

2017 Theme Verses: "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in all things give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus ." 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Welcome to the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk

February 26, 2017

Services at Grace:

Sunday School: 9:30am

Class: 3 - 5 yrs. old (Kinder.)

Teacher: Caroll Ann Perkins

Class: 4th - 6th grade (5A)

Teacher: Robin Predmore

Class: Adults (6B)

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Class: New Members (Pastor's Study)

Teacher: Pastor Jeff

Class: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)

Teacher: Lisa Patton

Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)

Teacher: Tim Lansing

Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)

Teacher: Ron Muir

Class: Young Adults (9:15am)

Teachers: Sebastian B. & Tim R.

Praise & Worship Service: 10:45am

Children's Church for 3-5 years old & K-3rd grade meets after the opening and our Nursery is available now for infants through 2 years old.

Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you.

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Joey Ramirez; **Teacher:** Pastor Jeff Patton

Ushers: Eddie Morales-Lead, Rob Kimsey, Andrew Cabrera & Vet Gonzalez

Nursery: SS: Josie R. & Stephanie; **Worship:** Sandy & Roxy

Children's Church: 3-5: Amanda & Roxy, K-3rd: Ruben & Lilia

Events This Week at Grace:

Shepherds' Conference for Pastor at Master's Seminary (2/28-3/3/17)

**Good News Club: New River Tues., 2:30pm

FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN 6:30pm, ABS & ROCK Wed., 6:45pm

**Good News Club: DDJohnston Thurs., 2:45pm

Ladies' Psalms Study Fri., 10:00am

DRIVEN Winter Camp Fri.-Sun., 3/3-5

**Donations: clubs need 65 drinks & snacks each week (7 wks. left)

Events Next Month:

Elders' & Deacons' & Wives' Prayer	Sun., 3/5, 8:45am
Heights of Grace Ministry	Sat., 3/11 & 3/25, 10am
GRACE College Drama Team	Sun., 3/12, 10:45am
then cookies & punch after service at 12:15pm	
DRIVEN Student Leadership	Sun., 3/12, 12:30-3pm
Ladies' Discipleship	Mon., 3/13, 7:00pm
Women of Grace	Tues., 3/14, 6:30pm
Prayer Table	Sat., 3/18, 8am-noon
Trustee Commission Meeting	Sun., 3/19, 8:30am
Elders' Meeting	Tues., 3/21, 7:00pm

For The Record:

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 64 Worship Service: 99

Church Announcements:

We wish a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to:

Phyllis Fisher

February 26

Ron Morrow

February 28

Madison Kimsey

March 1

TEXT IN CHURH – Janine will be explaining what **Text In Church** is this morning. We are excited to incorporate this feature into our ministries, especially for new visitors and follow-up.

MISSIONARY NEWS FROM THE O'DELLS: Please pray for a new gathering in the Long Beach area that will create a new space for people to gather, celebrate, network, and mobilize to reach Japanese for Christ. Please pray for God to use this time to build fruitful collaboration and cooperation. If you are in the Long Beach area, you are invited to join us for the Feb. 26th Japan Night Gathering 6:30 pm .at the Los Altos Grace.

LADIES MINISTRIES - TRIADS of Truth & Trust:

Ladies, you still have time to sign up for Triads of Truth & Trust; these triads give ladies the opportunity to meet in groups of three twice a month (or more) for an entire year for the purpose of deepening godly relationships through praying, giving thanks, reading a devotional and getting to know one another on a deeper level (see below). ☺

(Please tear off and put in offering or on Lisa's desk
Or text TRIADS at 562-444-1211. Thank you.)

Ladies' Ministries: TRIADS of Truth & Trust

Yes, I'm interested in being in a triad for 2017 for praying, reading the Word, giving thanks and deepening godly relationships.

NAME: _____

Home or Cell phone # _____

____ call me or ____ text me with my triad of **2 ladies

**Which 2 ladies would you like to suggest? _____

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up ..." I Thess. 5:11

"Wind & Waves" (page 2)

Even in the Garden of Eden the man and the woman were commanded to gain knowledge by obeying God's Word, but Satan tempted them to learn "good and evil" by personal experience, and they failed the test. The distinction between learning from general experience in life or from the experience of following God's Word in the Bible is of the utmost importance today. One way leads to dullness, the other way leads to discernment. Everywhere today Christians are writing about their personal experiences and teaching others how to live out of supposed "promptings and leadings in the spirit." This unbiblical route leads to nothing but subjective chaos and confusion. It is nothing but an attempt to determine the will of God through feelings and circumstances. The ancient Romans consulted chicken livers to learn the will of their gods, and Gypsies consult tea leaves. Many Christians today follow their inner hunches and the alignment of their circumstances rather than the Divine revealed Word of God in the Bible. No wonder so many Christians lack discernment. Many Christians today are befuddled about how doctrine impacts daily life. They turn instead to feelings, refashioned mysticism, and contemplative meditations. To regain our "hearing," we need to obey the biblical teachings we have already learned. The Bible is the ultimate authority on the human experience: thoughts, feelings, actions, circumstances. It doesn't need to be integrated or supplemented. If we have ears, we need to learn to hear.



(If you've missed any of Pastor's notes on discernment, please see his blog on our church website: www.GraceLive.com.)

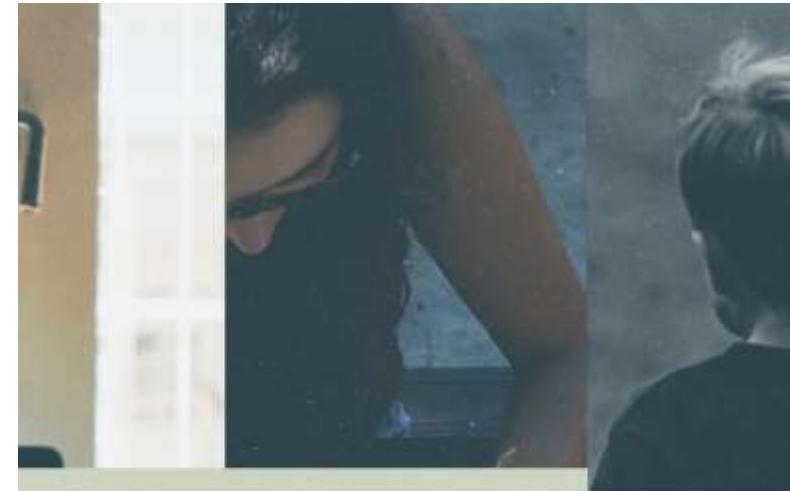
NOTE FROM PASTOR



"Wind & Waves" "Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults."

Psalm 19:12 - A Call to Discernment Part VI

The problem with many who were hearing the New Testament letter of Hebrews was that they were "dull of hearing" (5:14). What's frightening about these people is that they had been listening for years but never really hearing and so their discernment in biblical truth and spiritual matters was dangerously inept. The writer chastised them because they should've been spiritual teachers but they were still primary students! "Dull" here is "nothros," meaning "dull of apprehension" and "culpable incapacity," meaning it was their own fault they were dull of hearing. They had become spiritually unable to discern because they had not put the available truth they already had into daily life-practice. When we don't use it, we lose it! This is a biblical principle you can bank on. Obedience to God's Word is the key to wisdom; mere knowledge is not the key (Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 4:7; 9:10; James 1:5; 3:15-18). Do you want to be healed of "dull hearing?" Do you want to be wise and discerning? Then obey the commands of God which you already know. Scriptural obedience is a spiritual hearing aid! King Solomon asked God for a "hearing heart." What is a "hearing heart?" A "hearing heart" is a heart that listens to God's Word and obeys it (1 Kings 3:9). Only the person who *uses God's Word to determine God's will* has godly discernment. The Apostle John says this is true, "*Whoever knows God listens to us, but whoever isn't of God doesn't listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error*" (1 John 4:6).



DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14



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