

January 2023



# WORDS OF GRACE

*Monthly Newsletter*

## *Inside the Issue*

### THIS MONTH'S PASTOR'S PAGE...

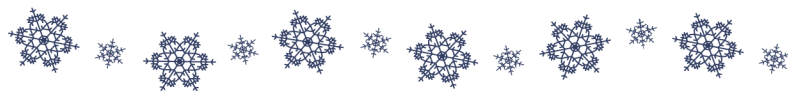
Pastor Grant shares a bit about the origin of the word "January" and on beginning the New Year with our focus on the one true God.

### MEN! DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY

The annual Men's "No Regrets" Conference is scheduled for February 4, 2023. Join other men in person at Lighthouse Church. You can find more details on page 3.

### YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

Read more of how your generosity this Christmas spread JOY to lots of people - from our active military personnel, to teen moms and their kids! See page 5.



## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS...

- Jan 1 Worship with Communion (No classes today)
- Jan 2 Church Office closed
- Jan 5 "While We're Waiting" Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan 9 Elders Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan 12 Missions Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan 15 MLK Service @St. Paul's Cathedral 2:00pm
- Jan 16 Elders Fellowship with Deacons, 6:00pm  
Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan 27 -28 Elders Retreat @ Green Lake

Brad is out of the office from Dec. 30-Jan 17th.

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS ARE USUALLY MONDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30AM

It's time to begin  
"righting" the story of  
your life. *How will  
you be remembered?*

David Jerémiah



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that the Elders will have wisdom as they seek God's face and God's direction for us to join in His mission as the Grace Family, and as they look for God's guidance in shepherding His people.
- Pray for the Deacons to have wisdom as they come along side hurting people, and steward the resources with which we have been blessed.
- Pray for the Ministry Leaders to experience God's presence and power as they lead their ministries.

## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- **8:45am** Sunday Mornings at Grace Church
- **6:30pm** Tuesday Evenings Corporate Prayer at Grace Church
- **6:00am** Wednesdays Men's Prayer - Prayer Room
- **8:00am** Thursday Mornings Men's Coffee Fellowship & Prayer at Grace

## PRAYER & ENCOURAGEMENT CONNECTIONS

- Wednesdays at noon
- Fridays at 7:00am

The easiest way to access these Zoom gatherings is to go to the weekly E-blast (email) from the Church Office. The Zoom links are included every week.

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR GRANT

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Hello Grace Family,

As we enter the month of January, I thought it would be good to get a better understanding of the one for whom the month is named, *Janus*. Unlike most of their other gods, Janus was not a god that was co-opted from the Greeks or Barbarians; he was a uniquely Roman god.

Janus was a two-faced god who presided over three main areas:

- Time,
- Transitions, and
- Thresholds.

Please note that Janus was not “two-faced” as in “insincere” or “backstabbing”. Rather, *he had two faces*; one that faced forward and one that faced backward. As the guardian of thresholds and gates, he was also the gatekeeper (or “janitor”) of the heavenly realm. Anyone desiring to worship another deity was required to make their entrance through the gates presided over by Janus.

As a keeper of time, Janus presided over beginnings and endings: new birth, weddings, harvest, and the aging process. As his popularity grew, Janus also became the dominant deity of travel, trade, and sailing, and was adopted by many merchants.

Now you might be asking: “What is the point in sharing all of this?” Well, I’m glad you asked.

It is important for us to recognize that the gods worshipped in pagan cultures (also known as “foreign gods”, or “strange gods” to the Israelites), were nothing more than demonic spirits presenting themselves as “God”. It is clear to see from Deuteronomy 32:16-17 and Leviticus 17:7 that these entities presented a counterfeit power to be adored and worshipped. We know the devil desires to be worshipped. We see this when he tempted Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:9). We also understand that the demonic spirits teach false doctrine in order to deceive (1 Timothy 4:1).

When we consider the Truth of *Who Jesus is*, we see that what Janus represents is purely counterfeit:

- Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, beginning and end (Rev. 22:13)
- Jesus is the Door to salvation (John 10:9)
- Jesus is the only One to give us access to the Father (John 14:6)
- Jesus watches over our going out and coming in (Psalm 121:8; 139:7-10)
- Our times/seasons are in Jesus’ hands (Psalm 31:15; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)
- Jesus knows our formation, birth, and death (Psalm 139:13-16)

As we enter this New Year, let us not look to a counterfeit god, but let us hold fast to *the ONE Who knows all there is to know about us and still extends His grace to us* (Romans 5:8).

Make the most of this year as you live to bring glory to Him!

Blessings in Christ Jesus our Lord,

*PASTOR GRANT*



# NEWS & NOTES

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## **NO REGRETS** MEN'S CONFERENCE 30th ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023  
8:00 AM - 1:45 PM

AT LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
401 S. NATIONAL AVE, FOND DU LAC, WI 54935



MARK BATTERSON

STEVE CARTER

ALBERT TATE

CHRIS BROWN

ROD HAIRSTON

STEVE SONDERMAN

THE EARLY BIRD SESSION RETURNS AGAIN THIS YEAR FROM 7:00-7:30AM. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30AM.

**\$25 ADVANCE TICKETS | \$35 AT THE DOOR | 18 & UNDER FREE!!!**  
**MORNING DONUTS, COFFEE & JUICE | LUNCH INCLUDED!**

MEN! You do not want to miss this! Come celebrate our 30th Anniversary with us. Join us for fellowship, worship with live music, & learning with other like-minded Christian men. The No Regrets Conference is a place to make connections and be encouraged in your faith! This year's theme is: PURSUE - 1 Timothy 6:11. Tickets can be purchased at the Grace Connection Center, Reach Out Books or online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). For more info about the conference please visit [www.noregretsfdl.org](http://www.noregretsfdl.org)

Unable to make it to the event? Virtual viewing options are also available! Please visit [www.noregretsconference.org](http://www.noregretsconference.org) to read more about hosting a viewing for your small group or watching individually from your home.

RUBY'S PANTRY FOOD DISTRIBUTION IS COMING UP ON **THURSDAY, JANUARY 12TH!** LOCATED AT GRACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CORNER OF 4TH ST. & CTY K. DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM FOR CHECK IN. DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT 4:30. PRE-REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE BUT GOES QUICKLY!! \$25 CASH DONATION WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF GROCERIES. FOR SPECIFIC DETAILS GO TO [WWW.GCCFDL.ORG/RUBYS!](http://WWW.GCCFDL.ORG/RUBYS!)



Did you know we have a special spot at the Connection Center called the **"Prayer Station"**? This space has weekly printed prayer sheets, devotional booklets, prayer update sheets and a spot to submit new Praise & Prayer reports. Be sure to stop by the Prayer Station when you're in the building and check it out! We also have an email prayer chain that is maintained by the Office! Requests get sent directly to your inbox. *What could be better than that?* It's the best way to stay in touch and pray for various Grace Family members & friends. Contact the office if you'd like to be added to the email prayer chain: [office@gracechurchfdl.net](mailto:office@gracechurchfdl.net)



### Wondering what to do in the case of INCLEMENT WEATHER?

Find out about any church-related cancellations by listening to KFIZ (1450 AM), going to [www.kfiz.com](http://www.kfiz.com) or by checking the Grace website [www.gracechurchfdl.org](http://www.gracechurchfdl.org) or Facebook Page (@GraceChurchFDL)



## YOU'RE INVITED

Get involved with the **PRAYER SATURATION MINISTRY!** One way you can participate is by becoming a prayer partner. This is a vital role as we seek to cover all of our Grace Family and ministries in prayer. Some of the areas currently needing a prayer partner are: Life Groups, Adult Discipleship Classes, Evangelism/Outreach/Kids Hope, Youth Group & the Connections Center. Will you consider joining the team? Contact Melanie Christenson, Bonnie Springborn, Karen Scherer or Rick Titel for more information!

### Consider Online Giving of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) for your 2023 Offering and donations! Details below

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- Visit the church website [www.gracechurchfdl.org](http://www.gracechurchfdl.org)
- Click on the "GIVE" at the top of the bar
- Click on the "GIVE ONLINE" button, then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and schedule your recurring contributions.



Please notify the office if you will not be using your assigned offering envelopes or if you need a box of envelopes!

## Read through the Bible with us in 2023!

Join us in reading the bible in a year with the **"Read Scripture"** plan from the **"Bible Project"**. Download the free app for your mobile device, or use a hard copy of the reading plan. This journey will take us through the scriptures chronologically, and includes a reading from Psalms each day. Captivating and informative videos enhance your reading, available through YouTube. Hardcopies of the reading plan can be downloaded from our website [www.gracechurchfdl.org](http://www.gracechurchfdl.org) or picked up at the Info Board. There are so many other great free resources out there! One of those is the **Bible Project App** which has additional videos, podcasts, & learning materials. Take a look and download it from your app store. We also encourage you to take a moment to stop by the Info Board and take a look the resource section. We have other printed study materials available there.

### Our Worship Technology team is in need of more members!

The Tech Team is responsible for running the audio, video, & computer on Sunday mornings during the worship service. Participating in this ministry is a great way to serve the Grace Family "behind the scenes". No prior experience required! Contact Pastor Grant for more info: [baumgart@gracechurchfdl.net](mailto:baumgart@gracechurchfdl.net)

## AWANA SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 - Happy New Year! (NO AWANA)

Jan. 8 - Scarf Night

Jan. 15 - S'More Night

Jan. 22 - Crazy Socks Night

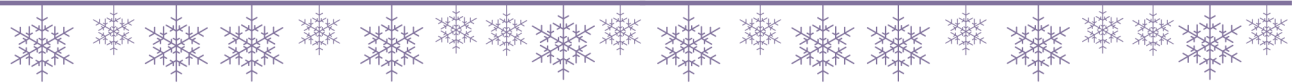
Jan. 29 - Luau Night

**(BRING S'MORE FRIENDS = DOUBLE POINTS)**





# Monthly Reflection



## Winter: A Season of Rest and Vision

By Robin Fuhrman

In early October, the garden view from my gazebo is far from appealing. Though there are still some tomatoes, peppers, and squash to harvest, the vines are dying back with their leaves yellow and withering. Most of the flowers are spent. The glory of the garden is fading quickly!

**The year has been full.** From the promise of *Spring* with its new beginnings... through perseverance in the warfare of *Summer*... to the fruitfulness of *Fall*; each season, having its own beauty and excitement, was also laden with much work. In all honesty, I am ready to be done. Strange as it may seem, I am really looking forward to *Winter*. Because **Winter brings quiet to the garden.** It cannot sustain continual fruitfulness. The harvest is over. The garden, the vine-yard, the orchard... all are ready for a change of season and much needed rest.

**Spiritual Winter comes to us in two ways:**

***The Drawing of God's Spirit & the Circumstances of Life***

***Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden*** (who work to exhaustion) ***and I will give you rest.*** (refreshment) ***Take my yoke upon you, and learn from Me,*** (desire, seek, experience) ***for I am gentle and lowly in heart: and you will find*** (gain, obtain) ***rest for your souls.*** (mind, will, emotions) ***For My yoke is easy*** (gracious) ***and My burden*** (weight of Christ's commandments) ***is light.*** Matt 11:28-30

**Our Lord is ever calling**, wooing, drawing us to come away and join Him. Winter is a time for fellowship. How many of us take time to sit at His feet, enjoying His company, learning from Him, (desire, seek, experience) choosing the better thing...like Mary? OR, like Martha, are we distracted by many things?

**Martha was doing things that needed to be done**, but in a fretful way, comparing herself to others. The 'doing' is not the problem. Allowing the 'doing' to distract us from *being* in His presence *is the issue*.

**God has made me a very visual person.** It is part of His gifting to me through the eyes of His Spirit. Many years ago, while attending a Women's Conference at Christ for the Nations, I asked the Lord... "What do you want me to do?!" In my mind's eye, it was like I saw Him sit back, shake His head, and say... "It is not what I want you to do, but it is what I want you **to Be!**" Remember, the fruit of the Spirit is not what we can make ourselves do for a moment, **but WHO God can make us be for a lifetime.** When our doing flows out of our being, it is life giving to ourselves and those around us. Unfortunately, like Martha, when I see only through my natural eyes, I am easily distracted...

***Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10***

Be still, let go, be quiet, refrain from... Anxiety... Worry... Busyness... In our hurried and busy lives, we often don't even hear the call. In "coming away" through that Women's Conference, I gave myself room to hear and see God more clearly...and this is where He first planted the seed of a "spiritual garden" in my heart.

***Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.*** John 15:2-3



**At the end of the growing season**, apple trees have small new branches growing off the fruit bearing branches. If left on the tree, when the growing season starts next Spring, those “sucker branches” will steal away the nourishment needed by the main fruit-bearing branches. They must be cut off and taken away.

**God, in His desire to increase fruitfulness in our lives**, often chooses to work through circumstances. As I said earlier, I can easily be distracted. Like those “sucker branches”, I’m going in too many directions at once. Something needs to – to be cut back – in order that more fruit will be produced. And don’t forget, the fruitful branches need to be pruned as well!

**Pruning hurts.** It causes wounds. If done during the heat of the growing season, the open wounds can be infected by disease and insects, destroying the plant. The cold of Winter brings quiet dormancy. It is part of the normal growth cycle. When the sap is not flowing, the wounds of pruning will heal. Winter brings an end to one season of fruitfulness to prepare for another. When the vineyard is pruned back, the remaining vines are tied to a wire that runs the whole length of the row. But the heat of the growing season has left them brittle, not easily bending. So, with a gentle hand, the gardener wraps those older vines onto the wire. For without the wire, those vines could not bear the weight of next year’s crop of fruit.

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.*** Proverbs 3:5-6

**This past year’s experience** with COVID and the passing of my mom slowed me down. My energy level and motivation were very low. Because God works all things together for the good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28), it was time to prune! Sigma Holiday House, (an art and craft show that I’ve done for many years) had to go. It was time for rest, renewal, and recovery. During that time, God not only refreshed and strengthened me, but gave me vision into how I could join Him in the next ministry season. And WOW! He produced far more fruit than I could have imagined!!

Without that time of quiet, tied to Him in fellowship, through worship, scripture, and prayer, I would never have survived, let alone been fruitful through the fullness of this ministry year.

**In preparing this devotion**, I made an endearing discovery through the little word **take** in Matthew 11:29 and John 15:2.

**Take** - *to lift up or away, to raise from the ground, bear up, draw up....*

These verses give us a beautiful word picture of the love and care of our heavenly gardener. As we **take** Jesus’ yoke (the beam of balance), joined to Him in service, the weight of His commands is light. And just like the vine keeper in the vineyard ties the branches to the wire, God **takes us** as unfruitful branches, drawing, lifting, and bearing us up - tied to Him - in order that fruit may be produced.

***So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.*** James 1:21 MSG

***But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*** James 1:22 ESV

Let me share a few words from a wise teacher I know, “When you hear a gifted teacher, you are being exposed to their fruit, but you receive it as seed. When we read a book, attend a study, or listen to a sermon, we tend to eat the seed, treating it as a one-time meal. Instead, when we hear the word we can become effectual doers, being nourished, but also able to nourish others as we sow what has been given to us. It takes time, nourishment, and light to bring seed to full fruit, and how we steward this gift determines its fulfillment.”

***Come Follow Me - 365 Days Walking in the Spirit, by Jody Mayhew***

With these thoughts in mind, let us “come away” and journal our process of hearing and seeing what our loving Gardener is saying to us in this **Season of quiet rest...Winter**

### Questions to ponder:

- In what ways are you seeing God differently through this "Garden" year?
- How is He meeting you in your everyday life?
- Do you more easily relate to Mary or Martha?
- What things tend to worry or distract you?
- Which areas of your life need pruning?
- Or in what ways is God already pruning you?

**God's Garden** - Its very existence is dependent on the faithful hands of the **Gardener** season by season. And in Winter the Gardener takes time to reflect on the previous growing seasons, so that He might **see** forward...

So where are you?

**Spring** (New Life-lots of growing)

**Summer** (Warfare- drought, weeds, bugs)

**Fall** (Fruitful Harvest)

**Winter** (God calling you to intimate fellowship, rest, pruning)

Ladies, we invite you consider taking part in this upcoming



## WOMEN'S PRAYER SUMMIT

February 23-26, 2023 | Green Lake Conference Center

Our Heavenly Father has created us for His Glory and to be transformed by the renewing of our hearts and minds. **Setting aside time to focus on Him is an amazing opportunity to learn and grow!** Please plan to join other God-seeking women to set aside extended time to worship, listen, and pray!

Whether it's your first time or 20th time, God has been faithful to work in our hearts to transform, restore, and mature our relationship with Him. He is so faithful to speak when we take the time to listen!

**Arrival Time:** Thursday, February 23rd at 6:00-7:00pm (our first session begins at 7:00pm).

**Departure Time:** Sunday, February 26th around 12:00pm (no lunch will be provided.)

### REGISTRATION:

**Cost per person:** Single Occupancy room: \$375.00  
Double Occupancy room: \$245.00

The price includes 3 nights, 7 meals, and the registration fee. Register online by visiting: [www.we-pray.org](http://www.we-pray.org) OR write a check to 'We-Pray' and mail it to:

Ginny Schroeder  
1195 S Oakwood Rd  
Oshkosh, WI 5490

*Please include your name,  
address, email & phone  
number if mailing a check.*

**The deadline to register is February 9, 2023.** Contact Sue with any questions or needs (please leave a message) (920) 277-9525

## Women of Grace,

## A Note from Carol Bauer

About four years ago, I responded to a call from God to help in the leadership of Women's Ministry. His call was specific about facilitating a culture within Grace Church to help women connect with one another and grow in their faith. I was blessed with a team of women who faithfully came alongside the ministry to serve in various roles. I cannot express how rewarding it has been as we learned together and leaned into Him for direction. We saw the fruit of deepened relationships among women, partnering during difficulties which strengthen one another's faith, and sweet friendships formed.

Now, through prayer and seeking God's desires, I believe He is calling me out of this ministry role. I watch with great anticipation just who God will raise up next to lead the Women of Grace ministry as He did me. For I trust, because God is calling me out, He has a plan to call another in.

Have you heard His quiet voice beckoning you to ministry? It requires one to be sensitive to His leading and guiding. It might be what you least expect, as it was with me, when He would not allow me to ignore His steady insistence to step out in faith. Would you please give it prayerful consideration?

If you are interested or have questions please contact me, Carol Bauer, Robin Fuhrman or our Pastors.

Serving Christ together,  
Carol Bauer





# Missions Highlight:

## ADOPT-A-SOLDIER & THE GIVING TREE

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On December 12th, nineteen very generous gift cards were shipped out to our military personnel. 82 hand-written notes from the Grace family accompanied these gift cards. Many thanks to ALL OF YOU for your notes and generous monetary gifts. God truly used His people this Christmas to bring a glimpse of love, support and hope for our men and women serving our country. A big THANK YOU goes out to all the Discipleship classes, the youth group and AWANA, as well as congregation members for writing letters. This year, our gifts went to soldiers who are serving state side. We would also like to thank all our vets, with a special thanks to those who carried flags during our Veteran's Day celebration. I'd like to thank the church staff as well, for making that service a success. May you all feel blessed by being a blessing to someone else during this holiday season.

2 Corinthians 9:7 says: **"God loves a cheerful giver."**

We will continue to collect monetary donations for our Adopt-a-Soldier program, so you are welcome to donate via online giving or the offering plate. If you know of someone currently serving in the military and would like to add them to our list, or know of an address change, please contact the church office or Bonnie Springborn (project coordinator) at [bonnbonn1@charter.net](mailto:bonnbonn1@charter.net)

*The Evangelism Committee &  
Bonnie Springborn*



## Thank You God for Everything!

Thank you, God, for everything—  
The big things and the small —  
For every good gift comes from God,  
The Giver of them all

And all too often we accept  
Without any thanks or praise  
The gifts God sends as blessings  
Each day in many ways.

And so at this time

We offer up a prayer

To thank You, God, for giving us  
A lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little things  
That often come our way—

The things we take for granted  
And don't mention when we pray—

The unexpected courtesy,  
The thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us  
In the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear God,  
Of little daily graces

That come to us with sweet surprise  
from never-dreamed-of places.

Then thank you for the miracles  
We are much too blind to see,  
And give us new awareness  
of our many gifts from Thee.

And help us to remember  
That the key of life and living

Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks  
And each day a day of thanksgiving.

## Together we made a difference!

### Dear Grace Family,

Thank you to all who helped  
support the Giving Tree!

This year we provided gifts for  
23 teen moms and their kids  
from the YFC Parent Life  
program, 1 family from New  
Beginnings Pregnancy Health  
Care Center and supported a  
few other families as well.  
Thank you for helping **spread  
joy** to so many this Christmas  
season.

Blessings,  
Jamie Trewin  
Giving Tree Coordinator



# The Anchor Holds

by Jack Witte

***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*** Jeremiah 1:5

"Recently I had an appointment to have some blood work done. I stood at the desk waiting my turn to check in. When my time came, I was asked, "Please give me your date of birth?" Then came, "What is your name?" Then, "Can you spell your last name for me?" Then just to be sure it was really me, the woman at the desk gave me my address and my insurance type, to which I replied, "Yes, that is correct." When I was about to have my blood drawn, the same set of questions were asked.

It seems like in this world we are nothing more than a number. We are born with a social security number that stays with us for life. For our various types of insurance, we have ID numbers. Our automobile has an ID number and we also have a license plate number. You need a driver's license number if you want to drive. Our houses have a house number and when I stand in line at Fleet Farm to return something, I am given a number there too.

Numbers. Sometimes I think that's all life is about. But then I read the above verse and I am reminded that God knows me, not as just a number, but as someone special whom He created. He created me for a unique purpose and every part of my life has been designed to achieve that purpose. The exact moment that you are reading this "Anchor" was designed by God.

God's love for us cannot be measured, nor can we humanly explain its depth. Yet, there are times when we all feel like just a number. In those times when we are going through an illness, or some other challenging difficulty, it can be hard to recognize God's plan. We find ourselves questioning what might be happening. I once read this, "God chooses those of us with illnesses or other trials to bear seasons of suffering because He loves us and knows that we can be more of a comfort to those who are suffering... suffering without hope. As we stand in the muck of life, still explaining how we rely on our Father's guidance and love each day each day to endure our trials and illness... other people who are suffering without hope will listen. I don't understand it all, nor do I pretend to. But our inability to fully understand it does not lessen the impact it can have on our life." Nothing this world can bring against us can change God's love... nothing. God's love is something we need to fully grasp on to... and never let go.

*Lord, thank You for all you have done in our lives and what You will do today. Help us to share Your love with another. You are our Anchor, You save those who seek You. Amen*

***"Have any rivers that seem uncrossable ... and have any mountain that you cannot tunnel through? God specializes in things thought impossible ... and He will do what no other power but holy power can do ..."*** song by Lizz Wright

I am reminded of this verse from Isaiah 43:19, "*Behold! I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth... do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*" I know there are times in each of our lives when the words to the above song ring true. Let us take a moment to stop and realize that God is a SPECIALIST! He specializes in things that are impossible for you and me to accomplish. Today you may find yourself facing situations that seem impossible and are weighing you down with worry and concern, but HANG ON! We are children of our Great God - the God who specializes in the impossible.

We will deal with the impossible every day of our lives ... but we serve the One who specializes in impossibilities. We find these powerful words in Luke 1:37, "*For with God... nothing shall be impossible!*" You might think your situation this day is just that... impossible. Your problem is so huge that you find you can't get through it. You can't fix it. You can't correct it, nor can you figure your way through it. You, my friend, need a SPECIALIST!

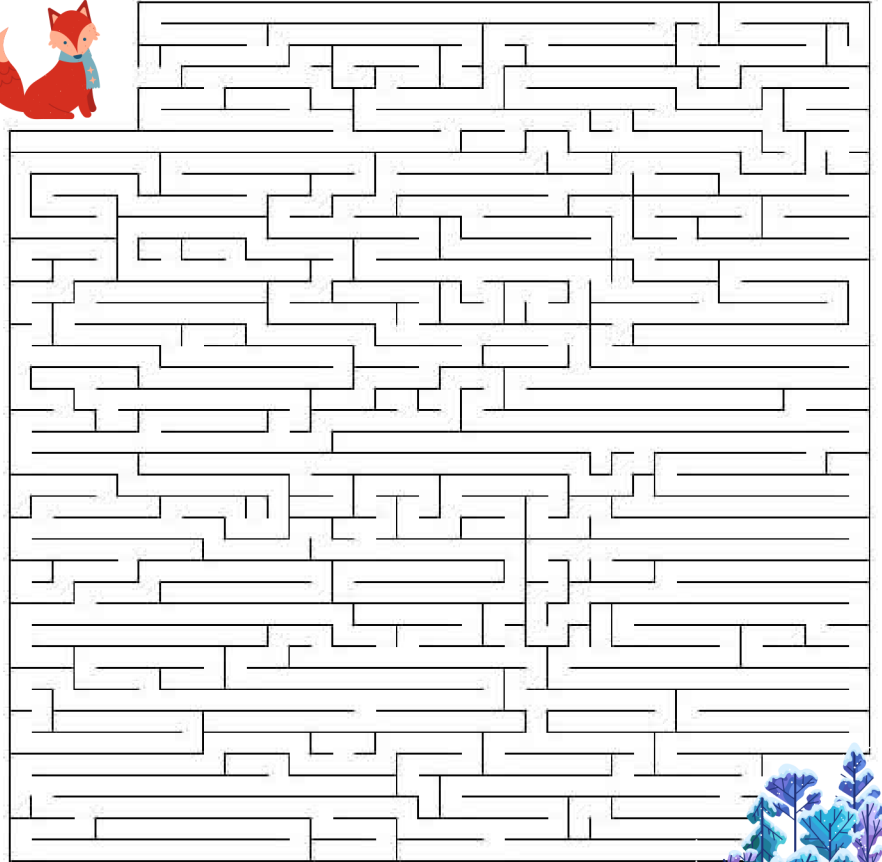
We need to look to our SPECIALIST if we want to overcome whatever difficulties we are facing on our lives. In Mark 10:27 Jesus confirmed this truth when He said, "*With men it is impossible, but not with God... for with God all things are possible!*" I have come to realize that the power of God is far beyond my comprehension and I find truth in Romans 11:33, "*Oh, the depth of riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. How unfathomable (unsearchable) are His judgments (decisions), and how untraceable (mysterious) are His ways.*" In Jeremiah 32:27 God says this, "*I am the Lord, the God of every person on the earth. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME!*" It is only for you and me to believe, to put our complete trust in God, His power, His goodness, His grace and in His Holy Word. Turn the burden of your impossibility over to Him and then watch Him as moves in your life. It will amaze you!

*Father, our God of the impossible, help us today. Give answers to our prayers and the things we need to live this new day for You. You are the Anchor, , You will never fail us. Amen*

***Your Anchor will hold ... in spite of your storms!***



ENJOY SOME  
WINTER  
FUN!



Help the little  
fox to make it  
back to the  
forest



## Winter Word Search Puzzle

F	S	K	A	T	I	N	G	H	O	C	K	E	Y	V
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BOOTS	SKATING
DRIFT	SKIING
FISHING	SLIDING
FLAKES	SLIPPERY
FLURRIES	SNOWBALL
FUN	SNOWBLOWER
HOCKEY	SNOWMAN
ICY	SNOWMOBILE
PLAY	STORM
PLOW	WHITE
SALT	
SAND	
SCRAPER	
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### **CORPORATE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Sunday mornings at 8:45am  
Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm  
Wednesday AM Men's prayer at 6:00am.

*All meet at  
Grace Church  
building*

## **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

**Head Pastor & Chief Shepherd - *Jesus Christ***

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## **Offering & Attendance**

11/6/2022	\$12,156	189
11/13/2022	\$4,111	166
11/20/2022	\$6,578	153
11/27/2022	\$9,031	166

*November Weekly Ave: \$8,161 168*

**Weekly average needed to meet budget  
\$9,5767**

Year to Date Givings \$155,470.41  
Year to Date Expenses \$151,956.28

*Y-T-D amounts reflect October month-end totals*

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please submit information for the  
**February Words of Grace**  
to the church office by **January 15th.**  
You can contact the office at (920) 922-7211 or  
office@gracechurchfdl.net

**Office Hours are:**  
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 8:00am-11:30am