

2016 Theme Verse: "So let us Know; let us press on to Know the LORD..."
Hosea 6:3

Grace Brethren Church Of Norwalk

September 25, 2016

WELCOME!...so glad you are here today! "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24) Pastor Jeff Patton

Today at Grace —

Sunday School: 9:30am

Class: 3 - 5 yrs. old (Kinder.)
Teacher: Caroll Ann Perkins

Class: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)
Teacher: Lisa Patton

Class: 4th - 6th grade (5A)
Teacher: Robin Predmore

Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)
Teacher: Tim Lansing

Class: Adults (6B)
Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)
Teacher: Ron Muir

Worship & Praise Service – 10:45am

Children's Church for 3-5 years old & K-3rd grade after opening
NURSERY is open & available for infants – 2 years old.

Serving at Grace —

Ushers for the month of September:

Richard Hurtado-Lead, Art Moreno, Matt Hurtado, Tom Bickenbach

Ushers for the month of October:

Eddie Morales-Lead, Kyle Predmore, Ron Muir, Rob Kimsey

Happy Birthday –

George Miller September 28
Irene Yrineo September 30

Happy Anniversary –

Eddie & Patty Morales September 26
Mario Alarcon & Victoria Arreola September 26
Robert & Laura Kimsey September 27

Events This Week —

Ladies' Discipleship (Patton home) Mon., 7:00pm
TRUSTEE COMMISSION MTG. (Patton home) Tues., 6:30pm
"See You at the Pole" (local schools) Wed., 7:00am
Wednesday FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN - 6:30pm; ABS & ROCK - 6:45pm
Ladies' Psalms Study Fri., 10:00am, Conf. room
Leadership Dinner (Patton home) Sat., 6:00pm

Events Next Month —

GBC Homecoming Luncheon Sun., 10/2, 12:15pm
MISSIONS COMMISSION MTG. Sun., 10/9, 12:15pm
FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION MTG. Sun., 10/16, 1:00pm
DRIVEN Fundraiser at the HABIT Mon., 10/17, 5-9:00pm
3rd Quarter Business Mtg. **Sun., 10/30, 12:15pm**
(Please see the October calendars for all the events here at Grace. Thank you.)

For The Record —

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 43 Worship Service: 115

Announcements –

****TRUSTEE COMMISSION MEETING:** All church financial officers and deacons and interested persons are requested to attend a **Trustee Commission Meeting this Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 6:30pm** at Pastor Jeff & Lisa's home: 6153 Pershing Way, Buena Park. **Deacons – please have a tentative idea of your 2017 budget needs ready to present; Officers – please have YTD numbers and data ready to share;** several important agenda items will be presented for discussion and decision. ****PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND; it's extremely important that you are there.**

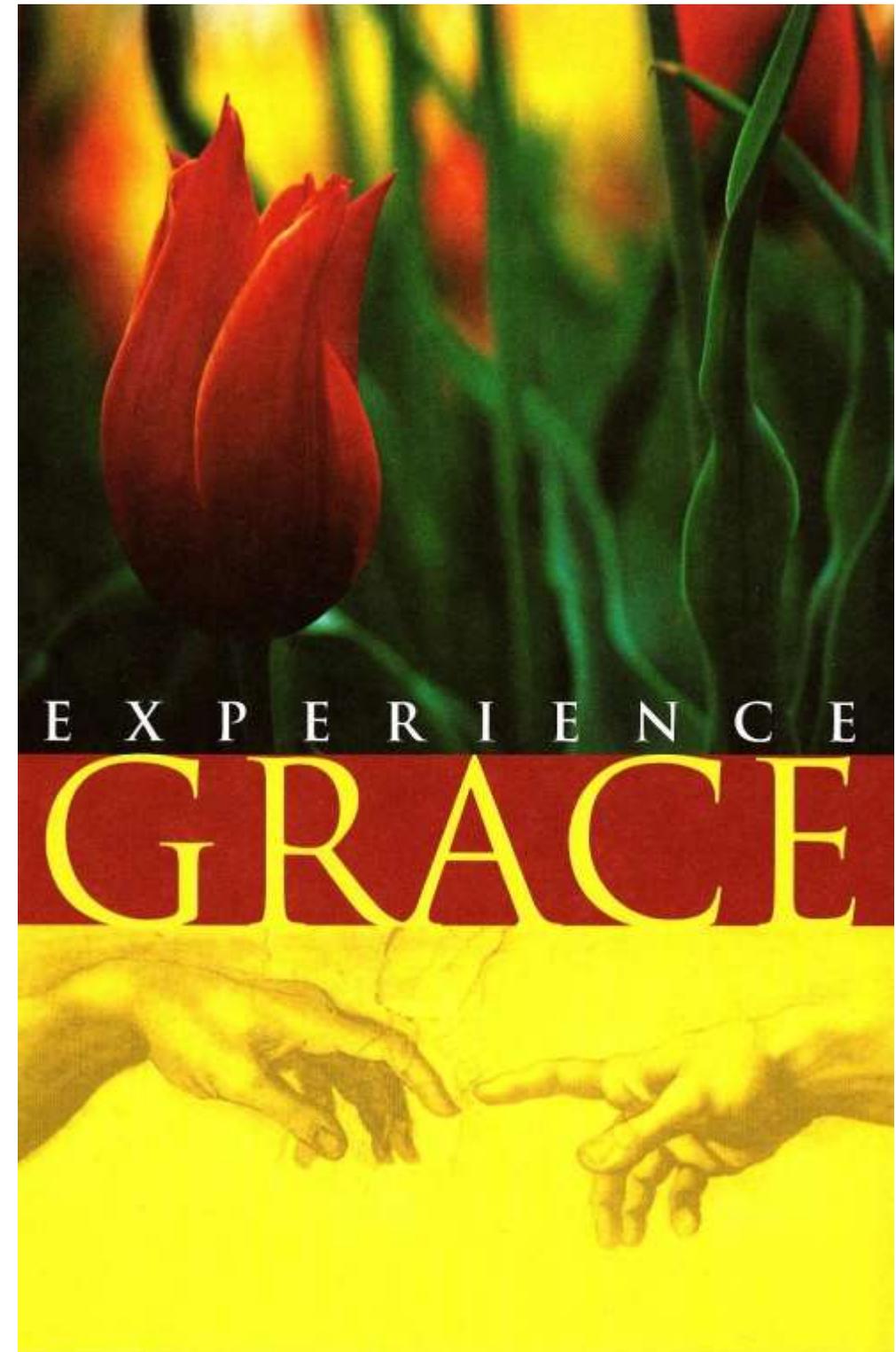
THANK YOU – Bonnie and Pauline would like to send a big Thank You for all who pulled together to make the Evidence Quartet and enchilada luncheon/roof fundraiser such a success raising over \$4,000 for the roof! The Evidence Quartet said that they felt very, pampered with the youth helping unloading and loading their equipment. We both felt especially blessed with the youth starting at 8:30am and working till 1:30pm helping with salads, punch, serving, taking down and taking out the trash. What a wonderful day praising the Lord! Thank you all!

GBC HOMECOMING LUNCHEON – OCT. 2: Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 2nd, for our GBC Homecoming Luncheon. We would like to take a trip down memory lane and show our school spirit. We would especially like to highlight our local schools and take the time to pray for them. Please see Dee or Josie R. for more information, and plan to invite your friends.

HEIGHTS OF GRACE OUTREACH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS –
□*SPECIAL EVENT: Oct. 8th - Boyle Heights 5K run/walk starting at 8am sharp.** To create a presence in Boyle Heights, we are asking as many people as possible to join this race (or walk) wearing our Heights of Grace T-shirts. (The race is \$25 and you can register on-line at the Boyle Heights' website or Dream 401Foundation.) ****Oct. 22 – Pumpkin carving**

DISRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT: Ladies, our retreat is getting closer! Please pick up your registration today (located back in the foyer on the table) for the retreat planned for November 11-13 at the Murrieta Hot Springs. The cost is \$180; please give your deposit of \$75 to Josie Ramirez as soon as possible; **all monies are due by October 16.** Don't miss out! See Josie.

BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP: If you are interested in being baptized or becoming a member, please see Pastor; we will be having a baptismal service very soon and Pastor will be teaching a short-term Sunday School class on membership here at Grace. If interested, please let him know.



Prayer Focus by E.M. Bounds (1835-1913)

Our Preachers Need Our Prayers

Prayer, to the preacher, is not simply the duty of his profession, a privilege, but it is a necessity. Air is not more necessary to the lungs than prayer is to the preacher. It is absolutely necessary for the preacher to pray. And it is an absolute necessity that the preacher be prayed for.

The Gospel cannot be projected by a prayerless preacher. Gifts, talents, education, eloquence, God's call, cannot abate the demand of prayer, but only intensify the necessity for the preacher to pray and to be prayed for. The more the preacher's eyes are opened to the nature, responsibility, and difficulties in his work, the more will he see, and if he be a true preacher the more will he feel the necessity of prayer; not only the increasing demand to pray himself, but to call on others to help him by their prayers.

That the preacher be a man given to prayer, the Apostle Paul is an eminent example. That the true apostolic preacher must have the prayers of other good people to give to his ministry its full quota of success, Paul is a preeminent example. He asks, he covets, he pleads in an impassioned way for the help of all God's saints.

To the brethren at Rome, he wrote: "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in prayers to God for me." To the Ephesians, he says: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." To the

Colossians, he emphasizes: "Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak." To the Thessalonians, he says sharply, strongly: "Brethren, pray for us."

Paul's attitude on this question illustrates his humility and his deep insight into the spiritual forces which project the Gospel. More than this, it teaches a lesson for all times, that if Paul was so dependent on the prayers of God's saints to give his ministry success, how much greater the necessity that the prayers of God's saints be centered on the ministry of today!

Do you pray for your preacher? The praying ones are to the preacher as Aaron and Hur were to Moses. They held up his hands and decided the issue that is so fiercely raging around them.

The plea and purpose of the apostles was to put the Church to praying. They did not ignore the grace of cheerful giving. They were not ignorant of the place which religious activity and work occupied the spiritual life; but not one nor all of these, could at all compare in necessity and importance with prayer.

As Jesus Christ was moved by infinite compassion at the ripened fields of earth perishing for lack of laborers and pausing in his own praying, He tries to awaken the sensibilities of His disciples to the duty of prayer as He charges them: "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." "And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint."