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Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2: 17, NRSV

There's a fine line in the Book of James between the Jewish/Gentile converts in his synagogue-listening audience and the "outside" world of unbelievers. I cannot begin to tell you how many people I have met around the world who, when I tell them about Jesus, they say, "Well, I believe in God."

I don't want to get all preachy here. I'll save that for Sundays. But someone who professes a belief in God may not specifically be a believer in Jesus Christ. I want to approach the Book of James from a Christian-writing-to-Christians point of view. James is essentially "calling out" Jesus-followers who are very content in *believing* but not in *doing*.

I'm not talking about believers who physically are unable to get out and share the Good News. I'm talking about believers who see no *value* in getting out and sharing what Jesus means to them. There's a massive difference.

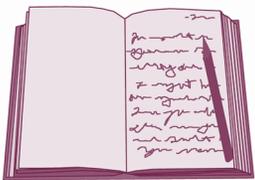
"Work" in Greek is *ergo*. Yes, like in ergonomics. Another translation is "action." It's not the standing-on-a-soapbox evangelism of the 19th century. Putting your faith into *ergo*—into action—is relying on God the Holy Spirit to guide you to sharing Jesus creatively and relevantly in the 21st century.

The late-great Rich Mullins—who wrote the song *Our God is an Awesome God*, among others—also wrote *Screen Door*. I'll leave you with the chorus.

Faith without works is like a song you can't sing, it's about as useless as a screen door on a submarine

The key is giving God permission to use your faith and show you the best ways in which to "work" it. Let Him move you into deeper water. Or at least dip your toes in.

Daily Blessings, Pastor Glenn



Leaving Your Legacy!

What better 'legacy' can we leave our family than to write down our thoughts, remembrances, family history, loves, joys... from our past and present.

Whether it be in poetry, short stories, or journals, we have so much to give of ourselves. As you reflect, try setting aside one hour each day, or one day a week and start writing down some of these precious jewels to share with your family... they will appreciate it!



Church Anniversary Month - Even though we are not able to have a celebratory Church Anniversary dinner at Tabernacle this year, we still celebrate the 217 years that the people of this congregation have been spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Lower Twp. community and beyond. Please take a few moments to pray that God would bless our work as we move forward into 2021. Your Anniversary offering makes the work at Tabernacle possible. If you are able, you may give your Anniversary offering at the service on Sunday, Sept. 27th, or mail it to the church Treasurer at the address on the back page. God Bless you all for your faithfulness.

Listen to the service on your phone! If you receive The Torch by mail and are unable to access the internet, you may call-in to the 11am service and listen via your phone! **Call this number: (929) 205-6099** give the **The Meeting ID: 981 176 2526** and the **Password: 779813**.

Shoprite cards are available by contacting Susan Scheyhing at (609) 600-7331, or find her after the Sunday service.



Bible Facts... Early Biblical characters have stunningly long

life spans. Methuselah lived the longest, finally passing at 969 years of age. But Adam, Seth, Noah, and a few others apparently also made it past 900. After the Flood, Biblical lives shorten dramatically, but Abraham and Isaac both got close to 200, and even comparatively short-lived Joseph makes it to 110!



Prayer reminds us that we are not alone in our feelings and we can ease our own fears by praying for others. As we pray for our friends and family listed below, please also remember in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the extra challenges that we face from time to time... fear, anxiety, economic hardships, isolation, & many other stresses that are unique to the times we live in.

- Pastor Glenn & Family
- Jody Cathrall
- John Dickinson
- Dawn Garretson
- Betty Wund
- Carol Cahill
- Ralph Genovese
- Flo Magee
- Andrew Wund
- Lyndsey Bolton
- Betty Church
- Betty Carlton
- Tandi Ankrum
- Tom Ankrum
- Jay Spori
- Cathy Oney
- Cass Pascali
- Mr. Phil Breden, Sr.
- Buddy Halbruner
- Steve Brown
- Braden Brojakowski
- Margie Katity (knees)
- Mary Still (pneumonia)

Prayer for those who have lost loved ones

- Janis Halbruner & Family
- The Chinn Family
- Bill Stahl & family
- Elizabeth Bailey & Family
- Flo Magee and Family
- The family of Mary Mason
- Jackie Matkowski & Family
- The Gorsline Family

Covid Related Requests

- The Lords protection over those attending services at church
- Pray for an effective Covid-19 vaccine soon
- Wisdom for leaders in Local & Federal Government
- Basic Blessing workers and distributions during Covid-19

Those in Shut In & Convalescent Care

- Court House Center: Carol Cahill
- Wesley Manor: Shirley Rutherford & Shirley Halbruner
- Pitman Manor: Edna Dickinson
- Victoria Commons: Mary Still

Those that live alone: Doris Raker, Ella Elliott, John Leo, Ernie Long, Bob Jenkins, Alice Fuddy, Steve Brown and others who remain anonymous.



HOW DO I GIVE MY OFFERING?

If you choose to mail your church offering, please send to our Treasurer's Home Office at: T.U.M.C.

C/O Marjorie Katity, 115 Aspen Drive., Swainton, NJ 08210

CHURCH HUMOR

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of the family) answered, "Thou shall not kill." !

AUTUMN WORD SCRAMBLE

- l u s o f e n r w _____
- s e o n s a _____
- t v a h e r s _____
- d e g l n o r o d _____
- d a o c h r r _____
- b r t o c o e _____
- s v a l e e _____
- p e l a p _____
- o a r n c _____
- f s r o t _____



Word List

- acorn sunflower
- apple october
- frost goldenrod
- orchard season
- harvest leaves