



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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*We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.*



SUNDAY MORNING

LIVE STREAM SERVICE @ 9am

LIMITED INDOOR @ 9am

OUTDOOR SERVICE @ 11am

"Cheer Up! You're An Old, Fragile
Clay Pot!"

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

Pastor Benji

<https://youtu.be/Jp4zQwzg9WQ>

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON

"Fret Not; Trust Jesus"

Psalms 37:1-8

Pastor Greg

<https://youtu.be/GYZESMqXo0c>

Steadfast

"Christian, we're one day closer to heaven."

I don't remember how I started following him but I look forward to this reminder that Isaac Adams tweets each day. Adams writes for The Gospel Coalition and Humble Beast and is one of the Pastors at Capitol Hill Baptist Church in DC. Each Sunday he adds, "Christian, we're one day closer to heaven, where 'congregations ne'er break up, and Sabbaths have no end.'"

Then, on Tuesday he tweeted, "Hey, faithful is enough."

As a Pastor during 2020 and transitioning to the joys of 2021, which is starting off with the January 6 events in DC, these tweets have been a breath of fresh air from the stale, stagnant and sometimes pungent atmosphere on social media.

They match some of the words of James 1,

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." James 1:2-4 (ESV)

We typically hide from and avoid difficult times as much as possible. James tells us to count it joy because of the maturity (read on in Ch. 1) that trials can produce.

Steadfastness is rarely as celebrated as "success" or talent in our culture but scripture recognizes the value of a parent lovingly changing another diaper, a janitor faithfully cleaning another toilet, a teacher exhaustedly logging into another Zoom meeting with kids next Monday and James 1 highlights a Christian faithfully trusting in God even when life crumbles around them... steadfastness.

We just finished a year that lacked many things...proms, sports, graduations, cruises...but even in the midst of trials we are told here that a steadfast disciple lacks nothing when steadfastness has its full effect. Perhaps that's why the

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Celebration of Grace

We're changing our annual Celebration of Grace this year and we want to hear from YOU! Tell us what you love about Grace Baptist Church, how the Holy Spirit ministered to you through our ministries, evidence of God's grace that you've seen here at Grace, etc. We want to celebrate what God has done here at Grace! We will collect these and put them in a booklet that we will distribute on January 31st. Please respond by Sunday, January 24th. Fill in the blank and let's give God glory for what He did in and through His church this past year!

"Jesus, I want to thank you for _____."

*** Please email your expressions of gratitude to :

grace@gracesantamaria.org

HARTLAND WINTER CAMP 2021

- * Junior High & High School Winter Camp
- * February 26-28 @Hartland
- * Cost is \$200
- * Sign Up with a \$50 deposit

Please SIGN UP with Pastor James



KidzTime... Inside Sunday Mornings



We will have KidzTime in the Great Room after the morning singing at the 11am outside service.

Song. Scripture Lesson. Snack

Toddlers thru 2nd Grade

mental health of church goers (see my last newsletter) continued to flourish during 2020 when all others self-reported a downturn in mental health. Steadfast in Christ, we lack nothing.

So be encouraged, "Christian, we're one day closer to heaven," and pause for a moment to pray for Washington DC, Pastor Isaac Adams and our brothers and sisters in Christ at Capitol Hill Baptist Church.

Pastor James

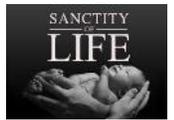
Announcements

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

January 17th is Sanctity of Life Sunday! If you would like to support the wonderful ministry of our local Care Net Pregnancy and Resource Center, we will have "baby bottle banks" available for you to pick up, take home, and fill up, *next Sunday*.

Thank you!

CARE NET



GRACE PHOTO WALL

We still have space for "Faces of Grace" on our photo wall in the church foyer! Don't miss out! Let's get to know one another's faces. If you would like to participate, please send a digital photo of yourself or family and the names of those in the picture directly to the following email address:

FacesofGrace@gracesantamaria.org

Please contact *Ken George* with any questions.

Thanks!



GRACE KIDZ VIDZ

There will be no *Grace Kidz Vidz* for the next two weeks. We plan to return January 17th, 2021 with a new season. See you in the new year! ~ Michael Shaw



Grace Celebration Committee Needs You!

- ◆ We need people willing to help and serve on our Celebration Committee.
- ◆ In addition to serving is there anyone willing to go "the extra mile" and serve as the head of the Celebration Committee?

Please consider and let the Church Office know if you are interested in serving.

Prayer Requests

Email to: prayer@gracesantamaria.org

PRAYER
WEDNESDAYS
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