



**Grow in faith, relationships and service with a dozen others**

**Beginning the week of September 9th**

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# **GRACE BREVARD UPDATE**

**We will have an update after church Sunday Sept 9th to share what's on our horizon, including facilities, timeframes and ministries.**

**AFTER THE MEETING WE WILL POST THE INFO ONLINE AT  
[WWW.GRACEBREVARDCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.GRACEBREVARDCHURCH.ORG)**



# EVERYDAY FAITH

A WORSHIP SERIES  
THROUGH THE  
BOOK OF JAMES

Starting  
Next Week





**Take some time to grab more coffee and greet one another**

## **Children**

Children are welcome to either stay in the service or you can check them into Childrens' Ministry in the back.

## **Connecting**

Visit the Info Area to fill out a ConnectCard or to learn about Community Groups

## **Giving Back**

We believe that giving is an act of worship in response to God's Love for us. If you are "checking us out", we just ask that you sit back and receive.

To give financially:

- 1) There are offering boxes in the back.
- 2) Online giving: computers in the back.
- 3) Text to give to 84321

To give of you time, visit the info area to discover ways you:

- 1) Can serve here at Grace.
- 2) Can serve Brevard.





# GRACE DNA

GOSPEL COMMUNITY



## Romans 12:4-5

For as in **one body** we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are **one body** in Christ, and individually members **one of another**.

## 1 Peter 4:8-10

Above all, keep loving **one another** earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to **one another** without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve **one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace



# Created for Community

Genesis 1:1  
In the beginning, God...

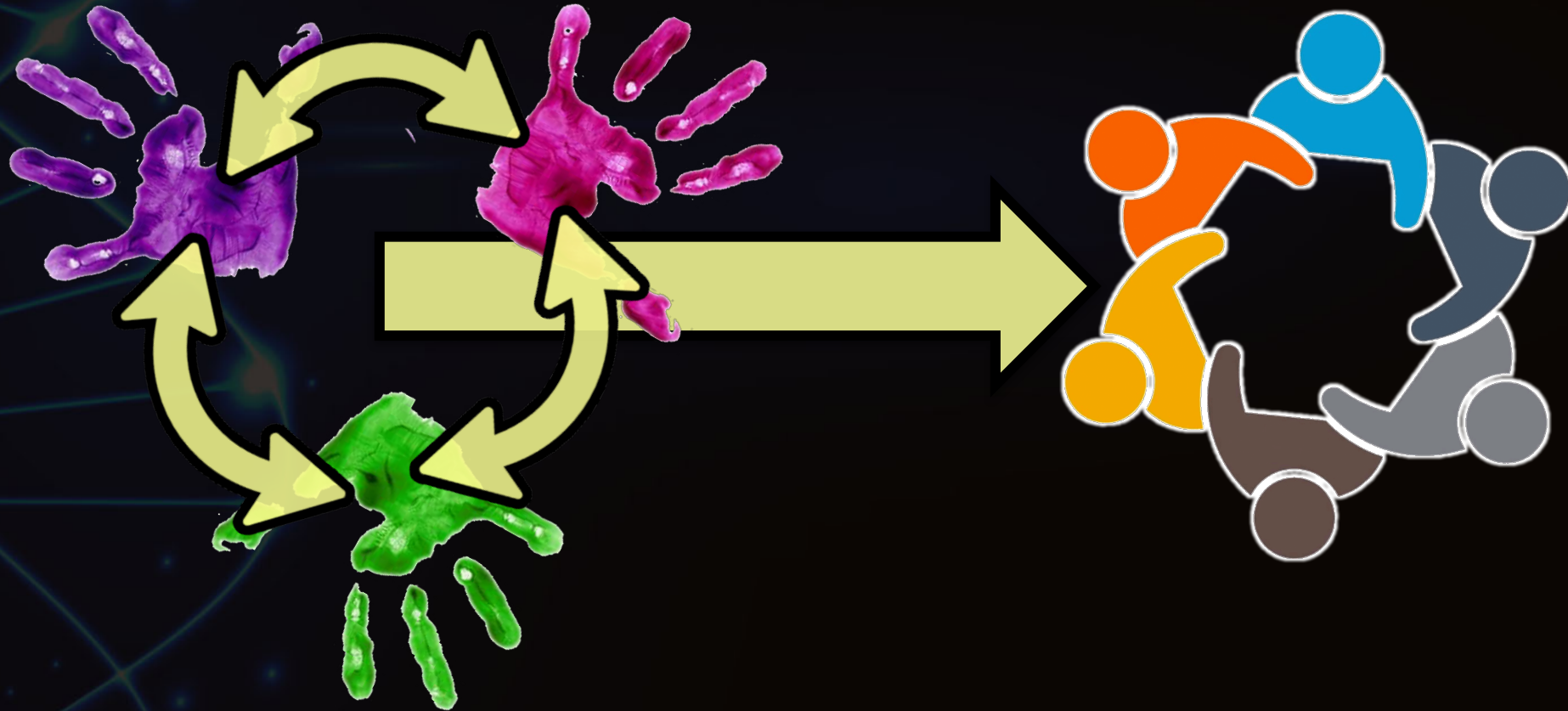


**“Perichoresis”**  
**The Divine Dance**

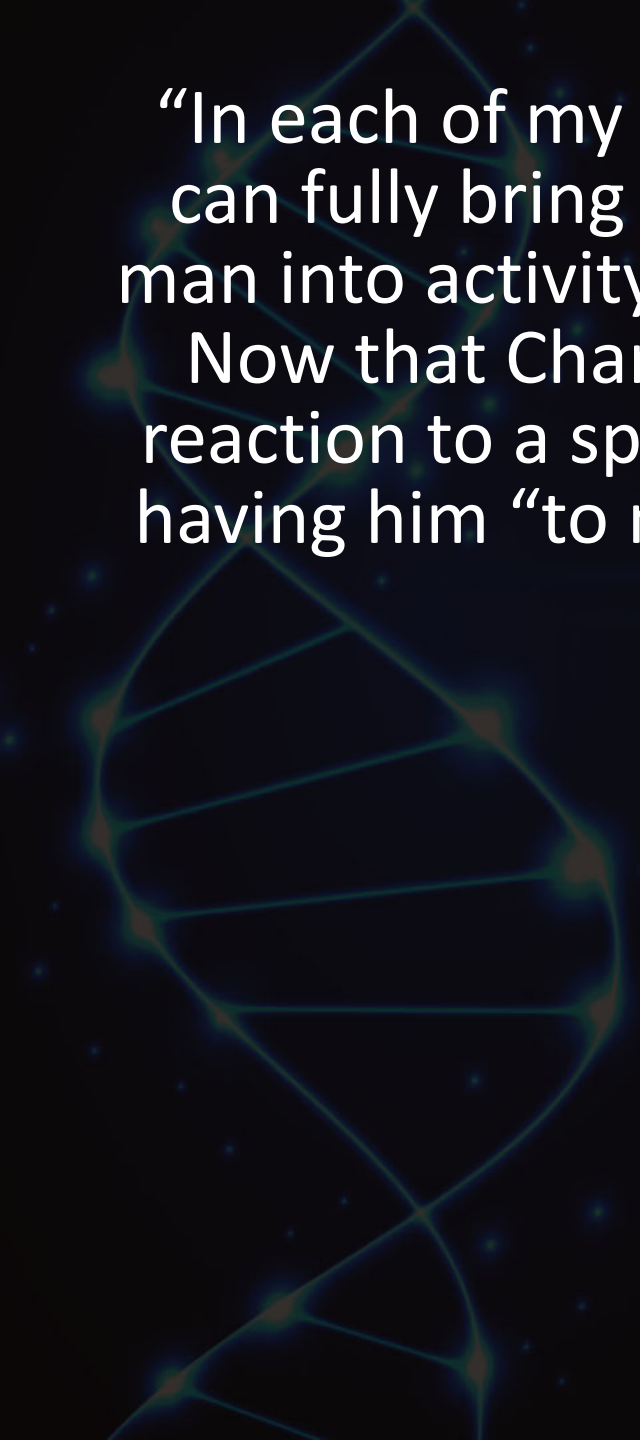


## Genesis 1:27 & 2:18

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>2:18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone..."







“In each of my friends there is something that only some other friend can fully bring out. By myself I am not large enough to call the whole man into activity; I want other lights than my own to show all his facets. Now that Charles is dead, I shall never again see Ronald’s [Tolkien’s] reaction to a specifically Charles joke. Far from having more of Ronald, having him “to myself” now that Charles is away, I have less of Ronald”

C.S. Lewis - Four Loves

# Hindrances to Community

1 Peter 4:8-10

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since **love covers a multitude of sins.**<sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another **without grumbling.**

**“multitude of sin” and “grumbling”**

**Community is hard:**

- **Risky**
- **Costly**
- **Other-Centered**





**MeCommunity**

**using others  
for myself**

**Virtual**

**Share only on  
your terms**

**Simply Shallow**

**Keep it safe,  
manageable**

**Simply Spiritual**

**Not engaging  
Real Life**

“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.”

- C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves





# Living in Community...Downward

Rom 12:5 so we,  
though many, are  
**one body in Christ,**

Philippians 2:3-7

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, **being born in the likeness of men.**

# Living in Community...Upward

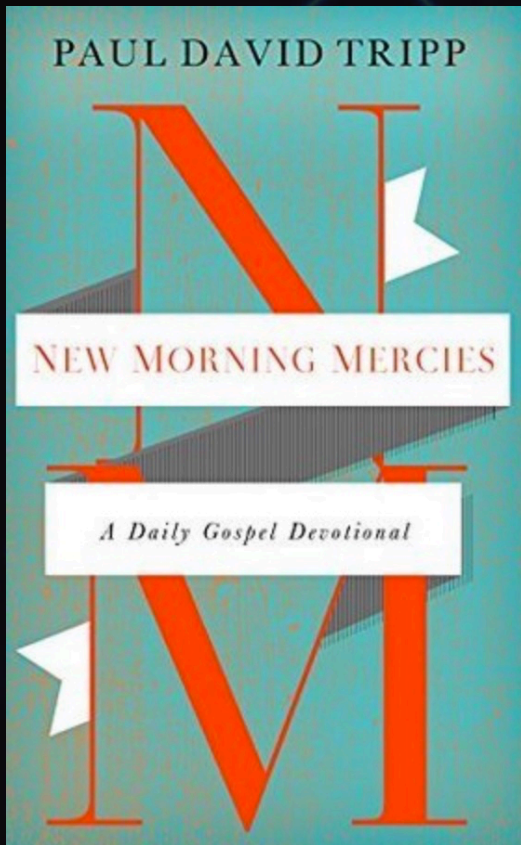
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are one body **in Christ...**

1 Peter 4:10 As each has received  
a gift, use it to serve one  
another, as good **stewards of  
God's varied grace**

**“in Christ” and “God’s varied grace”**

**We are invited into  
the Diving Dance**





“For the believer, relationships are not a lifestyle option. No, they are an essential piece of God’s calling...Biblical faith is fundamentally relational...First and foremost is the community with God that is the whole reason for our existence. Life is found in community with the Creator. Then there is God’s call not only to live in self-sacrificing love of our neighbor, but also to be a tool of God’s work in your neighbor’s heart and life...

*New Morning Mercies (Aug 18), Paul David Tripp*

# Living in Community...Inward

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**“one another...”**

- **Perpetual Love**
- **Hospitality**
- **Uniquely Serve**

**Hopeful and Uncomfortable**



# Living in Community...Outward

1 Peter 4:9

Show **hospitality**  
to one another.

Philippians 2:4

Let each of you look not only to his own  
interests, but also to the interests of others.

**Hospitality:**

**Philo (“brotherly love”) + Xeno (“stranger”)**

## ***Gospel Applied***

- 1) Believe that we are created out of relationship, for relationship.
- 2) Join the Dance...with God through Jesus; with each other.
- 3) Face Outward – What would it look like if we at Grace were outward facing rather than Ingrown?