

Grace Notes

September 2022

Delight and Desires

By
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“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” Psalm 37;1-4

On August 10, the Washington Post reported that “Historians privately warned [President] Biden that America’s democracy is teetering”. This coincides with the public sentiment today that this is a time of a great deal of trouble and “fret” in the US and in fact, the world over. Granted, these feelings will come, but we are not obliged to invite or encourage them. Luther said, “We cannot preclude the birds from flying around our heads, but we can prevent them from building their nests in our hair.”

There are sufficient evildoers in society, both the profane and those who profess religion to annoy the spirit and trouble the believer with grief. Our troubles are political, commercial, and social, and everywhere there is distress and misery. But, our text provides a remedy for us as it did for those who preceded us and experienced the same.

First, we are told to “*Trust in the Lord, and do good*”, and in doing so there is promised consequential blessings. We see from the teachings of Christ that “trusting or believing and doing good” are intimately connected when he answered those who questioned him, “*Then said they unto him, ‘What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.’ John 6:28-29* If we are believing in Jesus, with patience we shall see the removal of the evildoers that trouble us without envying them. Should the eagle that drinks in the splendors of the sun above the clouds, envy and fret over the worm that only rises in blindness above the dust? Neither should we who have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Ghost, fret over the disturbances of blind evildoers.

Second, we are told to “*Delight thyself also in the Lord,*” and again, promised consequential blessings follow. Mr. Worldly wise man says, “But, I thought religion was all self-denial; I never imagined that in loving God we could have our desires.” As Christians, we have two selves: the old self and it is here that we deny the flesh with its affections and lusts. Then, there is the new self; the new man in Christ, and this does not consist in any self-denial. His tastes have changed; his desires have been altered to be consistent with the Lord’s. Thus, he delights himself in his God, and joyously receives the desire of his heart . . . even with temporal prosperity: “*so shall thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed*”.

MAGNIFICENT MYSTERIES!

Consider the riddles and enigmas below and prepare to have your mind challenged!

1. What was it that Adam never had and never saw yet gave to his children?
2. When does a chair hate you?
3. Which candle burns longer, a wax candle or a tallow candle?
4. What kind of clock shows the exact time twice a day, but is wrong at all other times?
5. What question can never be answered by "Yes"?

WORD MATCH

Directions: Below is a list of 10 compound words, but you need to draw lines from a word in the left column to a matching word in the right one. Write the new word (a compound word) in the space provided.

door	line	_____
jaw	brush	_____
farm	worm	_____
back	fish	_____
earth	mat	_____
air	ground	_____
gold	house	_____
candle	blot	_____
hair	bone	_____
ink	stick	_____

Solution: 1. Parents; 2. When it can't bear you; 3. Neither; they burn shorter; 4. A stopped clock; A stopped clock will show the correct time twice a day; 5. Are you asleep? WORD MATCH: doormat, jawbone, farmhouse, background, earthworm, airline, goldfish, candlestick, hairbrush, inkblot.

Thank You

Please when you have a chance give a big **Thank you** to Dana Andries and James Salsbury for taking down the sign and hauling it all to the dumpster. Also for putting up the temporary sign until the Session makes a decision on a new sign.



Congratulations and Best Wishes
to
Mr. & Mrs Bennie Martin

They were married on August 20, 2022
surrounded by a few family and friends.

God Bless them Both

The Lord's Supper



Grace PCA will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion during the morning worship service, Sunday, September 4, 2022.

Everyone should spend time during the week preparing your hearts and minds to partake in this sacrament.

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 quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



Please pray for the following physical concerns and spiritual needs of each, individual.

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

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.



Bible Study

DATE: EVERY WEDNESDAY

TIME: 10:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Don & Dana Andries will be teaching from the book

"Survey of The New Testament"

By

Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.

**happy
LABOR
day**

WIC Circle Meeting...

The Circle at Grace will be studying the book of James written by Mary Beth McGreevy. We are looking forward to seeing how this book of the Bible relates to each of us in our life today.

Please consider joining this group of ladies in our study, and the ministry we have at Grace. We have prayer, study, and fellowship every month.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Grace. We even love to invite friends to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Allison.



The next **Session Meeting** will be
Monday,
September 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Jesse Arnold, Kit Bonvillian, Randy Borill, Cleve Chandler, Dana Andries, Don Andries prior to the meeting if you have items to bring to their attention.

Men of the Covenant Resumes Thursday, September 1

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant which will resume its monthly meetings (first Thursday of each month, except for June through August) on Thursday, September 7.

We enjoy a nice meal at 7:00 p.m., but many of the men arrive around 6:30 to enjoy some good fellowship. Following the meal we will hear a devotion from the Word of God. Men, please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

*“As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens
another.”*

Proverbs 27: 17

Gathering Them To The Battle

A Study Of
The Protestant Reformation View

By

R.K. Borill, Ruling Elder

5 Parts over 4 Sundays

Beginning September 11

5:00 PM

At

Grace Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant	Thursday, September 1, 5:00 p.m.
Session Meeting:	Monday, September 12, 5:00 p.m.
WIC Circle Meeting:	Tuesday, September 13, 10:00 am
Prayer for our Nation:	Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study:	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

New Blog – Christian Inquiry

Please visit the site www.christianinquiry.com

The Christian Inquiry blog is the initial effort that

Includes articles and other information about the author

and his beliefs. I plan more additions to the site later, but this is my effort to so far.

I hope all who visit the site will be edified by the information appearing there to the glory of God.

Yours in Christ,

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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..."
Ecclesiastes 3:1



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 Men of the Covenant	2	3
4 Communion 	5  We will be CLOSED TO OBSERVE Labor DAY	6	7 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	8	9	10
11	12 5:00 Session	13 10:00 WIC Circle	14 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	15	16	17
18 Game Party!	19	20	21 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	22 Autumn Begins	23	24
25	26	27	28 10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study	29	30	

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JOIN US FOR FOOD, GAMES,
AND BIBLE JEOPARDY!!

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER

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FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES
ACTIVITIES BUILDING
SIGN UP IN NARTHEX

IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE GAME, BRING IT!

