

# GRACE

BREVARD

*To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Hope of Jesus*



A close-up photograph of a wooden mortar and pestle. Several cinnamon sticks are placed inside the mortar, and others are stacked on the surface next to it. The lighting is warm and focused on the textures of the wood and the bark of the cinnamon.

# POWER.FULLY.WEAK

A Worship Series  
through  
2 Corinthians

2021

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January 10, 2021

2Cor 1:1-7

“Uncomfortable Comfort”

*1:4 who comforts us in all our affliction,  
so that we may be able to comfort  
those who are in any affliction...*



# CONNECT

Along with our standard groups, we are developing new ways to connect, including:

- *Virtual, in-person and hybrid meetings.*
- *Bible study, book study, prayer groups.*
- *Weekly or less-regularly.*





2021 is the year of prayer for Grace Brevard.

There are several ways you can join with us  
(like our prayer team and regular prayer times).

Also please tell us ways we can pray for you.

Email requests to [Prayer@GraceBrevardChurch.org](mailto:Prayer@GraceBrevardChurch.org)  
or to connect: Bre at [Info@GraceBrevardChurch.org](mailto:Info@GraceBrevardChurch.org)

# GIVING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP



Mail it in

P.O.Box 24,  
Brevard 28712



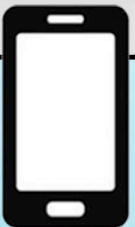
In Person

Offering Boxes  
at Worship



Online

BrevardChurch.org



Text

Text any # to 84321  
instructions will be sent

January 6, 2021

Budgeted YTD:  
\$121,270

Giving YTD:  
\$119,033

Difference:  
-\$2237

Our total budget is \$351,300:  
\$282,000 Operating Budget +  
\$69,300 previous financial commitments



# ***SERMON SLIDES***

## 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.






<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.



<sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. <sup>6</sup> If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. <sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.





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# Corinth



Wealthy  
Large  
Cosmopolitan

Paul's home for  
1½ years






Temple of Apollo  
(Wisdom)

Temple of Aphrodite  
(Love)

The church in Corinth was a large collection of house churches that would also gather regularly as a full group. They were diverse economically and racially, which led to financial and moral division.

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- A close-up, low-angle shot of a wooden mortar and pestle. Several cinnamon sticks are visible, some inside the mortar and others resting on the surface next to it. The lighting is warm and focused on the textures of the wood and the bark of the cinnamon sticks.
1. Our Need for Comfort
  2. Our Pursuit of Comfort
  3. God's Gift of Comfort
  4. Our Gift of Comfort

# Our Need for Comfort

"Comfort" 10x  
"Suffering" or "Trouble" 7x

COVID	Finances/Job
Unrest	Health
Relationships	Control



# Our Pursuit of Comfort



- (Apollon) Information
- (Aphrodite) Pleasure

“Flight”  
Medicate / Numb

“Fight”  
Polarize / Vilify



# Comfort vs. Comfortable

*<sup>6b</sup> and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same **sufferings** that we suffer.*

***Uncomfortable Comfort***



# God's Gift of Comfort

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God  
and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,



**Unifying God**

the Father of mercies



**Who God Is**

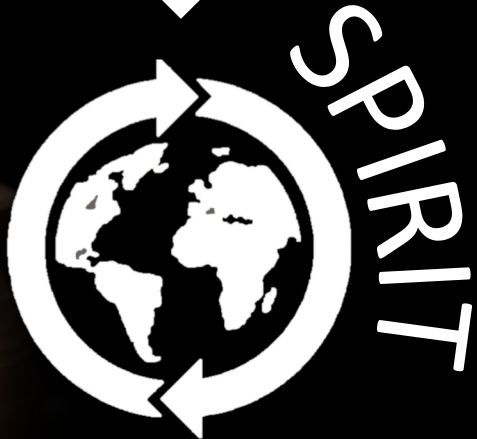
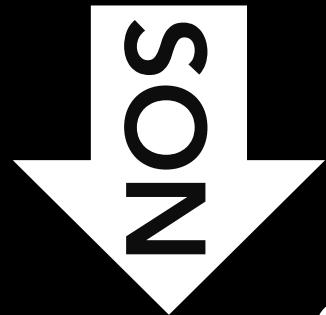
and God of all comfort,



**What God Does**



<sup>5</sup> For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.



"I have been crucified with Christ..." (Gal 2:20)

"we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Rom 5:1)

Comfort

"Para-Kaleo"

Comfort,  
Compassion,  
Consolation

Holy Spirit

"Para-Klete"

Comforter,  
Advocate,  
Consoler





## John 14:16-18

And I will ask the Father, and he will **give you** another **Helper**, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he **dwells with you and will be in you**. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”



## Above

Psalm 91:4  
He will cover  
you with his  
pinions, and  
under his  
wings you  
will find  
refuge...

## Beneath

Psalm 40:2  
He drew me  
up from the  
pit of  
destruction,  
out of the  
miry bog,  
and set my  
feet upon a  
rock...

## Around

Isaiah 52:12  
...for the  
LORD will  
go before  
you, and the  
God of Israel  
will be your  
rear guard.

## Within

John 14:16  
And I will ask  
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## Above

Psalm 91:4

He will cover you with his  
pinions, and under his  
wings you will find  
refuge...

## Around

Isaiah 52:12

...for the LORD will go  
before you, and the God  
of Israel will be your rear  
guard.

## Within

John 14:16

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another  
Helper ("para-kletos")...You know him, for he dwells with  
you and will beg in you.

# Our Gift of Comfort

4<sup>b</sup> so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

## Comforted to Comfort





Isaiah 40:1-2

***Comfort, comfort*** my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that her ***warfare is ended***,

that her ***iniquity is pardoned***,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.



# Prayerful Response

*(from "A Diary of Private Prayer" by John Baillie, 1936)*

May there fall on me now, O God,  
a great sense of your power and your glory,  
so that I may see all earthly things  
as they really are.



# Prayerful Response

*(from "A Diary of Private Prayer" by John Baillie, 1936)*

Give me now such a clear understanding  
of your perfect holiness  
that I may no longer be full of pride  
in my own achievements.



# Prayerful Response

*(from "A Diary of Private Prayer" by John Baillie, 1936)*

Give me now such a clear vision  
of your uncreated beauty  
that I may never be satisfied  
with anything less.

