

**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

March 5, 2017

### Services at Grace:

#### Sunday School: 9:30am

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

*Teacher:* Caroll Ann Perkins

*Class:* 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade (5A)

*Teacher:* Robin Predmore

*Class:* 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (KIDMO)

*Teacher:* Lisa Patton

*Class:* DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)

*Teacher:* AT WINTER CAMP

*Class:* Adults (6B)

*Teacher:* Dave Goodwyn

*Class:* New Members (Pastor's Study)

*Teacher:* Pastor Jeff

*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-3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Tom Bickenbach-Lead, Benny Ramirez, Ron Muir & Matt Hurtado

**Nursery:** SS: Jessica & Judy; **Worship:** Tracy & Victoria V.

**Children's Church:** 3yrs.-5yrs.:Clansy & Andrew , K-3rd: Dennis & Leticia

### Events This Week at Grace:

\*\*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

Heights of Grace Ministry

Sat., 10am-2pm

**\*\*Donations: clubs need 65 drinks & snacks each week (6 wks. left); please drop off donations in the church office. Thanks.**

### Additional Events This Month:

GRACE College Drama Team

Sun., 3/12, 10:45am

**Then, cookies & punch after the worship 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

**Missions Commission Meeting**

**Sun., 3/19, 12:15pm**

**(Please bring a snack to share for this important planning meeting.)**

Elders' Meeting

Tues., 3/21, 7:00pm

Heights of Grace Ministry

Sat., 3/25, 10am

### For The Record:

#### Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 74 Worship Service: 110

### Church Announcements:

#### "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" to:

Don & Susan Klements March 6

Ron & Joyce Morrow March 7

#### "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to:

Matthew Hurtado March 5

#### LADIES' MINISTRIES – TRIADS of Truth & Trust:

Ladies, today is your last day to sign up for these special discipleship groups (text TRIADS to 562-444-1211). For those who have signed up, we will meet next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, right after the service in Lisa's office to receive our devotionals and groups.

Then, you can begin your TRIAD!



Grace College from Winona Lake, IN is excited to announce that their drama team **Remnant** is coming to your church next Sunday! **Remnant** is a ministry team that has been traveling the country for close to 20 years using drama to spread the Gospel and encourage believers. Some of the pieces illustrate stories from the Bible, some use a modern setting to make a point, but all of the pieces are designed to be thought-provoking. **Remnant** has performed for churches, Christian schools, camps, youth groups, retreats, festivals and even on the street.

Please come next Sunday at 10:45am to see Grace College's **Remnant**; there will be cookies and punch afterward for a special time of fellowship together.

**CORRECTION FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Eileen Zamarripa's new phone number (home): (562)325-5975**

## *"Wind & Waves" (page 2) – AGAIN!*

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.



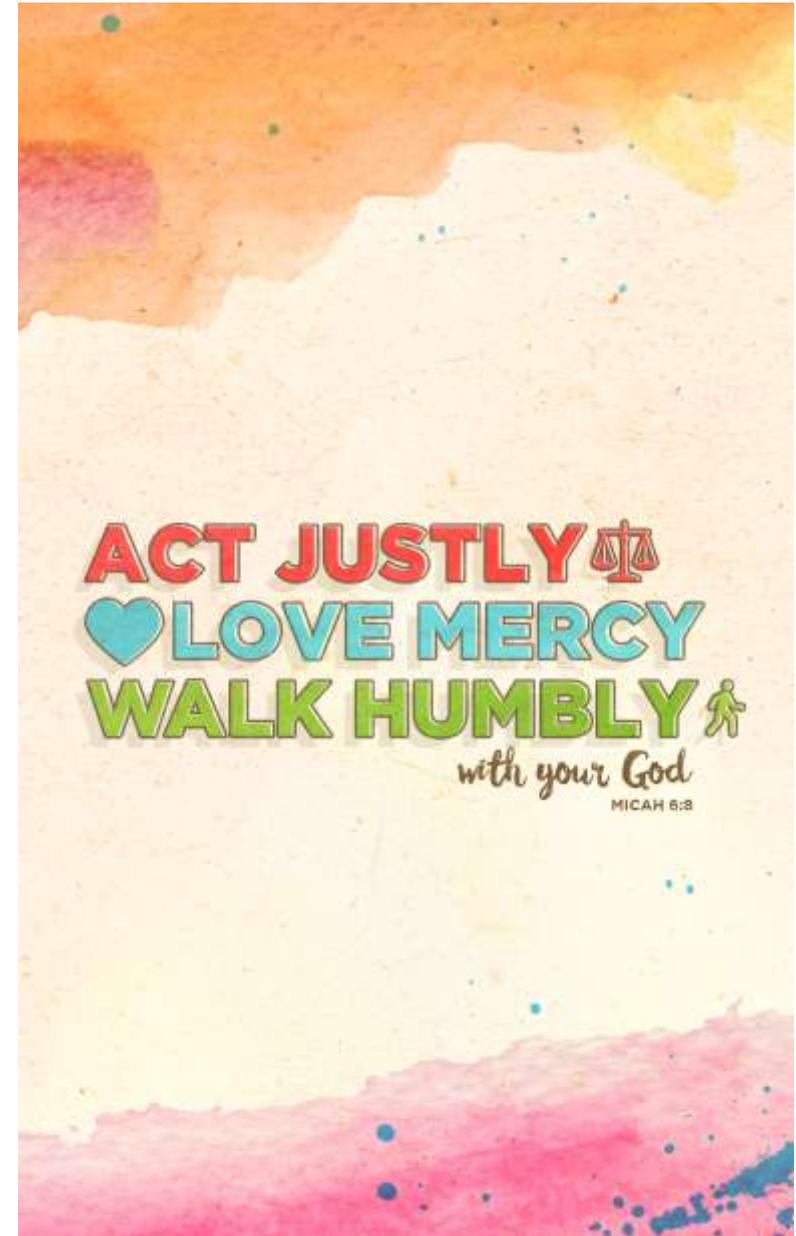
(If you have missed any of Pastor's notes on discernment, please see Pastor's Blog on our church website: [www.GraceLive.com](http://www.GraceLive.com). May this teaching be a true blessing to you as you pursue your walk with the Lord.)

## *NOTE FROM PASTOR*



***"Wind & Waves"** "Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults." Psalm 19:12  
A Call to Discernment Part VI - AGAIN!*

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).



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