

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
July 3, 2016

Today at Grace –
Deacons & Elders & Wives' Prayer: 8:45am

Sunday School & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
9:30am
Class: Adults (6B) Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)
Teacher: Dave Goodwyn Teacher: Ron Muir

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

Worship Service & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
10:45am

Serving Today at Grace –
Ushers for the month of July:
Tom Bickenbach – Lead, Vet Gonzalez, Ron Muir, Richard Hurtado

Nursery – Today 7/3
9:15am VBS
Judy Torres
10:30am VBS
Tracy Lansing

Nursery – Next Week 7/10
9:15am VBS
Patty Morales
10:30am VBS
Susan Klements

Happy Anniversary –

Bob & Millie Stiff July 3

Happy Birthday –

Kandis Jones July 6
Art Moreno July 6

Events This Week –

NO Women's Bible Study on Monday evening

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

NO Family Night on Wednesday Evening

Church Work Day Sat., 8am-noon
Heights of Grace – Concert & BBQ Sat., 3:30pm

Events This Month –

Women of Grace in Rm.: 6B Tues., 7/12, 6:00pm
DRIVEN at Tim & Janine's home (carpool 6pm) Wed., 7/13&7/20, 6:15pm
Prayer Table Sat., 7/16, 8:00am
Elders' Meeting Tues., 7/19, 7:00pm
Church Work Day Sat., 7/23, 8:00am
Heights of Grace – Skate Park/Bridge Sat., 7/23, 10:00am
Deacons & Elders & Wives' Dinner at Muirs Sat., 7/23, 5:00pm
Momentum Youth Conference (July 26-31) at Cedarville University, OH

For The Record –

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 59, Worship Service: 100
[VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: 39]

**NOTE: KEN ORAM'S NEW PHONE NUMBER: 562-474-1373;
He is at home: 13728 Fairford Ave., Norwalk.**

Church Announcements –

OUR VBS CONTINUES THIS MORNING! The Ocean Commotion Vacation Bible School starts at 9:30am and ends at 12:00 noon. Please pray for those children who are attending to be challenged in their walk with Christ through the teaching of Noah and for more children to attend. Won't you invite someone from your neighborhood?

HEIGHTS OF GRACE OUTREACH – BOYLE HEIGHTS – SUMMER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

□ July 9th at 3:30pm – Concert in the Park with BBQ;
□ July 23rd at 10:00am – Skate Park/Bridge;
□ Aug. 20th at 3:30pm – Concert in the Park with BBQ;
□ Sept. 10th at 10:00am – Park Water Balloon Toss/Bridge;
□ Sept. 24th TBA – Possible Sports Camp (** SIGN UP)

On the missionary table in the foyer, please see the **Heights of Grace Sign Up for the summer events taking place at the park and under the bridge in Boyle Heights. Don't miss out on this amazing outreach! All are invited.

THANK YOU: *Thank you so much for all your prayers, meals, visits & cards during my recovery. Love, Leticia Posada*

WOMEN OF GRACE is inviting all women and children to help make beanies to give away in Nov. to help the homeless, Urban Hope, Boyle Heights and Community Child. Two sessions and a skein of yarn will be provided on July 12th and Aug. 9th from 6:00-7:30pm; come for fun, food, fellowship and service in Rm. 6B. [Boyd small or medium looms are available at JOANN fabric.] For more details, please see Pauline.

DRIVEN SUMMER July 13 & 20 & Aug. 3 & 10:

To all youth, please meet at the church on Wednesdays at 6:00pm to carpool to Tim & Janine's home to begin DRIVEN at 6:15pm and end at 8:30pm. See you then!

Note from Pastor:
"Putting Off Procrastination"
Part 5 (page 1)

Love for Christ and love for others is crippled by procrastination. Procrastination is not thinking of God or others, but only thinking of self. Repentance has a strange way of creating new awareness of the consequences of our sin. Procrastinators unload their responsibilities onto others and thereby miss out on opportunities to love and serve others. Disorder in one's own life robs others. Every time a commitment is broken or a deadline is fudged, God's character is poorly reflected and others are affected. Jesus spoke against procrastination when He said, "Let your 'yes' be 'yes' and your 'no' be 'no'" (Matthew 28:18-20). In my own battle with procrastination I came to realize that I needed to learn not so much how to control my heart, but how to subdue it. None of us has a "fully sanctified" part that can perfectly diagnose and control the sinful part of us; rather our whole heart is unreliable (Jeremiah 17:9)! Once we come to recognize the unreliableness of our heart, it gives us an appreciation for God's corporate means of sanctification: accountability, honesty, fellowship, and transparency with other believers in the local church. To overcome procrastination I had to involve my close friends and grant them a standing invitation to show me my sin and to remind me of the gospel (Ephesians 4:15). I learned to ask for encouragement when I knew I was facing a heavy work load or extra responsibilities. These small steps led to my eyes being opened wider to the whole-person consequences of sin: (continued on the next page)...

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sins are often connected or intertwined or overlapping; like far-reaching tentacles. No sin affects only one part of life; it seeps and spreads into many areas, like an infected wound. If I had last-minute deadlines, which still happens, I've learned to go to bed earlier in order to get enough sleep to have the energy to fulfill my responsibilities. What did I learn? I had always thought of myself as a "night person," but it turns out that I'm actually a "morning person!" By subduing my heart, bringing it into submission by obeying God's Word over an extended period of time, new habits were created and I learned that I am more efficient, energetic, and productive in the morning hours than in the evening. Though I have much to learn, God has worked to crush my sinful procrastination. Working ahead instead of working under pressure still seems unnatural at times. My new ideal is to work with last-minute intensity, but well before the deadline. I'm still prone to laziness, pride, and escapism, and always will be in this life, and just as I had to initially repent of my unbelief that God can change me, I now repent of the false thought that God wants to change me "more and more." Life is the process of "working out our salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12-13) knowing that "it is God who is at work in me to will and to act according to His good purpose." Putting off procrastination can lead to a much more outward-directed and other-centered way of life, where pleasing God is the driving passion (Philippians 3:10). [See past lessons on the blog on the church website.]



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