

Welcome To

Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk
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2018 Theme Verse: “And whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
~**Colossians 3:17** ESV



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Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk

May 6, 2018

Services at Grace

Sunday School 9:30am

Nursery (newborn thru 2)

3-5 yrs old (Kinder)

Teacher: Caroll Ann Perkins

1st-6th Grade (Kidmo Rm)

Teacher: Robin Predmore

DRIVEN (Jr & Sr High)

Teacher: Timothy Lansing

Young Adults (Music Rm)

Teachers: Tim R & Matthew C

Adults (Conf Rm)

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Praise & Worship Service 10:45am

Guest Pastor: Pastoral Candidate Rick Cartagena

“Transitions” Ruth 1:1-17

Serving Today

Nursery: SS – Patty & Jessica **Worship –** Sandy & Susan

Nursery is available throughout the services for infants through 2 years old

Children’s Church: 3 years-Kindergarten – Stephanie & Bennie; 1st-3rd Grade – Steven & Jessica

Children are excused immediately after our time of singing praises to our Lord.

Worship Leader: Joey Ramirez

Youth Leaders: Tim & Janine Lansing

Ushers: Richard Hurtado, Tom Bickenbach, Kyle Predmore, Andrew Cabrera

Upcoming Preaching Schedule:

May 6 & 13 Rick Cartagena, Pastoral Candidate

May 20 & 27 Pastor Mike Jentes (from Los Altos GBC/Encompass Rep)

We welcome our guests today and if you are new to Grace and/or are looking for a way to connect and serve, text the word “CONNECT” to 562.444.1211 and we will text you occasional updates and happenings at GRACE. We are so glad you are here today!

Events this Week at Grace

FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN, ABS, & ROCK

Elders/Wives Prayer Meeting

Vacation Bible Club Workers Meeting

Small Group (Robison Home)

Grace Leaders Network Meeting (Sanctuary)

New River Good News Club (last Club Meeting)

Women of Grace (Chapter 5)

Johnston Good News Club

Heights of Grace

Every Wed, 6:30pm

Every Sun, 8:45am

Sun, May 6, 12:15pm

Sun, May 6, 4:00pm

Tues, May 8, 10:00am

Tues, May 8, 2:30pm

Tues, May 8, 6:00pm

Thurs, May 10, 2:30pm

Sat, May 12, 9:30-2:00pm

Upcoming Events

Mothers Day!

Wayne & Ellen Patton Visit

Women of Grace Potluck (Wayne & Ellen Patton)

Elder/Pastoral Search Committee

Johnston Good News Club

Prayer Table

Combined SS Hour with Wayne & Ellen Patton

Small Group (Robison Home)

Heights of Grace

Sunday Night Prayer Service

Sun, May 13

May 14-21

Tues, May 15, 6:00pm

Tues, May 15 & 29, 7:00pm

Thurs, May 17 & 24, 2:30pm

Sat, May 19, 9:00-12:00pm

Sun, May 20, 9:30am

Sun, May 20, 4:00pm

Sat, May 26, 9:30-2:00pm

Sun, June 3, 5:00pm

Upcoming Combined Sunday School Hour:

May 20 Wayne Patton (our Missionary to Brazil)

Wayne and Ellen Patton will be with us from May 14-21. We are looking for someone to house them for the week. Also if anyone would like to have them over for lunch or dinner one day that week, please see Vet Gonzalez.

Pastoral Search Update!

After many months of praying and planning, the Pastoral Search Committee has made some initial phone calls and emails. There will be pastoral candidates preaching from the pulpit in the upcoming weeks. We ask that you continue praying that God will point them to the man that He is preparing for us.

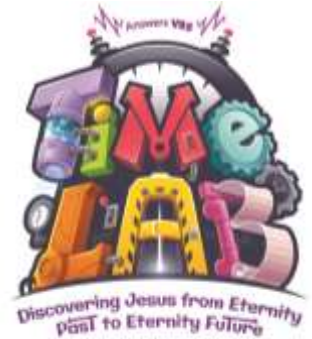
Church Announcements

Happy Anniversary to

Michael & Lynda Quintana May 13

Time Travelers Wanted July 9-13!

Vacation Bible Club is approaching and we are looking for lots of volunteers! Join us for this fun and exciting week of outreach to the community. If you are interested, please see Janine or Josie! **There will be a VBC worker's meeting on May 6 right after the morning service for those who would like to be involved. Lunch will be provided!**



Women of Grace Upcoming Schedule:



May 8th at 6:00pm – Chapter 5, weeks 1-5

May 16th at 6:00pm – Video and potluck with Wayne and Ellen Patton and a regular WOG meeting. Men and women from the church are invited if they wish to meet again with Wayne and Ellen – just bring a potluck dish to share!

June 12th at 6:00pm – Chapter 6, wks 1-5

June 19th at 6:00pm – Video, discussion and regular WOG meeting. This is our last meeting, then will resume on September 11th at 6:00pm.

For the Record:

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 57

Worship Service: 72



What's
in
Your
Garden?

Mother's Day...what a perfect time to
examine your Garden.
But what garden are we speaking of?
Please join us...

Community Grace Brethren Church
5885 Downey Ave.
Long Beach

Saturday, May 12, 10am-noon
Cost: \$10 each
Lots of delicious food, Prizes and
a "Favorite Hat" contest!

Don't forget to wear your hat!

Please complete and give to Josie Ramirez for food planning:

Name # _____ # _____

Meet Pastoral Candidate Rick Cartegena



Rick and Brenda have known each other since 2007. Shortly after meeting, it quickly became apparent that they would be heavily involved in ministry together. Even though they waited 4 years to marry, Rick and Brenda have been coordinating ministry activities from the very beginning. From Children's Ministries to Adult Ministries, Rick and Brenda have poured themselves into local evangelism work – wherever the Lord has led them.

Rick has partnered with Urban Hope in Philadelphia with his work with “Christian Life Prison & Recovery Ministries” where he works as the Director of Evangelism and serves on the Board of Directors. He has worked as an Associate Pastor, a Youth Pastor and has a passion for evangelizing the lost wherever he meets them. God has gifted Rick with the gift of evangelism and those that know him and have been with him in the “streets” have seen the Holy Spirit move in the lives of the people he touches.



ON MISSION 



Rick Cartagena Receives “Reaching the Overlooked” Award from CE National

*Rick Cartagena has devoted his life to helping inmates and addicts come to know Jesus. He serves as the director of evangelism for Christian Life Prison and Recovery Ministries in Philadelphia. He and his wife, Brenda, are part of an extension of CE National’s **Urban Hope Training Center** in Philadelphia, PA. Recently, Ed Lewis, president of CE National, presented Rick with the Reaching the Overlooked award. Here Ed talks about their ministry.*

“Rick, you have a phenomenal testimony of a changed life. We have heard you share your story and have shown your testimony and yet you have not remained living in the past. You have honored God, continued to get training, and you are using your story to help other people. Here are just a few of the many ways you and Brenda serve:

- You have been a part of the City of Angels Recovery Radio.
- You have operated the Conquering Grounds Café for those who are recovering from addictions.
- You have been involved in visiting and speaking in various prisons in PA.
- You have been part of the Conquering Addiction meetings.
- You and Brenda volunteer each Thursday here at Urban Hope. You give away Bibles, set-up, sing, and lead the Thursday evening programs.
- You help to organize the annual music fest that brings thousands of people together to hear the gospel and overcome addictions.
- You send out daily encouragement texts to people.
- You have a heart to stop substance abuse in the community by offering support for those suffering from addictions. You also offer resources to those who are hurting. How many times have we called you at unearthly hours of the night to ask how we can help someone who is in crisis?
- You have a heart for those who were recently incarcerated. You love on people who are struggling and encourage them to get into a place that will help them come to Jesus and to change their ways.

Rick and Brenda, we love you both. Rick, as you know, you take the lead for this, but Brenda, you are a vital part of this ministry as well. You even serve the deaf community as a behavioral support specialist in the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. You also accompany Rick and his team all the time.

Upcoming Ministries at Grace Brethren, Norwalk

Mission Day – May 20 Speakers Mike Jentes and Wayne Patton

Wayne and Ellen Patton, Missionaries from Brazil will be visiting May 4-21. They will minister to the DD Johnston Bible Club (5/10), Women of Grace (5/15), and special combined Sunday School (5/20).

City Life Team – June 12-19

City Life's purpose is to assist high school students to live a life that is ON MISSION for God. The goal is to train high school students in a love relationship with God and His church by exposing them to ministry opportunity, learning how to share their faith and love and serve others.



Operation Barnabas Orientation – (Leaders June 19-23); (Students June 23-18)

The intense United States-based training and travel equips students to share their faith, perform in music, dance, drama, share their testimonies, be actively engaged in a discipleship group, and serve alongside local churches.

Vacation Bible Club – July 9-13 (9:00am-12:00pm)

Time Travelers, please join us for this fun and exciting week of outreach to the community.



Operation Barnabas Visit – July 13-15

Operation Barnabas is a three week high school summer ministry training program equipping students to live ON MISSION through evangelism training, character development, and servant-leadership.

Kids' Camp at Cedarbrook – July 15-20

Kids Camp is for students going into 3rd Grade thru those going into 7th Grade in September 2018. Kids Camp will be July 15-20th at Cedarbrook Camp - Camp Sky Meadows in Angeles Oaks.



Momentum Youth Conference – July 16-23



Momentum is a week-long youth conference designed to challenge students to experience God. This happens through authentic worship, dynamic speakers, outreach ministry opportunities, emphasis on the local church, and powerful sessions from renowned speakers.

Urban Plunge Team (CE National) – July 28-Aug 4 (Los Angeles)

Urban Plunge will give adult participants a taste of evangelism in the city with hands-on ministry opportunities. Urban Plunge is designed to help participants to live ON MISSION and engage with neglected people groups in urban settings to share the hope of the gospel and to return home excited about sharing their faith in their local community.



Urban Hope Los Angeles

Tim Lansing will lead Urban Hope Los Angeles. Tim graduated from Azusa Pacific University, has worked as a loan officer, is currently the director of student ministries at the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk, and he greatly loves the Lord. Tim has been a CE National board member and is on the elder board of the Norwalk church. CE National is excited to announce that he is beginning to work on raising support in order to begin working in the fall. Find out more about Urban Hope Los Angeles at urbanhope.net/la

