

Grace Notes

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Every Nation, Tribe, and Tongue

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” – Acts 1:8*

The territory of Greenland has been in the news more times these past four months than, perhaps, my entire lifetime. Prior to the Trump administration making Greenland a topic of national conversation, I paid scant attention to the island. So when I recently read an article telling how 18th century Christian missionaries brought the gospel to Greenland and God spiritually transformed the island, I thought it was a story worth sharing. For it not only demonstrates the power of the gospel, it reveals that Jesus is building his church in areas of our world for which we give little thought.

According to the article, Christianity was first brought to Greenland by Norse settlers in the 11th century. But by the 18th century all contact had been lost with the Christian settlements. Curious as to what happened to end all communications, Lutheran pastor Hans Egede, who ministered in Vaagan Norway, set sail for Greenland on May 3, 1721, accompanied by his wife and two sons.

Upon his arrival, pastor Egede was shocked to find no Norse communities. There was no Christian presence in Greenland and it was solely inhabited by Eskimos. Although he was surprised there were no believers on the island, pastor Egede saw the absence of a Christian witness as an opportunity to bring the gospel to an unreached people. So he and his family took up residence in Greenland and received financial support from a company he founded in Norway some time prior to making their trip. Once they were settled, the family then attempted to learn the Eskimo language and culture in order to present the gospel message to the natives.

For several years pastor Egede's evangelistic efforts met with little success. The Eskimos were not interested in the gospel and most turned a deaf ear. But in 1733, twelve years after he and his family arrived in Greenland, things changed for the better and two reasons are cited. First, a smallpox epidemic killed thousands of Eskimos on the island. This tragic event gave pastor Egede and his family an opportunity to minister to the sick and dying. After witnessing their selfless care for their people, the Eskimos were profoundly moved, and the gospel they once rejected was eagerly received. Second, Moravian missionaries arrived that year and they were a great help in the missionary work that pastor Egede and his family pioneered. Due to their combined efforts, the gospel was proclaimed throughout the island and all of Greenland's Eskimos eventually became members of Christian churches.

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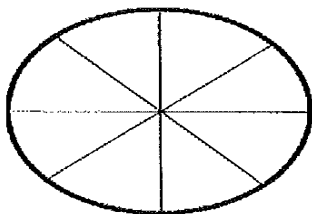
In 1736, pastor Egede left Greenland and traveled to Denmark to bury his wife and found a school for the training of missionaries to Greenland. He left behind his two sons, Paul and Niels, as well as two nephews, who continued the work of Christian missions. Although he did not return to Greenland, Pastor Egede, with the help of his son Paul, was able to translate the New Testament into the Eskimo language and write an Eskimo grammar, dictionary, and catechism.

Today, because of the evangelistic efforts of the Egede's and the Moravian missionaries, Greenland retains its Christian identity. Of the fifty-seven-thousand people who live on the island, ninety percent of whom are Inuit Eskimos, the vast majority belong to the Lutheran church. While it goes too far to say that every Lutheran Greenlander is a true believer in Christ, the fact the majority of Greenlanders identify as Christians, is a testimony to the grace of God and the power of the gospel in Greenland's history.

Jesus is building his church. Even in areas of our world for which we give little thought. For in these remote regions of our world are people he came to save. Thank God for missionaries like pastor Hans Egede and his family, who will leave behind the comforts of home to travel to the ends of the earth, so a people in darkness may hear the good news of Jesus Christ and, by God's grace, be saved.

Piece of the Pie

Arrange the numbers 1-8 so that, when a number is added to its opposite, it totals nine (9).



ANSWERS: Y IN THE WORLD!—

1. crypt; 2. rhythm; 3. myth;
4. nymph. **PIECE OF THE PIE** —
Start anywhere in this order,
clockwise: 8, 7, 6, 5, —, 2, 3, 4. There is
more than one arrangement.
CRYPTO CITIES (reading in rows,
not columns): Barcelona, Bern,
Brisbane, Berlin, Bangkok, Bogota,
Bruges, Blackburn, Bera, Brest,
Boston, Birmingham, Boise,
Buffalo, Baghdad, Bari.

Y IN THE WORLD!

The following words have no vowels except for a "y," which provides the sound of a short "i." Use the clues to find the words.

1. ____ Y ____ : a vault, often beneath medieval churches, where the dead are entombed.
2. ____ Y ____ : the beat and cadence of a song.
3. ____ Y ____ : a gift of the magi.
4. ____ Y ____ : a mythical maiden living in the forest or near the water.

CYRPTO CITIES

This group of cities is written in code. Use known letters to help you decode the entire list. We've decoded one city for you.

Q L C O P K Y T L
Q C M E Q L T P
Q L T A N Y N
Q C B A P E
Q L E C L
Q Y E H Y T
Q Y M E P
Q L A J W L W

Q P C T = B e r n
Q P C K M T
Q Y A Y H L
Q K L O N Q B C T
Q C P E H
Q M C D M T A J L D
Q B V V L K Y
Q L C M

Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way."

(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



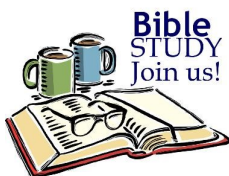
Blessed
is the NATION
whose
GOD
is the LORD.
Psalm 33:12

The Lord's Supper

will be observed on May 18 at the morning worship service.

Everyone is encouraged to be in prayer and repentance in preparation to partake in this holy sacrament.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29: 12



Please Join us every Wednesday

Time: 10:30

Where: Fellowship Hall
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book
"Survey of the New Testament"
By
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.

WELCOME to 2025 ! This past year we have been studying the books Of Jonah and Habakkuk.

In 2025 we will be using a book by Marci Ogrosky called "Looking to Christ.....Hebrews".

Marci is a pastors wife, Mom, and has a degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Special Education. She is a down to earth writer that we have enjoyed learning from.

Hebrews has 13 chapters, and encouragement is the heart of the books purpose. Jesus sanctifies us for the true worship of God,so that we draw nearer to heaven.

Please join us on the second Tuesday every month at 10am at Grace. I think you will enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with loving Christian women. Bring a friend if you like.

If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.



Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant	Thursday, May 1, 6:30 pm
Session Meeting:	Sunday, May 18, 12:00 pm
WIC Circle Meeting:	Tuesday, May 13, 10:00 am
Prayer for our Nation:	Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study:	Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant

Thursday, May 1

**All men of GPC are invited to the
Men of the Covenant**

We will have a time of fellowship, food, and a devotion from the Word of God.

The men gather around 6:30 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 7:00 p.m.

*"As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another."*
Proverbs 27: 17

The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, May 18 at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.

Pastor Jim will be on vacation from April 30 through May 14th. On May 4th, R.E. Randy Borill will be filling in for the morning worship service and on May 11th Rev. Stuart Mills will share the message during the morning worship service. If you have any needs during the week, please contact R.E. Randy Borill, R.E. Jesse Arnold, R.E. Cleve Chandler.

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“...you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ...”

Psalm 139:13-14



And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:51 ESV



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 pm Men of the Covenant	2	3
4 Sermon by R. E. Randy Borill	5	6	7 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	8	9	10
11 Sermon by Rev. Stuart Mills <i>Happy as Clayton</i>	12	13 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	14 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 Communion Session Meeting	19	20	21 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial DAY (Office Closed)	27	28 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	29	30	31

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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*As we look not to the
things that are seen but to
the things that are unseen.
For the things that are
seen are
transient, but the things
that are unseen are
eternal.*

2 Corinthians 4:18

