

THE GRACE OF GOD

Today we are under the covenant of God's Grace. Through the new covenant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are not under the Law of Moses. There is still a lot of controversy with the law and living by grace. Repentance is like a requirement to receive Jesus as your Lord and personal Savior. But, I personally believe that the Bible doesn't teach "once saved, always saved". There are a couple of scriptures that back up what I'm saying. (John chapter 15) Is one of them. Grace DOESN'T give us a license to live in SIN. Apostle Paul talked about his own struggles with sin, Romans chapter 7. But, he still strived to live for Christ. YES, we are not perfect people but, that still doesn't give us permission to just live anyway we want to live. IF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT CONVICTING YOU about how you spend your time, about who you surround yourself with, about how you are living your life for God. Then, it's time to get yourself together. Without Holiness NO MAN shall see the Lord. AMEN.

~ Rodney Wise

Roses are Red
Violets are blue
Do you know why God
Loves you
Because he made one of you
We are all God's children
And angels are watching over us
God sees it all

~Derrick Lola

Cosmic Stan is a poetic ace,
And hip hop doesn't start,
Until I enter the place,
Comic stan poetry,
Is outta space
With a dope style
And with a dope grace,
That any poet known,
Stone to the bone.
In 2024 he still won the throne,
Though now he's grown,
He still has Hip Hop sewn.
Cosmic Stan poetry,
Is off the meter,
And his zodiac sign is a libra,
He's fast like a cheetah,
He makes doubters,
Into believers.
Oh, y'all didn't know?
Ah, that's a real shame.
Poetically more I'll explain,
Any wild poet I'll tame,
And cosmic stan is my name,
Cosmic stan, the best poet type,
And I'm cool as ice and make every mic
sound nice.

~Cosmic Stan Aka Stanley Johnson

Tell her you love her
For if you don't
someone else will
Because you wont
Tell her you love her
And don't you lie
For if you do
Then she will cry
Tell her you love her
And mean it
Let it hit her hard
Like she never seen it
Tell her you love her never ever say never
And the love you have
Will last forever

~Gregory Spears

Hope awakens within my soul a light that shines so bright though trials come and storms may roll my faith is my guiding light with every step I take in faith may hope grows all the more for I know that god grace...

there is always an open door through thick and thin, we stand, encouraging each other to take a stand for righteousness and truth we fight... with our souls knit tight, our friendship is a testament, to the love of Christ, so permanent, through eternity we remain, soulmates in Christ never to be the same...learn to be polite while under the light, don't think to be always right...shine most in the night live out your best lord, you are my light in you I will delight...because of your love I will fly like a kite..the sun shines like a glass of wine...

~Ted Day



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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a \$10 gift card.

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FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

WHAT: Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic

WHERE: 144 W. 32nd Street

WHEN: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm
Scheduled appointments only on Friday from 9am - 4pm

WHO: All are welcome!

NEW: Art and Guitar classes, Work space available Tuesday 9am -11am

Good Morning! This week we have writing from Jane Farmer, writing from Cora Shaw, original song lyrics from Jack Terry, writing from Rodney Wise, writing from Kevin F., writing from Ted Day, poetry from Gregory Spears, poetry from Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson, poetry from Derrick Lola trivia provided by Rodney R., an interview with CMNG and artwork from Jim C., and Joseph R.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Answers to last week's trivia and the answer to James D's murder mystery.

Murder Mystery answer: Someone Planning to take poison would not mix up a whole pitcher of it, he would probably just put some in a glass, also the poison is on the window sill, far from the bed.

Who holds the record for most stolen bases in MLB history?
Answer: Rickey Henderson

What decade was the three-point line added for NBA games?
1970's (1979)

What is the maximum number of points you can score in a game of bowling? Answer: 300 points

Be the first to solve the murder mystery or to answer all three trivia questions and win a gift card.

Who was the first WNBA scoring champion? They called her the female Mike Jordan.

What team won the WNBA championship in 2023?

What player broke Babe Ruth's single season home run record?

~ Trivia provided by Rodney R.

Strength

What is one of the staples that our higher power provides to us on a daily basis day by day minute by minute? Could it be faith, could it be substance, could it be health? Those are correct answers our higher power has an infinite number of staples that he provides but without inner strength one will not prevail in overcoming life's challenges good or bad! Sure there are times when life challenges ones self and one feels he has no inner strength strive through issues God always provides inner strength! No one is forgotten inner strength is always present within!

~ Kevin F.

INTERVIEW WITH CMING

Where did you grow up?

Was born in Sisley but raised in Bergen county New Jersey.

Favorite place to be?

Would have to be the beach, I love the ocean.

What is your dream job?

Working with the coroner prosecutor's office.

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

I wanted to be a gymnast, and ice dancer like a figure skater.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

Find cures for cancer for children

What would you do if you won the lottery?

Build more businesses for New York, help poor immigrants from other countries, would want to build a Navy Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor program for New York.

Biggest lesson you learned in life?

Always be true to yourself and don't let anyone ever change you.

What would you change about yourself?

To have more patience with people.

Advice for reading this?

To learn about me and what I'm all about.



Dear God

I seek refuge in you
From the evils that I like to see
from friends, people and family
Make my test easy
Make my burdens light as feather
Make me one who smiles
in rainy weather
Remind me before I slip and fall
Forgive me when I slip
Keep my sins between you and I
And save me from disgrace in this life
And the next
Make me one who turns to you
Just not if I need
And save me from the fire
And those who trust in you
And believe
The closer I get to love
The more I come to hate
What you hate

This is part two of a song I wrote in 1993.
~Jack Terry

Starting Today

We all have hopes and dreams that we wish to accomplish. Many of us have set timelines for what we hope to achieve and when. I, myself, often realize I've been incessantly planning and preparing for what is to come, or rather, what I would like to see come in the near future. It's important to not allow yourself to get too caught up in the planning phase of your goal-setting, however. Rather than planning for the next week or any time in the future, why not start your journey today? Why not begin anew as soon as you are able to, rather than wasting valuable time preparing yourself for what you would like to accomplish? More often than not, waiting around in the planning and preparation stages of your journey is nothing more than an excuse to continue stalling and putting off tasks that you are more than capable of executing. The brain seeks comfort, rather than uncertainty and will trick us into believing that we are making progress by continuing to dream of our plans, rather than getting up and executing them. The most certain way of ensuring we are, indeed, advancing and becoming the version of ourselves that we desperately want to be, is by starting new missions immediately, rather than waiting for the future to come. No excuses can be made if you choose to start today, rather than tomorrow, so push yourself to get up and get done what God made you capable of doing!

~Jane Farmer, November 11, 2024

Shine if you can when darkness is within, No man can stand when hate isn't In harmony with your fellowman (Brothers and Sisters). No one can shame Jesus Love when tested, where thoughts are revealed, a mind and heart where secrets live, and his light reflects who one is. No man can shame the cross, where he suffered, died then resurrected Life.

Surrender in silence, when darkness is present, this moment of despair is passing. If it is chaotic, when life is reasoning It's purpose with civilization Hope is it,s meaningfulness, lasting and it must exist as he has spoken it. God's blessings (good fortune} in his seasons of welcoming and rewarding his beloved ones, his favor with success, is his greatly appreciated "FORTUNE AND FAME" CS Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your lives. In darkness light is his Spirit of illumination moving throughout the world, through minds causing darkness to expel and Hate demolished as lives are to replenish positive, healthy energies, structuring life with Walls of Protection, Respecting principles and standards of living. Between sisters and brothers it's winning. The Creator of this universe, aims of salvation (freedom), and empowerment, improvisation for lives throughout America is his Universal healing, and calling for national attention to nations for returning from darkness to his light through for fulfilling his promise.

~ Cora Shaw



Pen and ink drawing by Khari



Drawing by Jim C.