

# GREATER FAITH

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## FAITH CONNECTIONS

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# JOB

There is a quip that has become rather popular. It can be used to imply a comedic response to a job screwed up. Or it can be a steely indictment for a more serious bungle or consequence. The quip goes something like this, “You had one job!” The response to this “slap in the face” varies from a blank stare, a chuckle, to downright embarrassment. As we journey into our study on the third book of wisdom literature, Job, one fact is true. Job had one job. And believe it or not, Job did his job well. It may not appear so on the surface. Yet that is why we study, re-frame the Scriptures, and seek understanding. And wisdom. Let’s discover the truth about Job’s job. Watch for the context clues.

We know the story. And if a refresher is needed, open your favorite Bible or Bible app. Also, we can glean good insights on Job at [bibleproject.com](http://bibleproject.com). Fundamentally, the book of Job is an invitation to trust God’s wisdom. Context clue #1. The word “invitation” eludes to a choice. We can trust God’s wisdom or not. The choice is ours and has everything to do with our God-designed free will. Questions abound in the book of Job and focus on God’s justice and Job’s suffering.

Here is the backstory. God was challenged by the satan to loosen His hold on Job who “was a man of perfect integrity, who feared God and turned away from evil” (Job 1:1, 8). This is context clue #2. God accepted the challenge with the stipulation that Job’s life be spared. Can’t you just see God grinning and thinking, “This is gonna be good. I just love teachable moments”. The satan wasted no time and destroyed all of Job’s children, possessions, and health. Before we move on, read context clue #3 in Job 1:22 which says, “Throughout all this Job did not sin or blame God for anything.”

Job lamented his undeserved suffering and deemed it an injustice from God. A great debate ensued, and questions started flying. Such as, “Is God just”? “Does God run the universe on a strict principle of justice”? And “How is Job’s suffering to be explained?” Interestingly, God had no intention of answering anyone’s questions! Instead, God allowed Job’s wife, three friends, and a .... to share their opinions. And speeches. Long speeches. Through all his ordeal, Job did not sin

Finally, God redirected this debate by asking his own question. Read Job 38:4-11.

Remember those three context clues? As outsiders peering in, we assume that God will answer all of Job’s questions. But He does not. Instead, God **asks** a question.

JOB DID NOT SIN...

In service to the Way Maker

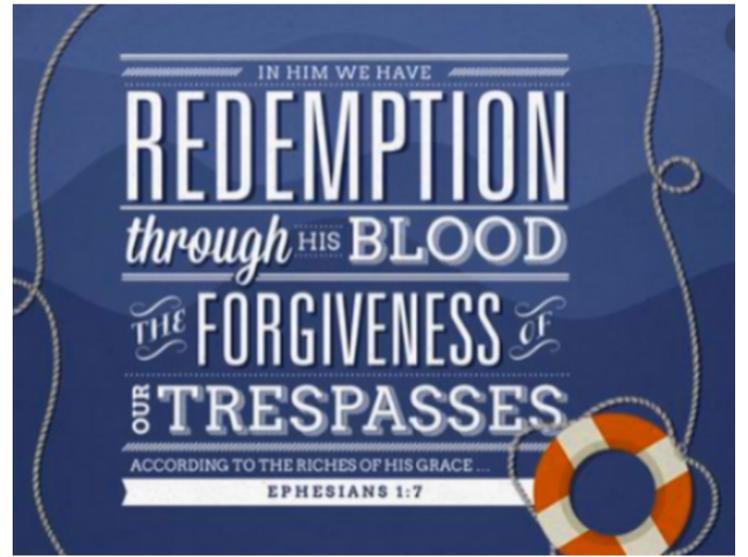
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### Mission Statement

Our mission is to by faith, associate ourselves together, as a body of baptized believers wholly committed to Christian ministry, through the spread of the Gospel to our fellow man, the formal study of God's holy word and to promote an atmosphere of worship in spirit and in truth.

# FROM THE PULPIT

# JOB HAD ONE JOB



**07/05/20**

**In Spite of Myself**

Job 1:9-11, 20-22, 2:10

**07/12/20**

**I've Been Through the Storm**

Job 36:15-23; John 9:1-41

**07/19/20**

**Waiting is a Hard Thing to Do**

Job 6:11, 27:2-6; James 5:10-11

**07/26/20**

**When I See Jesus...Amen**

Job 9:33, 19:25, 33:23; 1 Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 1:7



## Devotional Corner

**Read:** Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Corinthians 16:13; 1 Kings 2:3; 1 Peter 5:8; Psalm 130:5-6; Romans 12:2; Romans 16:17

**Ponder:** Be Watchful

**Apply:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Read:** Ephesians 6:16; Hebrews 10:23; James 1:12; Psalm 16:8; Psalm 18:2; Psalm 34:19; Psalm 119:11; Romans 5:3-4

**Ponder:** I Shall Not Be Moved

**Apply:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

There was a man in the country of Uz named Job. He was a man of perfect integrity, who feared God and turned away from evil. Job 1:1

Throughout all this Job did not sin or blame God for anything. Job 1:22

## PRAYER ON GODLY WISDOM

Father, You said in Your Word if anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of You, who gives to all men generously and without criticizing; and it shall be given him. Therefore, we ask in faith, nothing wavering, to be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding in Jesus' Name. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible B.A.S.I.C.S. sessions are held each Sunday in June from 9–10 A.M. via the Zoom phone conference platform. If you would like an invitation to join these fellowship sessions, please give your email address to Vidal or Michelle Sipe.

Bible Study is held each Wednesday from 7-8 P.M. via a Conference Call Bridge. The Phone Number is 1-(605)-475-6006 and the Code is 7428680. An outline for Bible Study is available at [www.gfmbc.org](http://www.gfmbc.org).

Book Study will meet via the Zoom phone conference platform on Monday, 07/13/20, at 6 P.M. If you would like an invitation to join our discussion, please give your email address to Michelle Sipe. We are reading “I Am Number 8” by John W. Gray. Assigned chapter: #6.

Greater Faith will hold Saturday Morning Worship Services (weather permitting) in the parking lot on the last Saturdays of July & August from 10 A.M. – 11 A.M. Sit in your car or bring a lawn chair. All N.C. Covid-19 Health & Safety Guidelines will be enforced. These sessions will be in addition to the online Sunday Morning Worship sessions.

Corners of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between local churches and Safe Harbor’s ReSource Warehouse. Corners of Your Field encourages attendees Greater Faith to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items for donation to the ReSource Warehouse. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to Greater Faith to help those directly in your care, providing them the opportunity to shop with dignity. This is a great way to serve our community. Simply drop off your gently used items inside and let them know you are with Greater Faith. Please feel free to reach out to Cassia if you would like more details.

Just a reminder to all Ministry Leaders and Members. Please keep us apprised of any good news, events, and happenings within our church family. We are all blessed and encouraged by the testimonies of others.

## Prayer

### REQUESTS

Villary LaRue-Campbell	Kara Presnell
Elizabeth Dobbins	Propst Family
Elmore Eckard	Carol Rice
McKenzie Elkins	Eloise Rose
Jannette Ellis	David Smith
James Gaither	Alice Wilson
Tasha Geter	The Peterson Family
Isaac Geouge	The Sudderth Family
Christina Haines	Youth and Young Adults
Linda Lackey	Covid-19 Pandemic
Tanya Lackey	Our Leaders & Nation
Allen Lawrence	
Betty Logan	

## HAPPY Birthday

July 6th – Trinity McMillian  
July 12th – Joyce Wade  
July 22nd – Rita Mitchell  
July 23rd – Tiffany Catchings  
July 24th – Tamara Hill  
July 27th – Carol Propst  
July 29th – Michella Dowdy

## Happy Anniversary

July 1st – M/M Robert Abernathy  
July 1st – M/M Richard Dowdy  
July 24th – M/M Grover Linebarger

# Welcome to Greater Faith!

## Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I take this opportunity to address our members, friends, and visitors through the media of our communication ministry at Greater Faith Missionary Baptist. As an extension of our active ministries, it is my prayer that this newsletter will provide you with the vital information about who we are as a Christian Church, as well as keep you abreast of opportunities for fellowship, worship, and family activities we offer in the Greater Hickory Community.

The founding principals of this church are Faith, Family, and Fellowship. As his disciples, we here at Greater Faith endeavor to meet each of life's challenges presented to us in a practical way, and respond accordingly to Christ's call to serve.

You will find our mission to be clear and concise, our worship "Spirit filled with relevant, charismatic preaching and teaching for our times; complimented by our Inspirational music ministry that incorporates a blend of traditional and contemporary music styles such as hymns, spirituals, gospel and praise-worship.

Our church based community programs and activities are geared towards the modern family, youth, and our senior citizens.

It is our desire to study and share our Doctrine, live out the true spirit of our Covenant, and present Jesus to the world in an inviting manner that will win other souls to his service.

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

#### 9 a.m. - Bible B.A.S.I.C.S

Christian Life Skills Zoom Call - Please email [gfmcbchky@gmail.com](mailto:gfmcbchky@gmail.com) for the call information

#### 10 a.m. - Premiere Video Worship Video

Via Facebook at GFMBCHy or [www.gfmcb.org](http://www.gfmcb.org)

### Wednesday

#### 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

Dial-In 1-(605)-475-6006 please use code is 7428680  
Outline available [www.gfmcb.org](http://www.gfmcb.org)

### Traditional

07/05/20 Samson's Final Victory	Judges 16:21-31
07/12/20 Samuel's Leadership Brings Victory	1 Samuel 7:1-12
07/19/20 Israel Demands a King	1 Samuel 8:1-11, 18-20
07/26/20 Saul Anointed King	1 Samuel 9:25 - 10:1, 6-16

### Christian Life Skills

07/05/20 Be Blameless	Job 1:1
07/12/20 Enduring the Storms of Life	Job 23:10
07/19/20 Questioning God	Job 38:2-3, 42:3
07/26/20 Truly Seeing with Your Eyes	Job 42:1-6

## Order of Worship

DEVOTION  
INVOCATION\*  
MISSION STATEMENT  
HYMN OF PRAISE\*  
RESPONSIVE READING  
PRAYER & RESPONSE  
CHOIR SELECTION  
ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS  
TITHES & OFFERING  
MORNING MESSAGE  
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP +  
BENEDICTION  
+First Sunday Communion

### Scriptures for your personal study time: Vanity: Overcome Like Job

Scriptures for your personal study time:  
"Overcome Like JOB"

Matthew. 6:33-34  
Philippians 4:6-7  
Psalms 139:17-18  
Proverbs 3:5  
Romans 8:28  
Romans 8:31-39  
Jeremiah 29:11

## Follow & Interact



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