

FIRST THINGS

A Newsletter of the First Baptist
Church of Trenton

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GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

Pastor Rev. Powell



Has there ever been a time where you looked back over your life to reflect on some of the experiences you've had? Then after your done looking at some of what you experienced, you ask yourself "How did I make it through that?" I'm sure when you reflect on some of your past experiences; you're still trying to figure out how you made it. It's probably mind boggling how you made it because at the time you felt there wasn't a way through. It would take a miracle to conquer some of the things you've experienced. Well, I must let you know that you're not alone when it comes to this. I've had some experiences that only a miracle was able to bring me through. In fact, to be more exact, I realize it was grace that brought me through. That is the miracle that brought all of us through. Had it not been for the grace of God, some of our situations could've been our demise.

One thing I've learned is God's grace is sufficient enough for us to make it through any situation. We can't ask for a better gift than that. I'm reminded what Apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:9. It reads, "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." The reason why God's grace is sufficient is because it protects us from receiving what we could've received during the hard times. The bad that could've happen, didn't happen because God's grace covered us. We must remember that God's grace is His unmerited favor; a favor that is an extension of His love. Had it not been for God loving us so, our situations would've consumed us. It's by grace we've come this far. I'm reminded of that great hymn that says "your grace and mercy brought me through; I'm living this moment because of you. I want to thank you and praise you too, your grace and mercy brought me through." My friends, it's by grace that God has kept us and blessed us. We are covered by



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter information is due the 15th of each month. Please make sure to have information to the church secretary by the due date. This is to make sure the newsletter is received by all members and friends prior to the Month of the newsletter. Thank you fbctsecy@yahoo.com



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His grace and I thank Him for it.
When it comes to His grace, I
don't know how you feel, but
when it comes to me, God's
grace is sufficient.



Making Room

By Emily Davis

God has welcomed us
and given us abundant lives to
live, and in these lives, God has
extended grace and freedom to
us. We are free to be in a
relationship with God. Even
though we are flawed and even
though we do not meet God's
expectations all of the time, God
continues to welcome us into a
rich life and relationship.

Just as God welcomes us,
God calls us to be a people who
welcome and make room for
others. Making room means that
we allow space for another
person to freely be him or
herself. We welcome a person as
he or she is right now, even
though he or she is flawed and
even though he or she is different
from what we might expect. We
create room for people to change
and grow in their own way
without forcing them to be one
thing or another. We extend
grace and freedom to them just as
God has extended grace and
freedom to us.

In order to make room
for another person, we first must
leave behind our expectations of
who we think another person
should be. We set aside our own
assumptions and our own plans.
As we leave behind our own
preconceived notions, we make
space for another person to be
who he or she is without all the
baggage of who we thought he or
she would or should be. We also
must recognize our own fears and
anxieties, and then we must set
them aside. Making room means
stepping out in brave ways,
risking our own personal feelings
of comfort and forsaking our own
preferences, in order to follow in
God's call of being a welcoming
people. It is an act of brave faith,
in which we create a space that
bridges across differences and
divisions.

You Will Rise



**Poem by Rev. C. Nadir
Powell**

I remember you saying on that
particular morning that it was
dark, yet the sun was up
A result that came from your
pessimistic views towards life
supported by a lack love
And now you're to the point
where you're ready to give up
Because life trials were coming
at you like a barrage of punches
that you couldn't duck

Now you sit like an empty well
never to be refreshed
Trying to find the answer to your
life struggles that annoys you like
a pest
For you wonder when will this
Freddy Kruger nightmare come
to a peaceful rest
Feeling like a helpless baby bird
whose mother left it unprotected
in an empty nest

For you tried to look deep inside
only to find negative space
A space within that's going to
take more than a thousand
pencils to erase
You don't know what to expect,
what's going to be your fate
You're squirming like a worm on
a hook like fish bait

So now you're trying to make it
through life with an unanswered
question
You're in need of a breakthrough
like a new invention
For life's pressure is squeezing
your mind like a vice grip full of
tension
Got you crying out, "Help me
Lord," because you need His
attention

Well I must assure you today that
the Lord has heard your cry
It's just a matter of time before
He stops on by
For He is nearer than what you
think
He's ready to bless you; just
believe, even when things look
bleak

For it's said, He may not come
when you want Him, but He's
always right on time
For He's able to change your
situation with a blink of an eye
He's the One who healed the sick
and gave sight to the blind
Always know that God will
empower you and know that You
Will Rise

NOTARY NEEDED?

Joanne Collins has recently been commissioned in the state of New Jersey as a notary public. . If a church member needs a letter notarized I can do this for you at no cost. Please call her at 609 815-9696, or seek her out after Church services

SENIOR MINISTRY

The next service at Hamilton Grove will be held on the 20th of September at 2pm, Rev. Powell will be leading the service.

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Poetry in Motion

Sessions will resume in September. For more information, contact Rev. Powell at 732-277-3751 or Nekiell Butler at 609-712-3326.

ESL

ESL classes will resume on Saturday, October 3 at 10am. Lunch will be served at 12pm. All youth and adults are welcome.

Annual Session

The annual session is September 19th 2015. Please contact Rev. Powell for more information.

Bible Study

Youth and young adult Bible study continues to meet on Fridays at 6pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact Emily Davis.
emily.davis@alum.ptsem.edu

Sunday School

Youth and adult Sunday school will be starting on September 13, 2015



The First Baptist Church of Trenton
Cordially Invites You to Celebrate the
Installation of

REVEREND C. NADIR
POWELL, SENIOR PASTOR

October 18, 2015



4:00 o'clock

FBC of Trenton
128-140 Centre Street
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Refreshments to follow

RSVP to fbctsecc@ymha.com

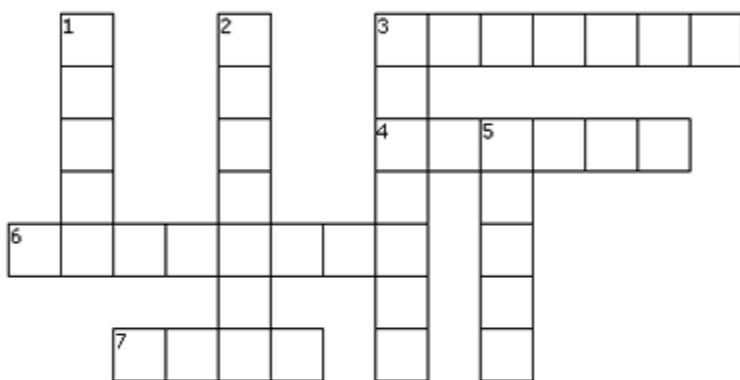
by October 1, 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2015		1	2 5:00 STSK	3	4 6:00 Bible Study	5
6 9:00 Karen Praise & Prayer 11:00 Worship 12:15 Fellowship	7 5:00 STSK	8 5:00 STSK	9 5:00 STSK	10	11 6:00 Bible Study	12
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Let the Children Come

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

little	touch	kingdom	arms
children	truth	belongs	blessed

Bible Quiz

1. What relation was John the Baptist to Jesus?
2. When did God cease to give manna to the Israelites?
3. Where was Jacob's well?
4. In what province of Palestine was Nazareth?
5. What sign of God's guidance did Gideon ask?

(answers: 1. Probably second cousins. Their mothers were "cousins" (Luke 1:36), 2 After they had crossed the Jordan (Joshua 5:12) 3. At Sychar, in Samaria (John 4:5-6) 4. Galilee 5. Dew on the fleece and a dry floor: then dry fleece, and dew on the floor (Judges 6:36-40)

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