

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

Welcome to the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk

May 15, 2016

Services 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: Timothy Lansing

Class: Adults (6B)
Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

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

Class: Depression: Looking Up from the Stubborn Darkness - Pastor Jeff's office

Praise & Worship Service: 10:45am

Children's Church for 3-5 years old & K-3rd grade after opening

Fellowship Commission Meeting (Morales' home): 1:00pm

Those Serving Today at Grace –

Ushers for the month of May:

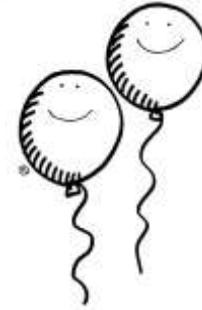
Rob Kimsey – Lead; Vet Gonzalez, Andrew Cabrera, Ben Ramirez

Nursery – Today 5/15

9:15am Maggie Olmedo
Leticia Posada
10:30am Lisa Patton
Ruth Hurtado

Nursery – Next Week 5/22

9:15am Josie Ramirez
Stephanie Jones
10:30am Sandy Goodwyn
Roxie Barragan



Happy Birthday –

David Goodwyn

May 21

Events This Week –

Ladies' Discipleship (Patton home)	Mon., 7:00pm
Elders' Meeting (Patton home)	Tues., 7:00pm
FAMILY NIGHT: ABS, DRIVEN & ROCK	Wed., 6:45pm
Ladies' Psalms Study	Fri., 10:00am
District Women of Grace Planning Mtg.	Sat., 5/21, 9:00am
Heights of Grace	Sat., 5/21, 10:00am

Events This Month –

Roof Fundraiser Breakfast	Sun., 5/22, 8:00am
Church Work Day	Sat., 5/28, 8:00am

For The Record –

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 51, Worship Service: 100

Church Announcements –

LADIES, PLEASE COME THIS SATURDAY TO THE DISTRICT WOMEN OF GRACE PLANNING MTG.: It's at 9am at the Long Beach GBC (see address on back cover). All of our ladies are invited to attend to give vital input for the future of this important ministry to women, so please attend. ☺

HEIGHTS OF GRACE is planned for this Saturday, May 21st. Please meet at the church at 10:00am sharp. If you have any questions, see Vet or Jen Gonzalez. Everyone is invited to come and participate, even if this is your first one.



ROOF FUNDRAISER

BREAKFAST: NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22nd at 8:00-9:00am; it's to raise more funds for our much-needed new roof. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend. A freewill offering will be taken. Don't miss out on this important fundraiser with all the yummy food!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016: The Ocean Commotion Vacation Bible School starts Sunday, June 26th and every Sunday through July 24th. Please fill out the insert for volunteer opportunities for VBS. **URGENT NEED:** Children's Ministry is in need of a teacher for Jr. Church and 2-3 helpers for The Rock. Please see Laura if you are interested in serving.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Calling all crafters!

This year, scholarship monies for our women's district retreat will be raised by having a craft fair. We would love to see the talents of the family of God in support of this ministry.

Note: This is NOT limited to women who attend retreat. This invitation is open to all members of your church body.

If you have crafty, non-food items that you would like to donate, we ask that you have your items turned in to Robin Workman or your women's leader by June 30th.

If you don't craft, please mark your calendar and come out and shop to support our women's retreat.

July 9, 2016 9AM – 1PM

5885 Downey Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805

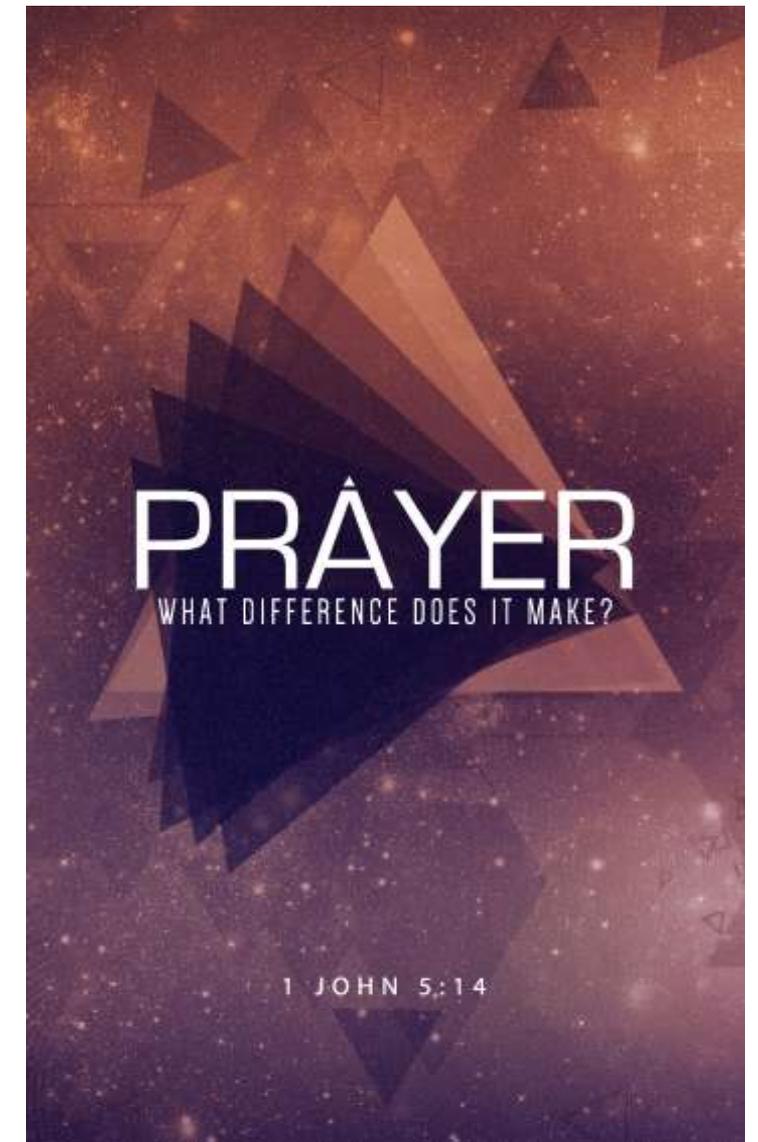
Robin Workman – (714) 315-2171

workman@sbemp.com

"Addiction"

New Ways of Seeing and Walking Free, Part 14

"The unfolding of Your words gives life; it gives understanding to the simple."
(Psalm 119:130) We have been looking at how the Bible approaches addiction. The Bible's approach is far superior to the world's medical-biological approach which is not as wide and deep as the Bible's explanation. The world completely discounts the role of the heart, the soul, the center of worship, desire, and longing; all of which define addiction. Battling addiction is the ongoing saga of the Serpent in the Garden. We walk along, minding our own business, when temptation appears from the most unlikely source. We have distanced ourselves from old drinking buddies, bars, parties, and places where we might "coincidentally" run into a drug supplier, but who could anticipate the article in the paper, the song on the radio, the sudden emergence of a good memory, or a bad one? **When a "serpent" comes across our path speaking lies, we must either run from it or kill it.** We cannot sit around and have a friendly chat with it. **Addictive sin doesn't just show up and dominate us. It sneaks up quietly. It gently appeals to our imagination.** It shows us the best commercial we will ever see, falsely advertising itself in such a way that we are amazed that we have been able to live without it. **This is where the battle is fought:** in the arena of the heart, soul, mind, desires, passions, and "wants," and in the trenches of the unexpected, "little" temptations. When temptation comes, we must live mindfully. Look past the façade of temporary pleasure and notice the smell of death that goes with it. If the temptation hooks your desires, **go public.** Confess it to a friend, confess it to the Lord, get other people praying for you; ask for counsel that helps you to see that the serpent is dangerous. Above all, remember that God's promises and commands are good! God's commands and promises are intended to bless you. Notice the strong and pleading exhortations to us from Scripture: *"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light and find out what pleases the Lord. The fruit of the light consists of everything good, right, and true. Have nothing to do with fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. Be very careful then how you live, not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity"* (Ephesians 5:8-15). Why would God allow temptations? ***They are divine testings that reveal our hearts.*** Isn't it true that we really don't know ourselves until we are put to the test? Our advocate, Jesus Christ, was successful in His time of testing. By faith we have His record rather than our own. Jesus is sympathetic to the testing and external temptations we face daily. He knows precisely what it is like. As a result, Scripture emphasizes that Jesus is eager to give grace and mercy during our times of special need (Hebrews 4:15-16). God's Word could not be clearer: **there is no temptation that can lead us irresistibly into sin** (1 Corinthians 10:13). If we look for it, God always provides a way out by His grace and mercy. Just two more installments in this series on a biblical approach to addiction. If you would like previous installments, please contact the church office.



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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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| Dive Club: | <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

- Every day _____
- Certain days (please specify) _____