jones (Jane Kurfees nephew)
Robert (Lois Bringham's brother)
Spencer Hardin (Sheryl Yoffe's friend)
Spike Frederick (Andy's friend)
Donna Primm (Andy's friend)
Toka (Sherry Pritts' friend)

Situations and Circumstances...

The mission and ministry of TPC
The war on Israel
Persistent societal violence
Volatile political tensions
Economic concerns
The violence/brokenness of our city and the world
Students, teachers, staff during Summer break
Medical caregivers, police, elected officials
The many ministries of TPC (Burrito Riders, Faith & Art Center, OCC, Sew 'n Sews, EACM, Maryhurst, Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

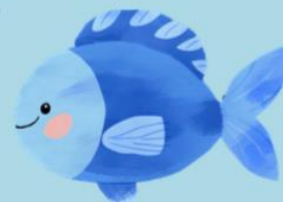
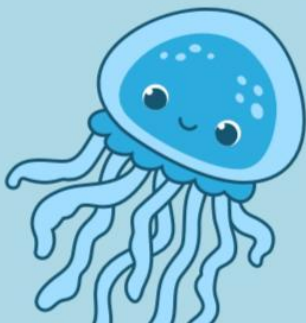
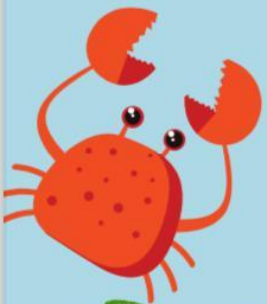
THE GREAT CATCH

VBS 2024

Matthew 4:19

JUNE 22 & 23 | 6-8PM

Trinity Presbyterian Church
10200 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, Kentucky





DEACON'S LEMONADE STAND

Come gather in the narthex after the 10 o'clock worship service. Enjoy a glass of lemonade and a cookie or two as you visit with others in our Trinity family.

If you would like to contribute herbs, vegetables, fruit and/or flowers from your garden, they would be most welcome!

See You at the Stand!!

Garden Gloves from Sew 'n Sews



The Sew 'n Sews have hand-made garden gloves with sleeve protectors for your arms available in the parlor!

They are made from material with beautiful patterns! Don't let those branches scratch your arms or the bugs bite you!!

Select your pair of gloves and leave a \$20.00 donation in the parlor, or give it to Sherry. Make your check payable to TPW Sew 'n Sews.

HAPPY GARDENING!



Operation Christmas Child – 2024 Quick Facts

DISCIPLESHIP:

- **The Greatest Journey** is a follow-up discipleship experience offered through local churches to many of the children who receive shoebox gifts. The **12-lesson program** introduces boys and girls to salvation through faith in Jesus and encourages them to grow as faithful followers.
- Over the past 30 years (since 1993), **more than 50 million children** have been discipled, **including 25 million children who have prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!**
- **Shoebox to Bible:** After a child completes the 12-weeks discipleship program, a **New Testament Bible** is given to each child in their language. So far, **over 36 million New Testaments** have been given to graduates through our local church partners.
- Samaritan's Purse trains over **240,500+ volunteer teachers** to lead children through The Greatest Journey program.
- In 2023, The Greatest Journey discipleship program was translated in **91 languages** and reached **98 countries!**
- In 2023, over **5.1 million children** participated in **The Greatest Journey** discipleship program and there were **nearly 2.9 million decisions for Christ**, equating to 331 children coming to faith each hour!
- Pray for over **5.5 million children** to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program in 2024!

Stay tuned. OCC Quick Facts regarding **to the Ends of the Earth** are coming next!



Operation Christmas Child Donation Opportunities

The Mission Committee requests your consideration in making shoebox gift donations throughout the next several months so our supplies will be plentiful for our shoebox packing event to once again be held July/August.

The items being collected are:

UNDERWEAR SOCKS T-SHIRTS FLIP-FLOPS

These items may be for boys or girls in sizes appropriate for ages 2-4, ages 5-9, or ages 10-14. We intentionally pack more boxes for ages 10-14 as statistically the least number of boxes are packed for this age group.

You may drop off your donations from now through the end of June into the bin provided in the Narthex. We will periodically gather the donations, update our inventory, and sort the items according to sex and age.

Please consider donating to this worthy ministry. And join us in praying that Trinity's 2024 Shoebox Season will be fruitful!

Weekly Reminders

While Sunday School is taking a break during the Summer, consider joining one of the classes and/or small groups once this important ministry of Christian Education resumes in the Fall:

- Koinonia Class led by [Rev. Bob Williams-Neal](#) at 9:45 AM.
- Women's Sunday School Class at 9:45 AM (please contact [Cathy Dawson](#), [Lucie Fulmore](#), or [Lois Bringham](#) for more information)
- Youth Sunday School Class for middle school and high school students at 10 AM (please contact [Rebecca Perry](#) for more information).
- Sprouts Sunday School Class for ages 5 thru 4th grade at 9:45 AM (please contact [Diane Jewell](#) for more information).
- Digging Deeper meets on Monday mornings at 10 AM.

If you're unable to worship with us in person, join us via [Livestream](#) on Sundays at 10 AM. Our online worship bulletin is [posted here](#).

If you have a need, a prayer request, or have information you would like to share with the rest of the Trinity family, please contact [Pastor Steve](#), [Sherry Pritts](#) (Church Secretary), [Andy Cannava](#) (Clerk of the Session), [Brenda Miller](#) (Chair of the Deacons), or your mini-flock shepherd. Please [click here](#) for the updated mini-flock list.

To view our 2024 Leadership & Committees list, please [click here](#).

If you would like to make an online gift and/or donation to support the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church, [please click here](#).

While most of our college students are home for the Summer, please continue to pray for them.

We will share updated contact information when it becomes available.

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