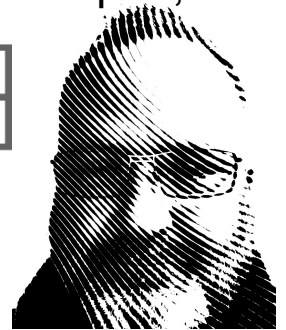




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Challenge Unacceptable

What it is:

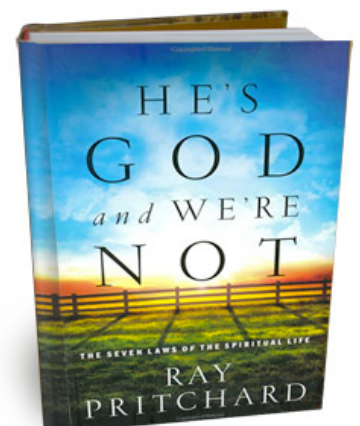
The [#newteacherchallenge](#) drew headlines this week as parents used the hashtag to prank their kids. The hashtag has 43 million views.

Why it's pretty sad, actually: Participants pretend to be on a video chat with their child's new teacher. They then call their child over to "meet their new teacher," using a photo of a random celebrity, cartoon villain, or visually unusual person, and film their child's reaction. Several parents who participated in this challenge thought it would be funny to see their child's reaction if the new "teacher" was a person with a physical abnormality or disability. Some of the photos used were of prominent disability advocates, who have since penned essays on how it feels to be derided and presented to children as some sort of scary monster. Instead of letting your children think that people with disabilities are something to fear, be a part of showing them how every human being has incredible value, and has been made in God's image.



We will meet on Zoom ONE MORE TIME! I will send the link out via flocknote in the *afternoon*. MS/HS will start at 7:00 still and will run till 8:00. As usual, HS is welcome to hang out afterwards for more discussion/hang out time.

High School Students are welcome to join Book Club as we go through Stephen Pritchard's book He's God, We're Not every Sunday Morning @ 9:15 We are meeting via Zoom for this as well for the time being. Conversation has been really great so far and will only get better. a digital copy on Amazon is only \$2 and hardcopies of the book are around \$5 or less. Zoom Code goes out Sunday morning.





A 4-WEEK SERIES
FROM **ROMANS**
ON **SPIRITUAL HABITS**

SERIES OVERVIEW:

If your faith were a muscle, how flexible would it be? Could it stretch to your knees? Your shins? Your toes? Or are you not sure you even have any faith to stretch in the first place? Just like your body, if you want a faith that is strong, growing, and capable of carrying you through difficult challenges, you're going to need to stretch it. It might be fun. It might be challenging. But it will definitely be worthwhile. In this series, we'll discover four ways we can stretch our faith from Paul, the author of the book of Romans and a man whose life was completely transformed by Jesus. Thanks to Paul's words, we know we can stretch our faith by making a commitment, by starting something new, and by letting something go. We can even stretch our faith when we feel like we've failed.

καταλαμβάνω

katalambanō / grasp; lay hold of

CAT ON A BANJO SHIRTS ARE IN!
if you purchased a Katalambano shirt, I have them! If you didn't but would like too, I ordered extras. They are limited supply so get in on the fun ASAP!



Katalambano means:

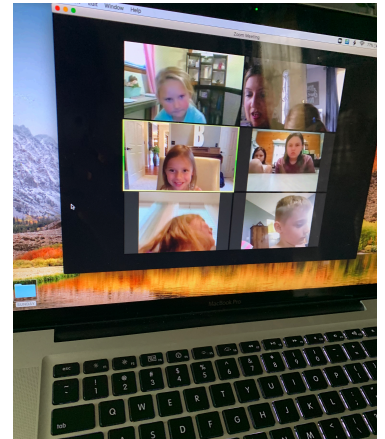
to lay hold of so as to make one's own, to obtain, attain to, to make one's own, to take into one's self



ATTENTION PARENTS

We will be ZOOMING Sunday School again this Sunday from 10:30-11:15am. RSVP for the link on FB or contact MJ directly: mj@gracecommunitychurch.net

Email me to get the zoom link:



Here are three reasons we hope you will watch FlashForward with your child this weekend!

1. God wants your child to know that they can have hope in ANY situation.
2. We want to help your child be a PRO at trusting that God will come through for them no matter what.
3. Amazing animated Bible stories will pull your child in!



Since we aren't meeting at church, I'd like to come to you. If your kids are playing a sport or participating in an activity that's close by, let me know the date, time and location and I'll surprise them.

Church Update.

We brought Covid home from Church Camp. We therefore shut down in-person services to make sure we stopped the spread. Because you guys followed the plan and protocols it was very well contained. Great job church! We plan to resume in-person Sunday morning worship on Sunday, September 13th.

We are still trying to decide what to do about Wednesday nights.

MJ delivered goody bags of encouragement to area schools; to every single teacher, para, and school administrator from our church.

Brent young had to have his lower left leg amputated. Bud Debusk had knee replacement surgery. Joe Batson had surgery today to remove cancerous tumors in his colon

The Thrift Shop is doing good things and is doing well. The meal ministry has done amazing work in getting meals to families w/ Covid, surgeries, etc. "Caremongers" has been active during Covid. We built a deck for a single mom and made some repairs on her doors. We installed a wheelchair ramp for Brenton Young.

It has been a challenging season, but you all have handled it well. Hang in there. We are looking forward to being back to worship our Good God together.

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9

Love you all, Pastor Wes Davis



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