

# Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, October 24, 2021

## FALL FESTIVAL -- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 1 to 5 PM

Bring your family and friends, invite your neighbors! We will have craft vendors, bake sale, bounce house and balloon artist for the kids. Call Susan Hutchison at 850/509-4496 if you want to volunteer to help!

### Ten Lessons From the Book of Job

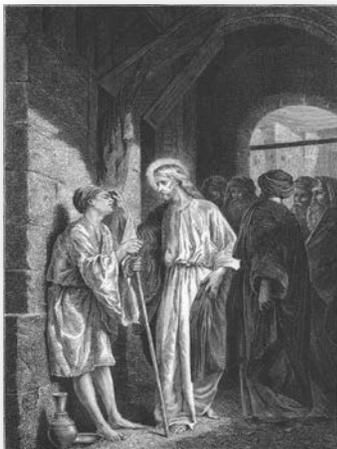
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**Bad things happen to good people .-** The book of Job opens in verse one by telling us that Job was a blameless, upright man who feared God and turned away from evil. Then...his life unraveled. Job's suffering did not come because he was bad but rather because of his unwavering faithfulness to God. (Job 1:8)

**In the midst of suffering, we must never lose our hope in God.** - One of the greatest statements of faith in all of scripture is found right in the middle of Job chapter 13. Job says: *"Though he slay me, I will hope in him."* No one and nothing can steal your joy or your peace when your hope is in God. Never lose your hope in God!

**Our friends may fail us in the midst of our misery but God never does.** - Job's friends put him on the defense. Job said of his three friends: *"Miserable comforters are you all!"* (16:2)

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## 22<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6

Psalm 34:1-8

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

**“The Blind Can See”**

## News and Notes

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday, October 24**

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you don't feel comfortable coming in person, you can watch our livestream at [graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com](http://graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com) or [graymemorialumc.org/youtube](http://graymemorialumc.org/youtube), at 11 am or any time after that at [graymemorialumc.org/](http://graymemorialumc.org/)



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

### 2021 Church Financial Report

<b>Budgeted Amount thru 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$ 151,400</b>
<b>Giving Amount as of 10/10/21</b>	<b>\$ 102,325</b>
<b>Amount Needed thru 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$ 49,075</b>

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE : For your convenience, we have established online giving through the church management program, Breeze. Here is the link:

<https://gmumc.Breezechms.com/give/online>

If you prefer, you can **text a contribution to 850/695-3434**. If you have questions regarding this, please call Anita Durham at the church on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. You can mail a check to 2201 Old Bainbridge Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303. Thank you!

## Prayer Requests

Family of Brenna MacKinlay, 17 yr old with leukemia - her family members have experienced multiple serious health issues in recent weeks. Brenna's condition remains the same with the family staying in Gainesville while she undergoes treatment.

Sam , Sylvia and Joyce with numerous health issues

All of our friends and family suffering from illness, surgeries and recovery

### **PRAISES:**

Blessings for the return of the Gray Choir!! So glad to see them back!

Praises for Kylie's musical expertise and Braeden Duncan's talent on the piano!

### YOGA EVERY THURSDAY!!!

Crystal Crowell, Town & Country neighbor, is offering beginner Yoga classes for the community. Cost per class is \$10/class. The classes are held every Thursday at 8:30 am and 5:30 pm. Bring a yoga mat and water; please wear a mask until you are seated on mat. If you have questions regarding the class, please email [crystaldawncrowell@yahoo.com](mailto:crystaldawncrowell@yahoo.com).

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Job proclaims where his deep strength flows from:

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.*

<sup>26</sup> *And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,*

<sup>27</sup> *whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.*

*My heart faints within me! ~Job 19:25-27*

One day – we will see with our own eyes our Redeemer! He is alive today and forevermore and because He lives – we can face tomorrow with victory!

**Even in the midst of God’s silence, His presence is with us.** - Job wrestled and wrestled with God’s silence in the midst of his suffering. Over 25 times he asked the question “why?” and he continually asked for the opportunity to defend his case before God. Job had entered the fiery furnace of suffering. Job writes:

*But he knows the way that I take;  
when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.*

<sup>11</sup> *My foot has held fast to his steps;*

*I have kept his way and have not turned aside.*

<sup>12</sup> *I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;*

*I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion of food. ~*

*Job 23:10-12*

**Wisdom comes from fearing God and turning away from evil.** - Humility is key. Pride can interfere with us following the wise ways of the Lord. And when pride interferes it clouds our vision, and before we know it – we are on the wrong path towards evil. Job explains in Job 28:28: *‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to turn away from evil is understanding.’*

**God is with us in the midst of our storms.** - The Lord is our good shepherd and He never leaves our side. He walks with us through the valleys. He restores our soul when we are weary. He leads us to the path of righteousness when we have lost our way. He gives us courage when we are scared and he comforts us when we are hurting. Our God is the God of the storm.

**God is in control.** - God is the creator of the universe. He is mighty and powerful. We can trust Him with our lives. We see in Job chapter one, that nothing came into the life of Job which did not first go through the hands of his loving God. Every page of scripture points to a sovereign God – from the creation account in Genesis to the return of Christ in Revelation, our God is in complete control.

**Sometimes, in the midst of our suffering, we sin.** - God accepts a humble and repentant heart. In Job 42, we see Job surrender to God and repent. Job recognized that God is the

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creator and he is just his creation. *I despise myself, and repent in the dust of ashes.*

~Job 42:6

**Sometimes we sin against our friends.** - Job's friends not only failed to be there for Job in a supportive, loving way but they gave poor advice based on their misunderstandings of God. The Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: *"My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.*

~Job 42:7

**After repentance and forgiveness comes blessings.** - In Job 42, Job made a burnt offering for his friends and prayed for them as God commanded Him to do. God accepted Job's prayer for them and THEN Job's fortunes were restored WHEN he prayed for his friends! Isn't this an interesting connection? Job forgave his friends BEFORE he knew how blessed he was about to become. It was Job's prayer that released blessings!

*"The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning."* ~Job 42:12

When we are feeling stressed and frustrated and wounded by this world we should step back and take a look at all of God's creation. Get outside under the big sky and remind yourself who your God is. Then, get into His word and learn more about God's love for you. Trust that if he can create and sustain the entire universe, surely He will take care of you.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:25-34: <sup>25</sup> *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"* <sup>26</sup> *Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

<sup>27</sup> *And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?* <sup>28</sup> *And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,* <sup>29</sup> *yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

<sup>30</sup> *But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?* <sup>31</sup> *Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'* <sup>32</sup> *For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.*

<sup>33</sup> *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.* <sup>34</sup> *"Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

Our Heavenly Father feeds the sparrows and clothes the lillies, surely He will take care of us in the midst of our trials. In the end, God rewarded Job for his faithfulness. May we be found faithful today!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DAILY THROUGH  
OCTOBER 31**

**12 noon to  
Dusk**

**Pumpkin Patch Open!**

Tuesday, Oct. 19

7 pm

Parkside/Park Terrace HOA meets  
at Gray

Wednesday, Oct. 20

5:30 pm  
7:00 pm

Choir Practice  
Bible Study on Acts via Zoom

Thursday, Oct. 21

8:30 am  
10 am  
5:30 pm

Yoga Class\*  
Bible Study  
Yoga Class

Sunday, Oct. 24

9:45 am  
11 am

Dean Memorial Sunday School  
Worship Service

**Sunday, October 24**

**1 pm**

**FALL FESTIVAL 1 to 5 pm**

**Sunday, October 31**

**11 am**

**Special Guests will be Lloyd & Melanie  
Monroe, Missionaries, Solomon's Porch,  
Guatemala**