

UPCOMING SERMON TOPIC

We've all experienced our fair share of disappointment. We've been disappointed with the way others have treated us; we've been disappointed with our own actions, and often our disappointments turn towards God. It gets even worse when we're truly trying to live for God, and we still experience rejection, pain, and loss.

I've had several occasions in my life when I was extremely disappointed with God. One instance sticks out above the rest. The summer between my freshman and sophomore year of high school, I had a good friend who became a Christ-follower. When we returned to school in September, he was a whole different person. He was on fire for God and shared his love for Jesus with everyone he met. His passion turned his whole family around to the point where if he found out there was a student in need, his family was there to help. On multiple occasions, his family took in teens who were homeless or were kicked out of their homes. His tangible love for God and others was an inspiration to me.

However, as our senior year was coming to a close, his sister went missing. For two weeks, we were praying that they would find her and she would be returned unharmed to this wonderful family. We held prayer vigils that lasted deep into the night, but then two days after we graduated, some detectives found her buried behind the public library with multiple stab wounds. She had been murdered by one of the teens that my friend's family took in during his time of need.

When the news broke, I wept. For days I kept hoping it wasn't real, and when the news hit me again, I became so angry with God, often praying things like: "How could you?! God, why did you do such a thing to my friend who turned many people to you? He spoke with so much faith in your love and power, and now this happens?! Where were you? Why didn't you protect her? They showed the hospitality you ask for, and look how it turned out!"

I couldn't believe that God would allow this to happen. This deep disappointment rocked my faith.

But then the day came for her memorial. Over one thousand people attended a beautiful celebration, and near the end, my friend stood up to share. He began by sharing his hurt and his pain, but then he pointed to God and said something like, "I don't know why this happened, but I know that God is good and He loves me. He sees me, and He sees my parents because He, too, was murdered. For three days, it looked like death had won, but when he rose from the dead, it became clear the sting of the grave was no more! And the Bible says that we can be confident that He will make all things new, and while right now, I miss my sister, I look forward to the day when I will be able to hold her hand again, and we can both gaze upon the glory of God and experience eternal Joy forevermore."

I went to the memorial with deep disappointment, but I left with a new perspective. My friend showed me that while we don't ever know why God allows disappointments to happen, we know that God experiences our disappointments with us (Heb. 4:15). As Revelation 21:4 says, "He will wipe every tear from [our] eyes."

Over the next few Sundays, we will explore the topic of being disappointed with God. But before we do, I want you to know that the God of the Bible doesn't turn us away when we are disappointed; he holds us and loves us and points us to a new day where everything sad will soon be untrue.

May we look beyond our disappointments to the hope that awaits us in the eternal presence of Jesus.

- by Pastor Seth

THE TRUMPET



*"Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out."
Deuteronomy 28:6*

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Pastor's Corner

What is your least favorite Bible verse?

Do you enjoy detours? How about construction? Are your plans sometimes disrupted because of unanticipated circumstances? We have all been there! Have you driven on Boulder Highway recently? The whole road is under construction. When you look at a rendition of the final project it looks just fine, but to drive it now – kind of a nightmare! Thank goodness life always flows smoother than our traffic plans... sure it does! Sometimes our lives make a road reconstruction project seem simple by comparison.

Let's look at this differently. What is your least favorite Bible verse? I'll bet you haven't been asked that very often. We love to quote the happy, hopeful verses but if we truly believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word we have to deal with verses that don't exactly warm our hearts. Here is one to reflect on:

Isaiah 55:8,9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.

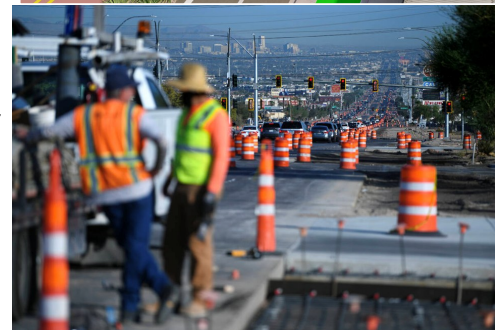
"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Personally, I would like to rewrite this to say something like "For my thoughts are just like your thoughts, Steve, and my ways are the same as yours.", but that is not what it says. Proverbs 16:9 reads "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps." Once again, it seems that God's plans are often divergent from ours. On the surface, I do not like this, but I have come to be very grateful for the Lord's firm hand of guidance, particularly when it is different than mine.

I am old enough to be able to look back at the "almost" decisions and say to the Lord, "Thank you for that detour, thank you for that 'No,' Thanks for that rejection." At the time I would raise my fist to the heavens and say, "What are you thinking God?", but time brings perspective and with perspective comes humility.

When I worked for Amtrak, I was on track to become a Train Manager with hundreds of crew members under my responsibility. It looked like it was going to happen and then a last minute applicant showed up. Now here is the irony, I personally encouraged this



August Servers

9AM LITURGISTS

2 Lisa St. John
9 Jolie LaChance
16 Nate Long
23 Deb Stolpe
30 Guest Liturgist

10:30AM GREETERS

2 Hope Moreland
9 Edris Valdez
16 Susanna Carothers
23 Dorothy Rants
30 May Kahl

10:30AM USHERS

2 Marty Stewart
9 Nancy Dineen
16 Don Avon
23 Mia Malone
30 Dorothy Rants

10:30AM LITURGISTS

2 James Medlock
9 Nancy Loudin
16 Cindy Lochner
23 Mary Carol Mazza
30 Mike Davis

FELLOWSHIP

Margie McCay & PeeWee Heeter
Please call Margie if you would like to help. 702-526-1292

COMMUNION PREP

Sherry Malunat



2nd Nathaniel Powell

2nd Robert Shorey

4th Fionan Gannon

11th Janis Liebhauser

12th Axel Germain

14th Grace Carnes

14th Marty Stewart

15th Don Avon

17th Fran Haraway

20th Jerry Self

22nd Ashley Brian

23rd Jason Gansert

25th Sherrie Peppard

27th Seth Lezon

28th Pandora Ahlstrom

29th Lily Gansert

Attention Grace Church members!
If we forgot your birthday, please
call the church office 702.293.2018
or email GraceChurch@bcgrace.org

MISSIONS COMMISSION

August is **FISH** month. We will be collecting nonperishable food items and monetary donations for Emergency Aid of Boulder City. A container for items will be placed in the front entrance of the Church and in the hallway next to Pastor's office. Also, checks and/or cash donations are welcomed, please write **Fish Offering** on the check memo line or on the envelope. You can also donate online.

- Don Avon, Chair

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Event - Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 16, 2026, at 6PM in the dining room, we are having a potluck dinner for all members of GCC.

No cost tickets will be issued in mid-August to obtain the number of people interested in participating. WAC will provide green salad and rolls. We are asking for homemade soups, chili, main dishes, and/or dessert to be donated by those in attendance. So, think about what you would like to share with others.

Any questions, please contact any WAC commission members.

- Edris Valdez, Acting Chairman

PROPERTY COMMISSION

The A/V upgrade crew working with the Property Commission is making progress on the improvements to the electronic systems used during Sunday worship services.

The new computers connected to the projector in the sanctuary that generate the live-stream broadcasts of the worship services have been received and are being installed.

The chancel floor extensions and hand rails at the sides of the front steps are nearly completed. Twenty-seven new microphone and speaker cables have been installed beneath the chancel. The permanent video monitor on the rear wall of the sanctuary has been installed and is operating. This allows the worship team and choir to view what is being projected on the screen to the congregation.

Soon work will begin on the elevated media control area at the right rear of the sanctuary so the media operators can better see the chancel area and improve security to the equipment.

- by Dave Traver, Property Commission



young man to put in for the job – since I felt very confident I was going to get the job anyway and it would be a good interview experience for him. What I did not know was that he had a degree in – get this – Railroad Management! WHO HAS A DEGREE IN RAILROAD MANAGEMENT? He got the job. I was angry at the Lord because I thought I was a shoe-in for this position and the pay raise would have been really nice. Just a few months after this roadblock, the Lord opened up an opportunity to become the Associate Pastor at my church. If I had taken that Amtrak job, I do not think I would have had the willpower to leave a high paying position to work for a church. Turns out the Lord knew this, because His thoughts are not my thoughts and His ways are not mine. PRAISE THE LORD!!

I could share story after story where this same thing happened to me, but I know I don't have to because you have your own. I highly recommend that we do a self-audit and reflect on all those "almost" decisions and then say a short prayer, "Lord, thanks for being the kind of God who loves me enough to say no because you know that something better is coming down the line." After you pray, look at what is happening right now in your life, your current roadblocks – illness, disability, job disappointments, relationship conflicts... and before you raise your fist to heaven, ask the Lord, "Are you doing something new here? He just might be.

- by Pastor Steve

WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE MANAGER

Janeen Throckmorton was hired for the office manager position. As you may know, she worked at the Academy for 5 years before it's closing in May. She taught at the school for 3 years before being the Principal for the last two years. She decided in February to retire at the end of the school year, after working 30 years in education. Janeen has her Master's Degree in Education. She has been a member of Grace Church for two and a half years. Janeen has lived in Boulder City since 2019, when she moved her son, Ian, here to help care for her elderly aunt who has dementia. She moved here from Iowa. Janeen is excited to be working at the church with the staff, members, and the community.

DEACON'S COMMISSION

Hope everyone's enjoying their summer & dealing with the heat and humidity. Anyone wanting to bring food for either fellowship on Sunday (preferably enough for both), please contact Margie McCay at cmmccay@gmail.com or 702-526-1292 by the Wednesday prior. This will avoid having more food than needed due to plans that were already made.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
Sundays 8-8:50AM
Social Room

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS
Tuesdays 11-Noon
The Book of 2nd Samuel
Social Room

CENTERING PRAYER
Wednesdays 9-10AM
Fran Haraway's Home

PRAYER GROUP
Wednesdays 10-10:30AM
Grace Prayer Room

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