

News for your week:

- Woohoo! Some of us are resuming live worship together today and some will continue joining us online. We encourage anyone at risk, especially those of you 65 or older, or anyone with on-going health issues to continue joining us online. And, of course, if you have any Covid-like symptoms, please worship online until you know you are healthy. However you choose to worship, we are glad to be ONE CHURCH joining together TWO WAYS this week!
- Don't forget! Jerred's excellent online Wednesday Bible study continues! Join us this week on Wednesday at 4:30 PM on our public Facebook page.
- Hope Harbor Academy is having a school supply drive! Their goal is to raise \$1000. If you would like to donate please visit our website at hhascholar.org/hha-school-supply-drive. We also have an Amazon wish list that you can purchase items from and have them shipped directly to Hope Harbor Academy. The code for that is: <https://a.co/2yLaLvM>
- Deepest sympathy to Harvey Boatwright and the loss of Mary. Her service is Monday at 10Am at Barnes and Friedrich in MWC. And the Champlain family, as Eloise passed on Monday.



Giving

THANK YOU brothers and sisters for continuing to give faithfully. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of showing Jesus to the world.

These contributions have helped feed hungry people, pay for utilities for struggling families, support missionaries around the world, build online connections with each other and our larger community and provide hope for a world in crisis.

News for DCYG and DCKids :

It's the interns last Sunday with us! We are having a party for them today! Senior trip is the 10th. Text @dcyg to 81010 for DCYG text updates and reminders.

School Supply Giveaway

We gave 150 bags away during our School Supply Giveaway.

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2

Welcome to our church! We meet every Sunday to connect, grow, serve, and share the love of Christ. You're invited to worship with us!

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Send us a message: <https://delcitychurch.org/contact/>

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MESSAGE NOTES: Stretchy Grace

Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

When evangelizing a new city, Paul went to the synagogue and later the market.

Romans 9:2 *My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief 3 for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them.*

Paul was grieved at the Jews lack of acceptance of Christ.

Acts 13:38-41 *“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses. 40 Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: 41 “Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.”*

Paul knew the message of Christ would be difficult for some to accept.

Acts 13:42-44 *As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. 43 When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. 44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord*

The entire city of Antioch showed up to hear the gospel of Christ.

Acts 13:45-46 *When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles*

The more grace we receive, the more willing we should be to give grace to others.

Acts 13:48-52 *When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. 49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. 50 But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit*

The bittersweet news is the Gentiles accepted Christ while the Jews rejected Him.

Drawing others to Christ may expand our view of the Gospel.

To follow Christ, we may have to lay down our comfort for a cross.

Questions:

Do you have someone who you are praying for to accept the Gospel?

Has your concept of God's grace expanded or shrunk as you grew closer to Christ?

Do you think comfort is an obstacle when following Christ?

If we all had more grace in our lives, how might we treat each other better?

Additional Reading:

The Apostle Paul's Strategy

<https://readingacts.com/2015/04/01/pauls-missionary-strategy-in-acts-part-2/>

Back to the Future II Predictions

<https://tinyurl.com/y5blv5y6>

Police Chief Danny Baker and Ft. Smith

<https://christianchronicle.org/a-tense-stressful-time-for-police/>