



September Newsletter

Psalm 73:21-28

A man named Asaph, who it appears was the Worship Leader in the days of King David, is having a very rough time when he writes this Psalm. It seems to him like he has tried to be very faithful to God, but it is getting him no where. And he sees others who have no regard for God in their life who are doing just fine. It's not fair. He is in pain. He wants to know what is going on.

Then he makes a great decision. Even though he is upset with God, he decides to spend some time with Him. He goes into the sanctuary of the tabernacle.

In God's presence, his eyes are opened. He sees that those who do evil are on a very slippery path. More important, he looks at himself and realizes that he has been foolish, bitter and even a little arrogant.

Then he sees something amazing: God is STILL holding his hand, leading him to a glorious destiny! God is still the one who is guiding him.

And then, his heart is touched and he sees that having God is the one thing he desires in all of the heavenlies.

"I desire you more than anything on earth." Even if his health fails, his energy and drive grow weak, God will be the very strength of his heart and life and he will have God as his very own forever.

And now, instead of fretting over all that is wrong and unfair, he is going to tell everyone how wonderful it is to be close to God. God is his shelter and he will tell everyone about the wonderful things God does. What a turn around! Maybe we should all spend some time in the presence of God?

Thank you for the blessing of being your Pastor.

Psalm 73:21-28 New Living Translation (NLT)

Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside. I was so foolish and ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you. Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

Those who desert him will perish, for you destroy those who abandon you. But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.



Pastor John will be facilitating the study of Galatians Tuesdays at 10:00 am starting September 11th. He prayerfully hopes you will join him.

SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

We are most happy to report that we are in the midst of the “Dog Days” of summer! NO, No that does not mean you are to give your dog a big party or anything of the sort! Actually the closet tie-in it has to real Dogs is that it is a period of time that Sirius, the Sun Dog Constellation can be seen during the daytime. However it is a good time to stay in the pool or in the house enjoying the coolness of your air conditioner since it is generally the hottest days of the year. So much for your Astrology Lesson!

August is the slowest month we experience during the year as most of the “snow angels” are in the northern climes as well as many of the year round folks that have taken a vacation. Consequently it is an excellent time for our Leadership Team to plan and get ready for the return of those that are away!

Most of those that are “up north” have been there for over a month, have gotten reacquainted with the neighbors, kids, Grandkids, etc. and settled in for the summer, right?? Should our assumption be correct, may we ask your indulgence while you are “kicked back” and taking it all in?

As you are experiencing all you have earned and making the most of your enjoyment, please look around and take note of the differences in the Worship environment! Do you see anything that you feel could make a worshipful positive influence here at Grace? Please look at the Setting and make that comparison first, while it may look very good there, it may not here. What we are saying is weigh as many of the factors as possible before you make the suggestion.

Until next time we will be setting at Gate awaiting HIS Return!!

Join Us

John Tuff and Friends

Thursday September 20th

Beyond the Sea

The band will be playing from 6-8 pm



Ladies Event

Friday, October 19th

Roberts Arena, Sarasota

\$22.00

See Patty for Tickets



Today - “Ring of Fire” at the Tuffs 4:30 social and swim if you would like, 6:00 dinner

September 9th - Communion

September 11th - Tuesday Morning Bible Study with Pastor John resumes. 10:00 am

September 15th - Women of Faith Snippet and then bring a salad item to share.

September 19th - Good News Club Begins!

September 22nd - Men’s Breakfast

To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...This is the Mission of GCC.

Our Website Needs You!

I love working on our website because it is our chance to show who we are to others. The problem is that I need information to load. For example, wouldn’t it be nice to have each of our missionaries listed and updates on what they are doing? Fall is coming, I’m sure there are Bible studies starting back up, or perhaps some special events being planned. I know this is hard to believe but I do not have the ability to gather information via osmosis. I need you!!!

Please send me your website information soon! Patty

Mark Your Calendar: December 15th, A Day of Remembrance. We will be helping to lay wreaths on Veterans grave sites. Details coming in future articles.