



OCTOBER PASTOR'S PEN

“A Fabulous Fall!”



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Beloved Members and Friends of Grace EPC,

I used to consider that fall began with Labor Day. In Pittsburgh, school began the day after the holiday and cooler weather also came. In Florida, September seems like it's still summer, since it mostly is! The first of October is the new autumn to me. As I write this on September 19, the high temperature is *only* 84 with cooler weather predicted. Also, our church fall program is moving into high gear with many exciting items on the horizon. Let me mention just a few:

We're beginning a new Sunday School series on the Great Commission, Christ's powerful words before His ascension. Keep in mind that this is the Great Commission, not the Great Suggestion. Every Christian is commanded by our Lord to make disciples. We each have to prayerfully seek how God wants to use us in that process. This class should be a great resource in helping us find our calling and I pray that you will choose to attend.

You have already received an email inviting you to the class I want to teach on the theology of the Chronicles of Narnia on Saturday mornings. I really believe that those who attend will experience the equivalent of a class on systematic theology, without having to read several heavy books, write papers or have any exams. I think this class will be huge fun and hope you will join.

We celebrate the 4th Anniversary of Grace on October 3rd. Session will determine at our September 21st meeting whether we can have our traditional potluck. I'm hoping we can and that this will be another joyous acknowledgement of God's grace. I also hope we can have our traditional church family dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving, which has always been a hit and an opportunity to invite friends. I will preach an evangelistic, seeker friendly sermon that Sunday.

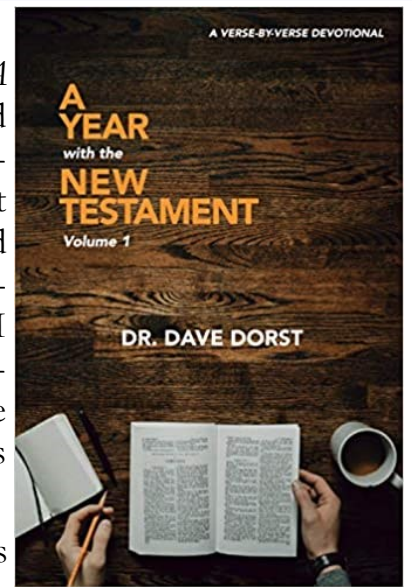


The LORD hath done
great things
for us; whereof
we are glad.

-PSALM 126:3, KJV-

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One of the big events for me in 2021 is that my daily devotional, *A Year With the New Testament*, was published by White Blackbird Books. It turned out to be a much bigger production than I imagined. The publisher formatted it with lots of white space and it now consists of two volumes, the first from January 1-June 30 and the second from July 1-December 31. Doug, the publisher, is offering it on Amazon for \$24.99 each for a total of nearly \$50. I have copies he sent to me at a discount and will make both volumes available to you for \$35. Please contact either Mandy or me if you'd like to get them. They would make excellent Christmas presents for a friend or family member.

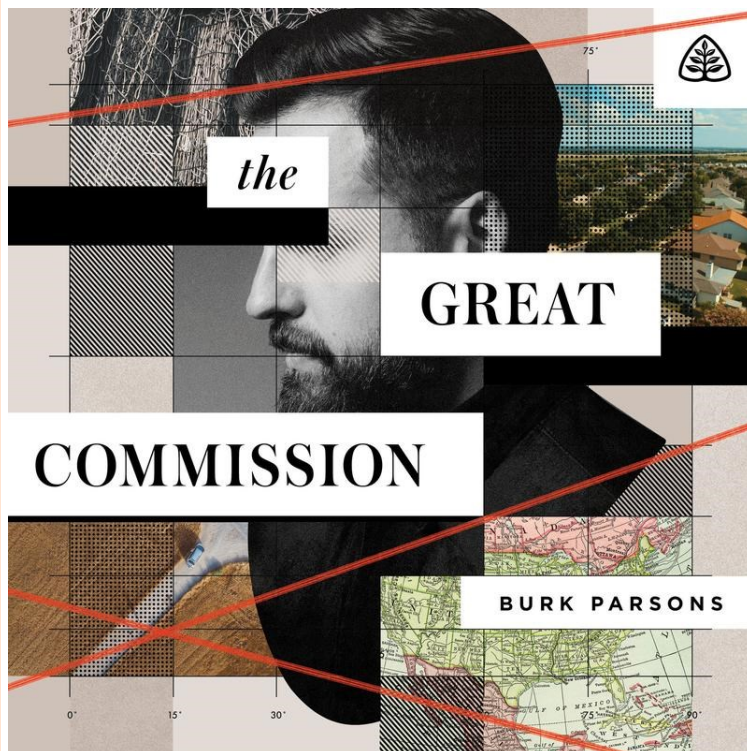


Speaking of Christmas, I'm doing another first-person message, as Joseph, on Christmas Eve. These are the most difficult sermons because it's like acrobatics without a net. It's impossible to have notes to rely on if you want to have a convincing dramatic presentation. I need your prayers and God's enabling power for that night, but pray it will be something you can invite your friends to attend.

Big love in Jesus,
Pastor Dave

The Great Commission Sunday School Class

This is a 5 week study that takes an in-depth look at the Great Commission brought to you by Ligonier:



“Our Lord Jesus Christ gave His people the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. This is a significant task, yet it is one that the Holy Spirit enables us to accomplish as we rest in the authority of Christ over all things. In this series, Dr. Burk Parsons walks us through every phrase of the Great Commission, carefully examining how Christ calls us to fulfill the Great Commission in our homes, our churches, our communities, and to the ends of the earth.”

Here we are starting the last quarter of 2021! This seems to have been a turbulent year, with the pandemic, vaccines, antibody treatments, being told we should do this and then hearing that no, we should done that, etc, etc, etc. Now, I pray that our seasonal visitors will start returning and we can look forward to the rapidly approaching holiday season with gladness prompted by the knowledge that our God is in control, and He wants only what is best for us.

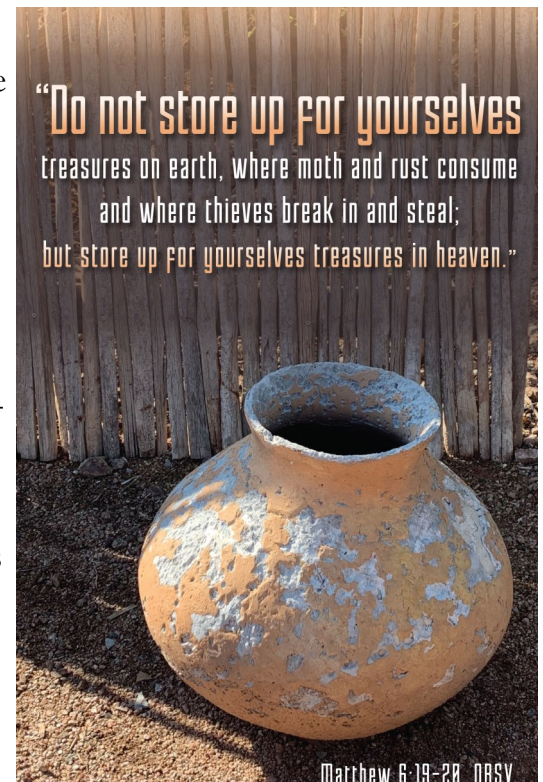
Your Stewardship & Finance Committee is working on the budget proposal for 2022 and have determined that we should project a growth in giving of about 10%. Remember that we can only expand our outreach and missions if you are supportive and that our costs, as I am sure you have seen, are going up.

I read an article in the newspaper last week that dealt with the growth in our area. It stated that the Lake County housing development that is just south of the church's property on US27 has sold over 400 homes. These are mostly people that are new to the area so the question that I ask is how do we reach them to let them know where we are and that we would love to have them join us?

In thinking about our increased costs, I found this opinion regarding consumerism in an article from a church in San Francisco. "The dominant religion of our planet is consumerism. Its god is economic growth; its priests are the CEO's of large corporations who can contribute to growth; its evangelists are the advertisers who display the products of growth, convincing us that we cannot be happy without them; and its church is the shopping mall. Its doctrine of creation is that the earth is real estate to be bought and sold in the market, and that plants and animals are mere commodities for human use. Its doctrine of human existence is that we are skin-encapsulated egos, put off from the world by the boundaries of our skin, whose highest good lies in "having our needs met." And its doctrine of salvation is that we are saved or made whole -- not by grace through faith as we Christians claim, ... but by appearance, affluence, and marketable achievement. This religion is hazardous to our health. It wreaks havoc on local communities, the earth's ecosystems, and the human soul. It tempts us to approach all things -- even God -- as commodities for human use, as items for personal consumption." Then there was the report given by a high school student who had been on a mission trip to Mexico. He stood and said, "Americans have too much stuff", and sat down.

Please think about this as you consider your support of others through the missions of our church.

Thanking Christ, Dave Hoffmeyer
Stewardship & Finance





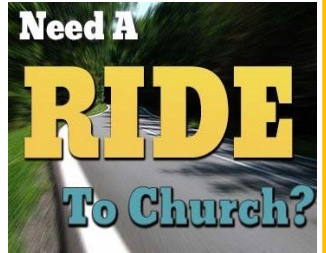
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 Mary Kinney - 2nd
 Bill Hetzer - 6th
 Jill Fraser - 8th
 Carol Homoney - 9th
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 Joyce Falk - 21st
 Cheryl Sexton - 25th
 Dirk Bod - 26th
 Jack Hoxie - 26th
 Linda Pool - 29th
 Shelby Reed - 29th



Tom & Judy Scott - 13th
 Henry & Linda Miazga - 16th



Need a ride?
 Can we help
 you with
 anything?
 Let us know!



The Last Friday Women's Breakfast
 is scheduled for
October 29th at 8:30am
 at Breakfast Station in Leesburg



Pastor Dave Dorst
 Pastor John Fraser
 Pastor Rick Rosenkrans
 Larry Hochhalter (2021)
 Jack Homoney (2023)
 Wally Klee, Sr. (2023)
 Kris Ogden (2021)
 Marvin Pool (2023)
 Shelby Reed (2021)
 Al Rode, Jr. (2023)



All-Church Prayer
October 7th & 21st
 1:00PM - 2:00PM

We would love to hear all of your prayer
 requests. You can email them to
GraceEPCLeesburg@gmail.com
 or call the office at (352) 552-0052.



Widow's Luncheon
Thursday, October 21st
 11:30am at San Jose's



Please let Jean or Sue know by Sunday, October 17th if
 you plan to attend.



In the
Spotlight

Joe and Diane Lamping

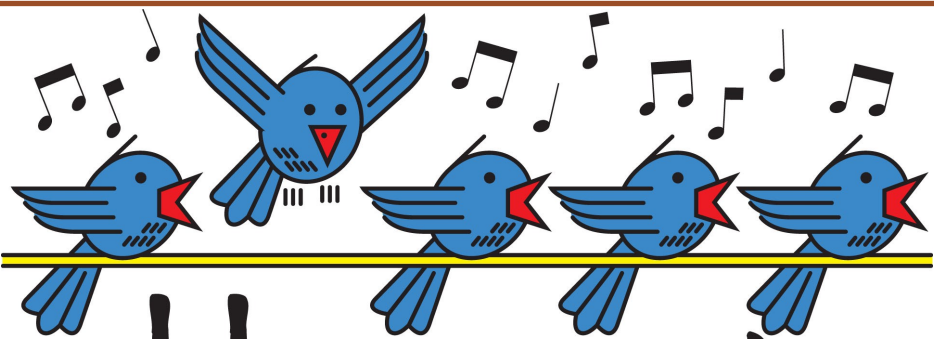
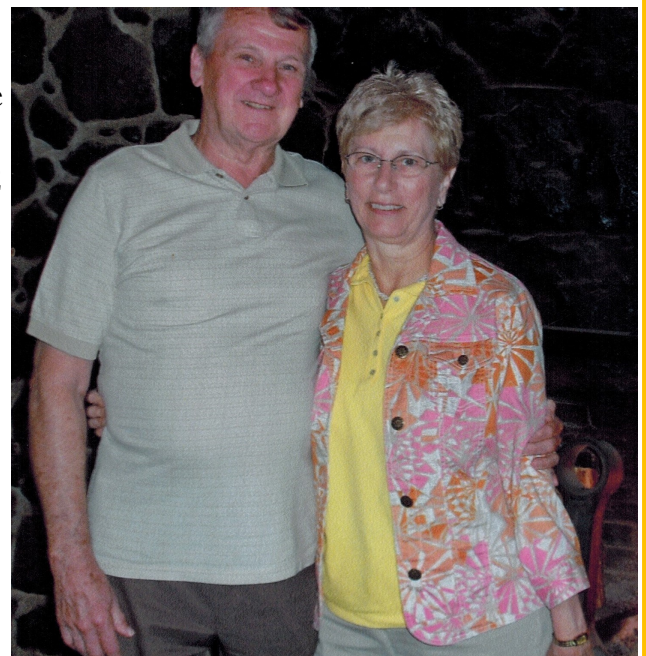
Joe and Diane Lamping live in "Royal Highlands", south of Leesburg.

Joe was born in Chicago and attended school in Chicago, then Palatine, Illinois. During high school, he worked for "National T", (a midwestern grocery store chain), at night. Joe became the meat department manager and as his store was bought by other stores he was always picked up by the new owners. He was a meat cutter until retirement. Joe also served his time in the Army as a paratrooper.

Diane was also born in Chicago and raised in Illinois attending school in Round Lake, Rolling Meadows and Palatine. She attended International Data Processing Institute in Chicago, trained in flow charting, procedure writing, programming of calculators and key punch. When she graduated, she found that some companies would not accept women in that field because of heavy lifting of IBM card boxes, so she keypunched for many different companies in different states. She learned computer programming and attended Harper College in 1981.

Joe and Diane met through Joes' sister who was a friend of Diane's. They married in October of 1986. Joe has one son and he and Diane enjoy 2 granddaughters. They are expecting their first great grandchild. Joe enjoys bowling 2 or 3 times a week during the winter months and also rides his bike. Diane enjoys yoga and line dance once a week and walks with neighbor ladies in the evenings.

Joe and Diane are acquainted with Mike and Christine Kowach through another church. When the Kowach's told them they had attended Grace EPC and really liked it, Joe and Diane decided to try us too! They are happy attending Grace EPC and have enjoyed all the sermons from all the ministers and are glad that the ministers read scripture.



Join the Choir!

The Choir is open for anyone who loves to sing and wants to help lead in the worship service through music. Rehearsal is on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m, and warm up is on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Add Your Voice

Please consider joining us as we praise the Lord together!

“Further Up and Further In: The Theology of the Chronicles of Narnia”

Beloved Members and Friends of Grace EPC,

I'm looking for a group of at least 8 folks from Grace to join with me in an experiment. I've taught the Theology of the Chronicles of Narnia, C. S. Lewis' marvelous children's stories written for adults several times before, and each was a fantastic experience. I've been working to make it even better.

I would like to record the 12 sessions of this class (including class discussion) for use in other churches. We've been using curricula from other sources, especially Ligonier Ministries, and I believe this study could also be valuable for other churches to use. Wally Klee, Jr. has agreed to record the sessions and I'm prepared to teach. All I need is you! Here's what class participants should be willing to do:

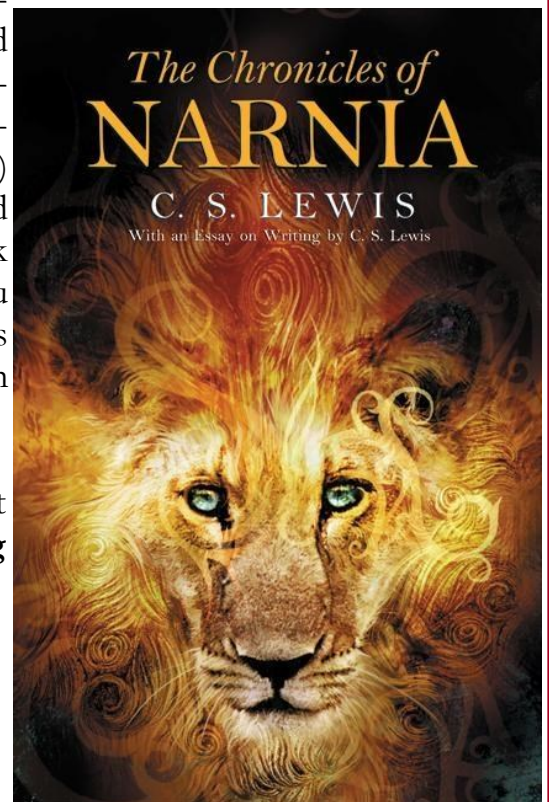
Read, or reread all 7 of the Chronicles of Narnia over a two month period. Depending on how fast you read, each of the books can be read in 4-6 hours. The reading assignments will be on the front end, with the requirement to read one book before each session, beginning with class #2. The last 5 classes will have no reading assignment.

Attend the class sessions on Saturday mornings, 9-10 a.m.. The dates will be Oct. 16, 23, 30, Nov. 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29. If you have to miss one or two, no problem; more than 2, you probably shouldn't participate. The first class will be an introduction, so no reading assignment. You will need to read *The Magician's Nephew* prior to Oct. 23 and one book per session after that through Dec. 18. I would like to purchase the one volume edition (from Harper Collins) for each class member, whether you have other formats or not. You can pay me back if you choose to, or not. I'm happy to make that investment because this class is very special to me. As we discuss, it's helpful to have everyone literally on the same page, which is why I love the one volume.

Come prepared to ask questions and share your insights into the marvelously deep and compelling theology presented in these books. We will discuss the following themes: 1) Creation and Nature 2) Temptation and the Fall 3) The Person of Christ (two sessions) 4) Sanctification and Prayer 5) Providence and Guidance 6) Anthropology (view of man) 7) The Problem of Evil 8) Conversion 9) Ecclesiology (view of the church) 10) Eschatology (end times). As you can see, this class will provide a serious look at key doctrines; a mini intro to systematic theology. You don't have to be an advanced theologian to participate in this class. One of my best students ever was a young woman in fifth grade!

If you are willing to participate in the class, please email me at ddorst1948@gmail.com. **I need to know who is participating by October 7 in order to have the books to you by October 16.**

Big love in Jesus,
Pastor Dave





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Elder Linda Pool

I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME

I will magnify, I will glorify,
I will lift on high
Your name, Lord Jesus.
For Your love is never ending
And Your mercy ever true.
I will bless Your name, Lord Jesus,
For my heart belongs to You.

---BOB FITTS

Without a doubt, the most powerful word in the world is "Jesus." By calling on His name, we are saved (Romans 10:13). Trusting in it frees us from the strangleholds of legalism, shame, and pride. When we embrace it, we overcome our self-centeredness. No other name rules like Jesus.

The book of Acts records mighty deeds done in Jesus' name: casting out demons, healing the sick, and conquering sin. The power of Jesus' name threatened the authorities so much that they tortured, beat, and jailed the disciples in attempts to get them to stop using it.

Eventually, at the name of Jesus, Satan will be utterly defeated. Every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:10), all because of the name, "Jesus."

This truth is so simple and yet so profound, No matter what comes against us, we have Jesus. No matter how hard the road or how dark the night, we have Jesus. He can't be put off by our sin or dowsed by our doubt. He won't be thwarted by injustice or defeated by Satan. He is eternal, unchanging, inexorable, and victorious.

Jesus! Praise His name. Come into agreement with all that He is. This is the heart of worship---not fancy music or lengthy prayers, but the name of God's precious Son on your lips. Lift Him up and bless His name.

Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD, I will sing praises to your name. PSALM 18:49

PRAYER: Tell Jesus that you want to know all the riches of His name: its power to delight, release, forgive, heal, and overcome. Ask him to teach you to honor and revere His name above all else.



**LET THEM PRAISE
YOUR GREAT AND
AWESOME NAME!**

PSALM 99:3

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion Sunday 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 11:15am Sunday School	4 6:30pm Royal Highlands Small Group	5 8:00am Perkins Men's Bible Study	6 9:30am Women's Bible Study 11:00am SS & SGBS Committee Meeting 4:30pm Choir Practice Bill Hetzer Birthday	7 1:00pm All Church Prayer Meeting	8 Jill Fraser Birthday	9 10:00am ShoeBox Packing Party!!! Carol Homoney Birthday
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Notes from your friendly neighborhood Administrator...



We Need Your Help!!! We are in need of help in a variety of our ministries here at Grace EPC. Here are some areas we could use your help with. If you would like to learn more, please let Mandy know and she will help you get started!

Ushers: Helping to greet friends as they arrive as well as helping to collect the offering.

Transportation of donations: to locations such as Christian Care Center, Logos, or Salvation Army.

Organizing the Library: Better organization to help our friends find a book to read.

Safety Team: Getting our First Aid kits organized and a second one put together.

Media Team: Flipping the slides on Sunday, working the sound board or camera.

Newsletter Writer: Do you enjoy writing, would you like to try your hand at an article for the newsletter?

There are many behind the scenes things that we have found it would really be helpful to have more friends to help. These could be the details that most folks don't even think about...things such as collecting the attendance sheets and putting them back out and making sure they have pens, or clicking the remote control to move the screens to the next slide, or straightening the chairs and refilling the pockets. We are happy to teach anyone how to do anything you may feel called to do. God is not looking at your skill level, He is looking at your heart! Just like He knew David's heart, He knows your love for Grace and will call you where you are needed the most. All you have to do is listen to where He is calling you. ❤️

October Sermon Series

The Gospel in a Hurry

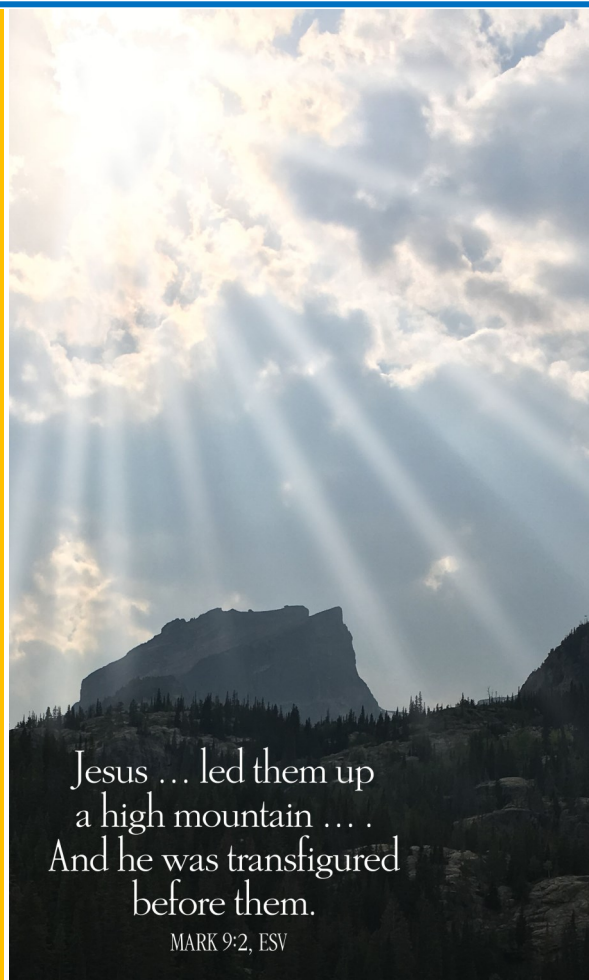
- Oct 3rd** My Name is Legion
- Oct 10th** The Sacrament of Failure
- Oct 17th** When Jesus Didn't Sound Like a Christian
- Oct 24th** The Second Touch
- Oct 31st** Three Disciples, Prophets and Needs

A Journey Through Mark



“Even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

Mark 7:28



Jesus ... led them up
a high mountain ...
And he was transfigured
before them.

MARK 9:2, ESV



EPC WO
WORLD OUTREACH

An Update from the Thrash Family

They were blessed with the opportunity to meet the new WO Executive Director and his family. They are very excited to see impactful prayer ministry in World Outreach and among their global workers so that the gospel can go forward with power.

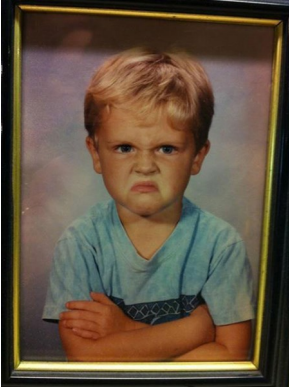
He will have the opportunity to go abroad to Europe and Southeast Asia to visit global workers and check in on updates to the WO Prayer Network. He will also get to make a few pastoral visits while there to old friends to share the Gospel with them. He asks for prayers for the Lord to keep all doors open.

The Body of Christ has been somewhat restricted in movement and that includes EPC overseas and stateside global workers because of the Covid virus. They have been working on a vision trip and he has been invited to go with them for prayer ministry support. They ask for prayers for Covid numbers to decline in the areas they wish to visit and for people to be healed.

He has been meeting for a few months with some WO Global Workers to brainstorm about prayer plans that could be implemented to help them draw closer to God and be equipped for prayer in their personal and ministry lives. He is really appreciated of the talks and prayer times that they've had and a friend had said, "Prayer is a place to be with God. Being mindful of the Lord's presence." They talked about encountering God through prayer and resting in His presence, listening for His voice in its different forms, and petitioning Him for personal and ministry needs. This includes strategic prayer for unreached/unengaged people groups and those who reach out to them with the Gospel. Spending time with the Lord/Holy Spirit empowers us to do what we cannot do on our own. They ask for prayers as they continue to meet and work together to flesh out appropriate measures to increase the prayer "temperature".



It's Picture Day!!! October 17th and 24th!



We need new photos for our directory! So get ready in your Sunday best and pose for a beautiful fresh new picture for the directory. We want to see all of your fantastic smiles!



Just come on in a bit early on Sunday the 17th or 24th and we will get your fabulous new photos taken.



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Happy October everyone! We have a growing number of lapghans and shawls in our "unblessed" bag upstairs. Thank you to all who have contributed. For those who are new, we have a prayer shawl ministry here, items knit, crocheted, quilted, and sewn by several ladies in the congregation. If anyone would like to take part, you are most welcome. There are cards in the chair pockets if you wish to request a lapghan for someone going through difficult times. Speak to me or put the card in the offering plate-- it's that easy! Once we have a number of items, we have a blessing of the shawls on a Sunday morning.

Our ministry is in response to our calling as Christians, as followers of Christ, as followers of "the Way." I "borrowed" the title from September's Table Talk magazine!

Our gifts of creativity are used to help others. Following the Way is to put others before ourselves, it is a way of servanthood to Jesus who came to serve others. It is the way of love for our Savior, it is the way of grace and truth, generosity, and hospitality. Let us live before God doing all that we do for His glory.

Blessings to you all,
Jill Fraser



The Christian Way

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6



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All activities are tentative and subject to change.

SUNDAYS:

- 9:30 AM ~ Coffee & Fellowship
- 10:00 AM ~ Worship
- 11:15AM ~ Sunday School

MONDAYS:

- 6:30PM ~ Royal Highlands Small Group
- 6:30 PM ~ Howey Monday Small Group (10/11 & 10/25)

TUESDAYS:

- 8:00 AM ~ Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Perkins
- 10:00 AM ~ Session Meeting (10/19)
- 6:30 PM ~ Howey Tuesday Small Group (10/12 & 10/26)

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9:30AM ~ Women's Bible Study
- 11:00AM ~ SS & SGBS Committee Meeting (10/6)
- 2:00 PM ~ Villages Small Group (10/13 & 10/27)
- 4:30 PM ~ Choir Practice

THURSDAYS:

- 10:00 AM ~ Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting (10/14)
- 10:30 AM ~ Plantation Small Group (10/14)
- 11:30 AM ~ Widow's Luncheon (10/21)
- 1:00 PM ~ All Church Prayer - (10/7 & 10/21)

FRIDAYS:

- 8:30 AM ~ Last Friday Women's Breakfast (10/29) ~ *Breakfast Station in Leesburg*

SATURDAYS:

- 9:00 AM ~ Chronicles of Narnia Class (*beginning 10/16*)