



# BOOK OF JAMES

## 1:1-18

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## Upcoming Events!

**July 12: Summer Co-Ed Life Group** has begun Wednesday's starting at 7pm. Contact Amy Kestner to sign-up or if you have questions. (616)329-5048

**Kids' Clothing Closet** - Open by Appointment ONLY at this time. We would love to take any and all donations of kids' clothing and shoes that are still in good condition. Socks & underwear are to be new, in package. Donations can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings and placed in the donation box in the Family Entrance lobby. Please contact Marla Panches at 231-286-8030 or Krista Panozzo at 231-903-7065 with any additional questions.

**July 29: Women's Ministry Event** will meet at 9am at Aldea in downtown Muskegon for a time of fellowship together. We will head over to the Muskegon Farmers Market to check out the local goodies! Contact Sarah Klassen with questions.

**August 17: NCRC Mini-Golf Scramble** at 6:30pm. All ages welcome! \$15/player includes a mallet, ball, & a goody bag! Teams of 3-6 players. Contact Sarah at [nazcrc@gmail.com](mailto:nazcrc@gmail.com) or 231-769-2323 to sign up!

**Sept. 9: Double Bubble Fun Run** 5k and 1/2 Mile Kids Race at Central Park in Spring Lake to benefit the NCRC! Details at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/SpringLake/DoubleBubbleFunRun> or ask Sarah Klassen!

**Sept 23: Annual Richard "Dick" Fry Golf Memorial** at Chase Hammond Golf Course. \$60/person or \$240/team. Proceeds benefit the NCRC! Sign up via Aaron Gregory (after Sabbathical) or Sarah Klassen by Sept. 14th.

**What does a bee take to get to summer school?** A school buzz.

**What did the bread do for summer vacation?** It loafed around.

**What is hairy, brown and wears sunglasses?** A coconut on vacation.

**What did the pig say on a hot summer day?** I'm bacon!

**What is a snowman in July called?** A puddle.

**What does a bee do on a hot summer day?** He takes his yellow jacket off.

## Things You Should Know!

**Connect Cards** can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

**Prayer Requests** can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

**Text to Give** is available. Please text GIVE to 231-386-0644 and then follow the instructions given! You can also give online by visiting [connectionpointmi.com](http://connectionpointmi.com) and click the DONATE tab for a secure transaction. Thanks for supporting our ministries here at Connection Point.

**The Bridge the Gap Fund** sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/offerings there is a giving kiosk at the FOR store. Please email the church office for more information.

**New Church Directory App** is available now! If you need help accessing it please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

## Further Reflection for 7/9

1. Read James 1:1-8
2. What progression of the Christian life does James describe in verses 3-4?
3. Read Matthew 5:11-12, Romans 5:3-5, Hebrews 2:10, Hebrews 12:11, 1 Peter 1:6-7, Ephesians 3:14-21, 2 Corinthians 12:8-10. What do all of these passages tell us about trials and suffering?
4. Write down a trial or testing you are currently facing.
  - a. What are some practical ways you can have joy in the midst of this trial?
  - b. Pray about this and ask God for wisdom.
  - c. Write down one area you think God wants you to grow from this trial.
  - d. Commit yourself to take some action to cooperate with God in achieving your maturity.
5. Is there someone you know that is facing a difficult trial? What can you do to encourage them and support them during this time?

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## Weekly Gatherings:

**Sunday Service:** 9AM & 10:30AM  
**Kids Service:** Sundays during both Services  
**Youth Group:** Sundays from 6-7:30PM