

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

May 7, 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: Young Adults (9:15am)

Teachers: Sebastian B. & Timmy R.

Class: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)

Teacher: Lisa Patton

Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)

Teacher: Timothy Lansing

Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)

Teacher: Ron Muir

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.

If you need any assistance, please see one of the ushers back in the foyer.

Serving Today:

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

Youth Leaders: Tim & Janine Lansing, Ruben & Lilia Gonzalez

Ushers: Richard Hurtado-Lead, Vet Gonzalez, Kyle Predmore, Ron Muir

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

Children's Church: 3yrs.-5yrs.:Eddie & Patty, K-3rd: Maggie & Kyle

Events This Week at Grace:

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| FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN 6:30pm, ABS & ROCK | Wed., 6:45pm |
| Ladies' Psalms Study in Conf. room | Fri., 10:00am |
| MEN'S BREAKFAST: Denny's in Norwalk | Sat., 8:00am |
| Heights of Grace Ministry – the Park | Sat., 10am-2pm |

Events This Month:

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| Ladies' Discipleship | Mon., 7:00pm (15 th) |
| Elders' Meeting | Tues., 7:00pm (16 th) |
| Prayer Table | Sat., 8am-noon (20 th) |
| TEA FOR THREE – TRIADS (All ladies) ☞ | Sat., 3-4pm (20 th) |
| CE Commission Meeting | Sun., 8:30am (21 st) |
| Reception for Posadas in courtyard | Sun., 12:15pm (21 st) |
| Heights of Grace Ministry – the Bridge | Sat., 10am-2pm (27 th) |

For The Record:

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 57 Worship Service: 91

Church Announcements:

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO:

Gian Gonzalez

May 13

CEF END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION EVENT:
Thank you to everyone who came and helped with this great outreach event for our "corner" of Norwalk.



TRIADS OF TRUTH & TRUST:

Ladies, how is your small group going? Are you meeting twice a month? Have you found the TRIAD to be encouraging in your walk with the Lord? What spiritual things are you learning as a group and individually? Let's get together and share. **TEA FOR THREE will be on Saturday, May 20th from 3:00-4:00pm in room: 6B.** Also, **all ladies of the church are welcome** to come and join us for this special time together with tea and light refreshments. Mark your calendar! If you can't make this tea, no worries; there will be another TEA FOR THREE in September.

WORKING IN THE CHURCH OFFICE: If anyone is interested in working one or two weeks in the church office (Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9am-noon) answering phone calls and collecting the mail [&/or typing the church bulletin], during the 6 weeks (June 5-July 18) that Lisa will be gone, please let her know by calling or texting (562)292-9524. Thank you.

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Resting is a spiritual discipline that does not come easily to us restless creatures. I plan on having significant times of silence and solitude with God. Lisa and I are planning to enjoy some of America's national parks, the northern California coastline, the Oregon coast, and a few days visiting my family in the Seattle area. I look forward to catching up on Christian reading, doing some writing, hiking, biking, running, gardening, and cooking - all things I enjoy. I will be "disconnected" from social media and not available by phone, email, or text; except in an extreme emergency. Elders, Dave Goodwyn and Ron Muir, will be available if you need assistance at any time, and the church office will be open and staffed Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The Sunday pulpit will be manned by Dave Goodwyn, Rob Kimsey, Tim Lansing, Ron Muir, and Joey Ramirez; they will preach a sermon series called "Fundamentals of the Faith: Growing in the Faith and Knowledge of Jesus Christ." I believe with all my heart that I am exactly where God wants me to be, and being your Pastor is a privilege, blessing, and gift. I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate for the sake of the ministry of Christ.

(If you have missed any of the notes from Pastor, please see Pastor's Blog on our church website: www.GraceLive.com.)

NOTE FROM PASTOR: "Wind & Waves"



"And on the seventh day God rested from all His works. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God." **Genesis 2:2; Hebrews 4:9**

Pastoral Sabbatical: June 5-July 9, 2017

Rest is a biblical principle modeled after God Himself. Scripture tells us that after God worked for six days, He rested on the seventh day; not because He was tired, but because He wanted to set an example for us to follow. A day of rest means a day to cease from normal work. A Sabbath rest is not only a ceasing from work, but also engaging in worship. A fresh, energetic life revolves around a cycle of work and rest; both are equally important. A sabbatical break is not uncommon in many fields of work, including the Pastoral Ministry. After nine wonderful years at Norwalk Grace, I will be taking a Pastoral Sabbatical. A Pastoral Sabbatical is not a vacation; it is a time for focused rest, study, and prayer. It is a time for me, your Pastor, to "cease from my regular work" in order to refresh, renew, and recharge by stepping away from my every day duties to intentionally, spiritually reenergize. A Pastoral Sabbatical is a blessing to me and to you, because the ministry will benefit by having a rested and recharged Pastor; it is an investment for the long-term ministry at Norwalk Grace. I will spend more time than normally reading, studying, praying, and being alone with God. I will be thinking and evaluating the ministry at Norwalk Grace and recording my thoughts, ideas, and reflections as we prayerfully move into the future together. My focus will be on "being" not on "doing."

The Sabbath is a day of

REST

and

WORSHIP

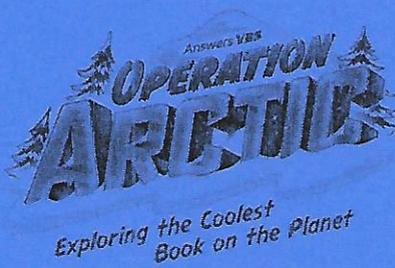
-2014 Sharing Time Outline: August Week 4-

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Please Join Us at
OPERATION ARCTIC
As We Explore the Greatest
Book on the Planet
the **BIBLE!**

VACATION BIBLE CLUB 2017

Monday, July 24th
through

Friday, July 28th
9a.m.-12p.m.

4 years-6th grade

FREE

Crafts-Singing-Lesson-Games-Snacks

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Register on-line:
Gracelive.myanswers.com/operation-arctic

REGISTER ME FOR OPERATION ARCTIC!

Child's name _____

Gender: Male Female Birthdate ____/____/____ Grade completed _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardian _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Cell phone _____ Email _____

Emergency contact _____

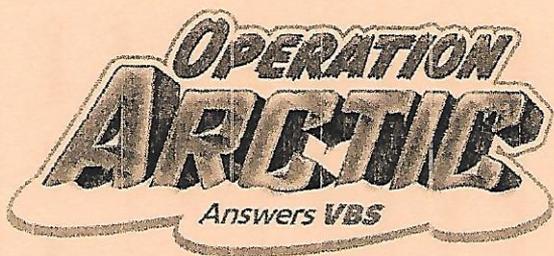
Relationship to child _____ Phone _____

Please place my child with _____

Name of home church _____

Food allergies Y___ N___ List _____

Medical concerns Y___ N___ Explain _____



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Before VBS, I would like to help by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing craft materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with administrative tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning decorations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating classrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting banners, backdrops, set |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building sets | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning publicity | |

During VBS, I would like to help in one or more of the following areas:

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| Exploration Group: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Crafts: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Snacks: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Games: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Music: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Missions: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |
| Nursery: | <input type="checkbox"/> Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Helper |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound/AV | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up Crew | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant |

Age Level Preference

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0–2 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 2–4 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 6–9 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9–12 years | <input type="checkbox"/> Wherever needed most |

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Days Available

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Every day | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certain days (please specify) | _____ |