Grace Community Church of Topsail

July 13, 2025: Live Unbroken in God's Hand of Providence - Psalm 57

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Family Camp Registration Now Open!
Register via the Events Tab in the app
Friday-Sunday, August 22-24, 2025

♫ **God Of Wonders**

♫ **Amazing Grace**

Revelation 7:9–12 ESV

> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and...

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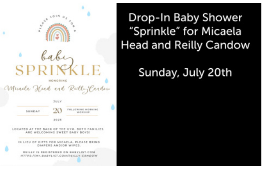
♫ **I Love You, Lord**



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HONORING

Micaela Head and Reilly Candow

JULY
SUNDAY 20 FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP
2025

LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE GYM. BOTH FAMILIES ARE WELCOMING SWEET BABY BOYS!

IN LIEU OF GIFTS FOR MICAELA, PLEASE BRING DIAPERS AND/OR WIPES.

REILLY IS REGISTERED ON BABYLIST.COM
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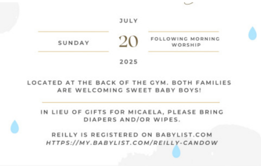
Drop-In Baby Shower "Sprinkle" for Micaela Head and Reilly Candow

Sunday, July 20th



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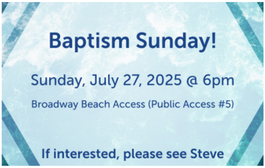
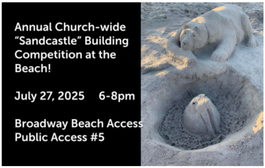


Baptism Sunday!

Sunday, July 27, 2025 @ 6pm

Broadway Beach Access (Public Access #5)

If interested, please see Steve



Annual Church-wide “Sandcastle” Building Competition at the Beach!

July 27, 2025 6-8pm

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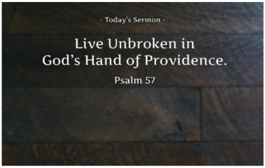

- Today’s Sermon -

Live Unbroken in God’s Hand of Providence.

Psalm 57

Psalm 57 ESV

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM SAUL, IN THE CAVE.

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will...

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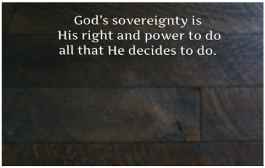
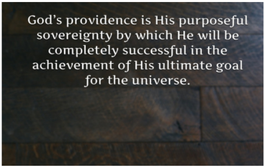
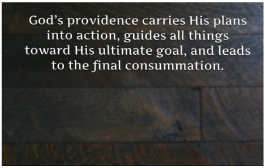
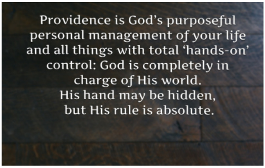


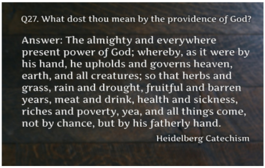
God’s sovereignty is
His right and power to do
all that He decides to do.



God’s providence is His purposeful sovereignty by which He will be completely successful in the achievement of His ultimate goal for the universe.

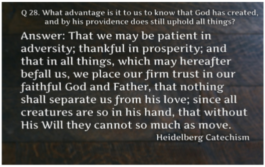

God's providence carries His plans into action, guides all things toward His ultimate goal, and leads to the final consummation.


Providence is God's purposeful personal management of your life and all things with total 'hands-on' control: God is completely in charge of His world.
His hand may be hidden, but His rule is absolute.


Q27. What dost thou mean by the providence of God?

Answer: The almighty and everywhere present power of God; whereby, as it were by his hand, he upholds and governs heaven, earth, and all creatures; so that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, meat and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, and all things come, not by chance, but by his fatherly hand.

Heidelberg Catechism


Q 28. What advantage is it to us to know that God has created, and by his providence does still uphold all things?

Answer: That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and that in all things, which may hereafter befall us, we place our firm trust in our faithful God and Father, that nothing shall separate us from his love; since all creatures are so in his hand, that without His Will they cannot so much as move.

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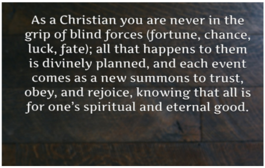
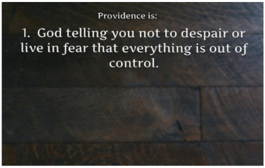

As a Christian you are never in the grip of blind forces (fortune, chance, luck, fate); all that happens to them is divinely planned, and each event comes as a new summons to trust, obey, and rejoice, knowing that all is for one's spiritual and eternal good.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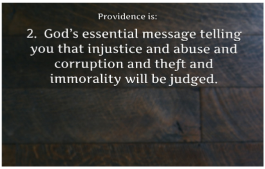
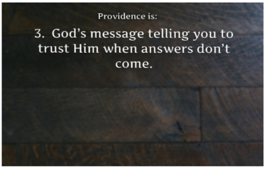
1. God telling you not to despair or live in fear that everything is out of control.



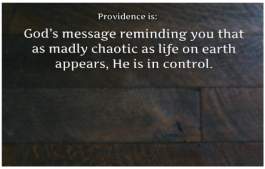
Providence is:

2. God's essential message telling you that injustice and abuse and corruption and theft and immorality will be judged.



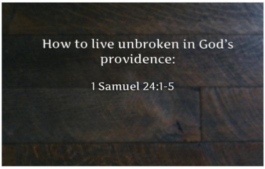
Providence is:

3. God's message telling you to trust Him when answers don't come.



Providence is:

God's message reminding you that as madly chaotic as life on earth appears, He is in control.



How to live unbroken in God's providence:

1 Samuel 24:1-5

1 Samuel 24:1–3 ESV

> When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks. And he...

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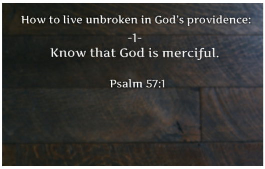

How to live unbroken in God's providence:
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Know that God is merciful.

Psalm 57:1

Psalm 57:1 ESV

> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
> for in you my soul takes refuge;
> in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
> till the storms of destruction pass by.

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Exodus 34:6 ESV

The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

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Psalm 86:15 ESV

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
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God’s mercy is his undeserved kindness and compassion. It is free and spontaneous. To set up merit is to destroy mercy.

How to live unbroken in God’s providence:
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Rest in the refuge of God’s wings.

Psalm 57:1

Psalm 57:1 ESV

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    for in you my soul takes refuge;
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The wings symbolize God’s protective presence, divine shelter, intimate care, omnipotent refuge, covenant promise and comfort for His people.

Psalm 17:8 ESV

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
    hide me in the shadow of your wings,

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Psalm 91:4 ESV

He will cover you with his pinions,
    and under his wings you will find refuge;
    his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

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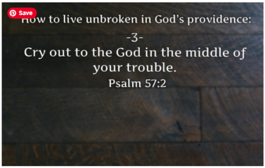

How to live unbroken in God's providence:
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Cry out to the God in the middle of your trouble.
Psalm 57:2

Psalm 57:2 ESV

I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

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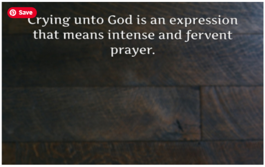

Crying unto God is an expression that means intense and fervent prayer.

Psalm 18:6 ESV

In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

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Hebrews 5:7 ESV

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

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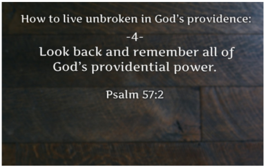

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Look back and remember all of God's providential power.

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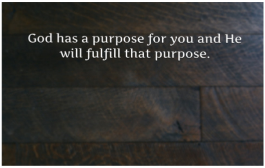

God has a purpose for you and He will fulfill that purpose.

Psalm 138:8 ESV

“The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.”

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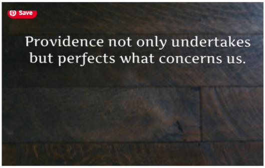
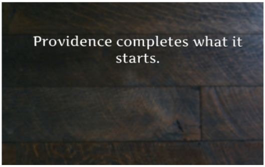
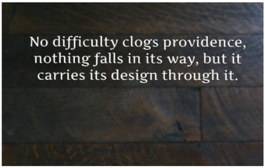


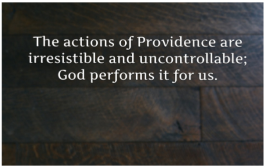
Providence not only undertakes but perfects what concerns us.



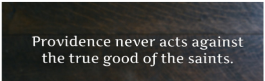
Providence completes what it starts.



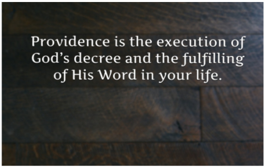
No difficulty clogs providence, nothing falls in its way, but it carries its design through it.



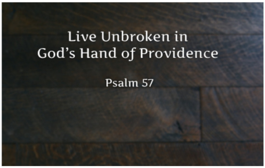
The actions of Providence are irresistible and uncontrollable; God performs it for us.



Providence never acts against the true good of the saints.



Providence is the execution of God's decree and the fulfilling of His Word in your life.



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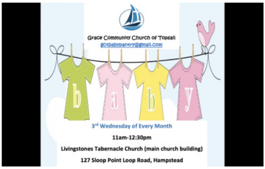

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3rd Wednesday of Every Month

11am-12:30pm

Livingstones Tabernacle Church (main church building)

127 Sloop Point Loop Road, Hampstead

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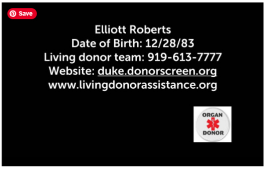

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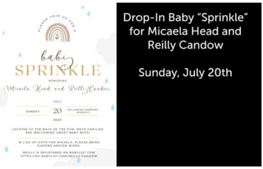

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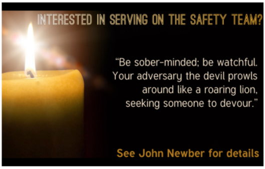

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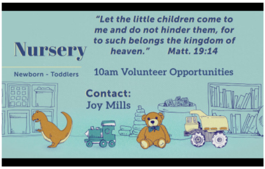
"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."

See John Newber for details



Nursery

Newborn - Toddlers

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." *Matt. 19:14*

10am Volunteer Opportunities

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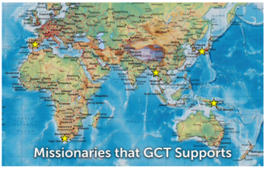

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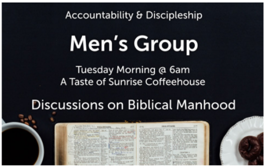
Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



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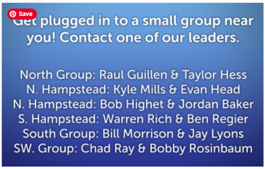
Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood



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