



# GraceNet

Knoxville, TN

February 2018

## Way to Go!!!!

**M**any of you took the New Testament challenge in 2017, and I congratulate you! The challenge of course, was to read the entire New Testament and 160 of you pledged to do just that. Some of you are still at it – so keep reading!

I thought it might be fun, having read the New Testament, to take a quiz and see what you remember. So here are 20 multiple choice questions for you to answer. The answers will be given on the last page of this newsletter.

~ Pastor Rich

1. Jesus only left Israel once in His life. What country did he go to?  
A. Lebanon                      B. Egypt                      C. Greece
2. Which book of the Bible did Paul not write:  
A. Colossians                      B. Galatians                      C. Acts
3. In what book of the Bible is this famous verse: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose."  
A. Romans                      B. Matthew                      C. Titus
4. Who asked to bury Jesus' body in his own tomb?  
A. Joseph of Arimathea                      B. Annas                      C. Cornelius
5. How many churches are addressed in the book of Revelation?  
A. 10                      B. 144                      C. 7
6. According to the book of Hebrews, God \_\_\_\_\_ the people He loves.  
A. prospers                      B. protects                      C. disciplines
7. Who is the disciple that walked on water?  
A. Peter                      B. John                      C. James
8. Jesus said: "I am \_\_\_\_, the truth and the life.  
A. the Shepherd                      B. the way                      C. the rock



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# Special Church Events in



**Parents Day Out**—Wednesdays through May 16— 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Adult Inquiry Class**—Tuesdays through March 20—6:30—8:30 p.m.

**Financial Peace University**—Tuesdays through March 20—6:30—

**Legacy Journey**—Thursdays through March 22— 6:30—8:30 p.m.

**English as a Second Language Class**—Thursdays—6:30— 8:30 p.m.

Friday Women's Bible Study: **"The Time Between the Testaments"**—9:00—10:30 a.m.

Beth Moore Study, **"The Beloved Disciple, the Life and Ministry of John"**—Wednesdays, 9:30—11:30 a.m.

February 6—**Seasoned Adults Meeting**—Speaker: Mr. Tim Hester, Parks & Greenways Coordinator for City of Knoxville

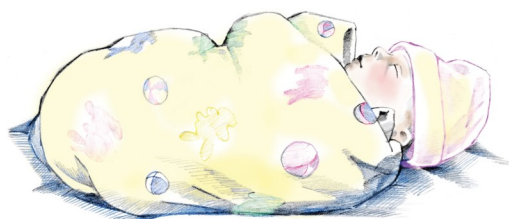
February 10—**LWML Meeting**—9:30 a.m.—Speaker: Shona House, Faith-Baked Cakes"

February 17—**Dinner and Movie**—5:00-9:00 p.m.

TBD: Band of Brothers (watch for additional information)

*For more information and registration on any of these activities, please check your church bulletin or the church website at:*

[www.visitgrace.org](http://www.visitgrace.org)



## Newborns

**Declan James O'Quinn**

*Born: January 23, 2018*

*Proud Parents:  
Jeff and Christie O'Quinn*

## February Children's Curriculum

In an attempt to connect the adults and children of Grace just a bit more, I will be letting people know the theme and verse of the week in our children's Sunday school classes. I would love it if the adults would join in memorizing or at least talking about it to the children as they see each other in the halls. Listed below are the themes and scripture for February.

~ Frieda Guthrie

DATE	THEME	VERSE
February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus cares for us.	"Come unto me. All you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
February 11 <sup>th</sup>	We turn to Jesus when we are afraid.	"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus forgives us.	"If we confess with our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	We have faith in Jesus.	"He saved us, not because of righteous things had done, but because of His mercy." Titus 3:5



## 10 Biblical Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of . . . Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

(all Scriptures NIV)

## Variety of Non-Fiction Added to the Library

The new non-fiction titles added to the library represent a variety of subjects from Bible references to witnessing for Christ to money management.

**The Oxford Companion to the Bible** (220.3 Oxf): Edited by Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan. This authoritative one-volume reference to the people, places, events, books, institutions, religious beliefs, and the secular influence of the Bible has been written by more than 250 scholars from more than twenty countries on five continents giving it a varied perspective. This easy to use and easy to read volume is a helpful aid to all who are studying the Bible.

**The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition With Notes** (229 Apo): An English Standard Version (ESV) published by Concordia with a foreword written by Paul L Maier. The books of the Apocrypha cover the time between the Testaments—what was Jewish life and history from the end of the Old Testament (c430BC) until the beginning of the New Testament (c2BC). Maier writes, this edition "is the product of one of the most ambitious projects dealing with the Apocrypha ever undertaken. Not only does it offer an unfailingly accurate translation of the various texts (ESV)...but it is also replete with scholarly notes and commentary to assist the reader..." (p. xvii-xviii). Timelines, maps, tables, charts, illustrations, and glossaries enhance this resource.

**A Life Beyond Amazing: 9 Decisions That Will Transform Your Life** by **Dr. David Jeremiah** (248.4 Jer): Jeremiah offers a thought-provoking look at how Christians should live in order to prepare themselves for society's onslaught against them. The nine principles presented include living lives of love, joy, peace, endurance, compassion, generosity, integrity, humility, and self-discipline.

**Tell Someone: You Can Share the Good News** by **Greg Laurie** (248.5 Lau): This book is intended to encourage and inspire people to tell others about Christ using biblical principles taken from the life and witness of Jesus and tested over forty years of Laurie's ministry.

**How to Lead When You're Not in Charge: Leveraging Influence When You Lack Authority** by **Clay Scroggins** (301.15 Scr), foreword by Andy Stanley. One of the greatest myths of leadership is that you must be in charge in order to lead. But anyone can lead no matter what position they hold within the group. Scroggins outlines understanding the challenge, four behaviors necessary to lead, and how to constructively challenge authority.

**The Money Challenge: 30 Days of Discovering God's Design for You and Your Money** by **Art Rainer** (332.024 Rai): This easy-to-read book will lead its readers on a journey to finding financial health based on the belief that God de-



signed His people so that His generosity can flow through them. Rainer even devotes four chapters to generosity killers: keeping up with the Joneses, debt, disorganization, and the financially separate marriage.

Two new fiction titles that help to celebrate love and romance this February include:

**You're Gonna Love Me** by **Robin Lee Hatcher** (Fic Hat): Samantha and Nick, formerly a couple, have returned to their hometown because of unfortunate circumstances. As they get to know each other again, they are given the opportunity to evaluate their lives and hopefully make changes for the better.

**A Letter From Lancaster County** (Book 1 in a new series by **Kate Lloyd**) (Fic Llo): Two troubled sisters get a second chance at life and love when a letter arrives from Lancaster County. They decide it is time to visit their aunt in the heart of Amish country. Family secrets surface that threaten their relationship and any potential for their future happiness.

Look for these and other materials new to the library on display throughout the month.

~ Mary Schultz

**Reminder:** Bring your original **Cedar Springs Christian Store** receipts to your librarian, Mary Schultz (you may put them in her church mailbox). She can redeem the receipts quarterly for library bucks.

## Those Three Readings

**W**e customarily read three passages from the Bible each Sunday: one from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter or epistle, and one from one of the Gospels. Most of the Christians around the world use a system of readings that is almost identical to the readings we use on any given Sunday. There is an intentional method to these readings.

The main reading is the one from the Gospels. We use a three-year cycle. Matthew is the featured Gospel one year, then Mark the next year, and Luke the third year. Parts of John are worked in at different places. From December to May (Advent to Pentecost) the Gospel readings focus on important events in Jesus' life. We call this the Festival Half of the Church Year. The Sundays of the Pentecost season (June through November) concentrate on things Jesus said. Often the sermon is based on the Gospel reading, unless a sermon series is being used.

The Old Testament reading has a strong relationship to the Gospel reading. It may be a prophecy and fulfillment relationship. Similarly, it may be a type/anti-type relationship in which the Old Testament reading is a preview picture and the Gospel reading is a more complete view of what is hinted in the type.\* Sometimes the connection is a contrast of opposites. Sometimes the Old Testament reading is a partial revelation of something that will become much clearer in the New Testament. Sometimes there is simply a similar theme in both.

The selection from the New Testament letters is often aimed at reading through those letters by using highlights from most chapters of a New Testament letter in a weekly progression and has no direct connection to the theme for the day expressed in the Gospel reading. Once in a while the Epistle reading does mesh nicely with the theme in the Gospel reading.

During a year, or the full three-year cycle, the themes for the Sundays shift slightly from week to week in order to cover a variety of emphases within the span of a season like Epiphany. A child at a self-serve restaurant may load his plate with only one or two favorite things. But, the lectionary system using the three readings each Sunday is a way of guaranteeing that each plate has different kinds of vegetables, as well as something from all of the other food groups, theologically speaking.

~ Rev. Phil Bohlken



### A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZABCD...

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 H M T A   I L A   Y H K R D Y P   S M   G  
 J N U C   L M C   Z K M S F B Q   W P   H

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 G Z S D   I N S D A   X L T   R N   X L T

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A R J Q   C C S B   F K Y   X H L Q B Y I  
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 I T P S   I K U D   L M C   Z L N S F C O

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JOHN 13:34, NIV

\*A typewriter gets its name from the form on the hammer that makes the impression on the paper. This originally came from striking coins. The image of the coin in bas relief is on the hammer that comes down on a metal blank. The image on the hammer is the type. The image on the coin is the anti-type. Type and anti-type in the Bible are a variant of prophecy and fulfillment. The bronze serpent held up by Moses was a type of Christ hung on the cross (John 3).

## Answers to "Way to Go" Quiz

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|------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. B | 6. C  | 11. A | 16. A |
| 2. C | 7. A  | 12. B | 17. C |
| 3. A | 8. B  | 13. C | 18. A |
| 4. A | 9. C  | 14. C | 19. B |
| 5. C | 10. B | 15. B | 20. A |



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Wednesday Worship: 6:30 p.m. (Blended)  
Sunday School & Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.*

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