

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

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

February 12, 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: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)

Teacher: Lisa Patton

Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)

Teacher: Tim Lansing

Class: Adults (6B)

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Class: New Members (Pastor's Study)

Teacher: Pastor Jeff

Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)

Teacher: Ron Muir

Class: Young Adults (9:15am)

Teachers: Sebastian B. & Tim R.

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.

Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you.

Valentine's Dessert Gathering for everyone

at "85 Degrees" Bakery Cafe in Cerritos: 6:00pm

11486 South St., see 85cbakerycafe.com for menu.

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Joey Ramirez; Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

Ushers: Eddie Morales-Lead, Rob Kimsey, Andrew Cabrera & Vet Gonzalez

Nursery: SS: Maggie & Josie L.; Worship: Laura & Marie

Children's Church: 3-5: Amanda & Roxy, K-3rd: Ruben & Lilia

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Please pray for Bob Stiff and family at the passing of his dear wife, Millie, who went to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 6th; funeral details to be determined.

Events This Week at Grace:

Ladies' Discipleship (Patton home)	Mon., 7:00pm
**Good News Club: New River	Tues., 2:30pm
Women of Grace	Tues., 6:30pm
FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN 6:30pm, ABS & ROCK	Wed., 6:45pm
**Good News Club: DDJohnston	Thurs., 2:45pm
Ladies' Psalms Study	Fri., 10:00am
Prayer Table	Sat., 8am-noon

****Donations: clubs need 65 drinks & snacks each week (9 wks. left)**

Events This Month:

Fellowship Meal/Room Fundraiser	Sun., 2/19, 12:15pm
DRIVEN Student Leadership	Sun., 2/19, 12:30pm
NO ELDERS' MEETING ON THE 21 ST	
Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Denny's	Sat., 2/25, 8:00am
Heights of Grace Ministry	Sat., 2/25, 10am-2pm
Shepherds' Conf. for Pastor at Master's Seminary (Feb. 28-March 3)	

For The Record:

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 71 Worship Service: 116

Church Announcements:

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY" to Dennis & Leticia Posada – 14th
AND "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" To Giomar Gonzalez – 14th

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Denny's,
12616 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 8am
for all men, young men and boys.

The DRIVEN Youth will have Valentine Cookies ready for pick-up and/or sale just after church TODAY, in the breezeway, next to the Nursery. Make sure you stop by to pick up any cookies you have ordered. Thanks for supporting our Youth!

Fellowship Meal is next Sunday! Please come and enjoy the special time together as a church family; we will be raising much-needed funds for the ROOF.

LADIES MINISTRIES - TRIADS of Truth & Trust:
Ladies, it's time to sign up for Triads of Truth & Trust; these triads give ladies the opportunity to meet in groups of three twice a month (or more) for an entire year for the purpose of deepening godly relationships through praying, giving thanks, reading a devotional and getting to know one another on a deeper level (see below and flyer).☺

(Please tear off and put in offering or on Lisa's desk
Or text Lisa at 562-292-9524. Thank you.)

Ladies' Ministries: Triads of Truth & Trust

Yes, I'm interested in being in a triad for 2017 for praying, reading the Word, giving thanks and deepening godly relationships.

NAME: _____

Home or Cell phone # _____

___ call me or ___ text me with my triad of **2 ladies

**Which 2 ladies would you like to suggest? _____

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up ..." 1 Thess. 5:11

Hebrews 6:12 translates it as "sluggish." **Proverbs 22:29** uses the same word to mean "slothful" instead of diligent. The idea is that a person is "sluggish, indolent, lazy, or slow." Literally we could say these people were "lazy-eared." This condition of being "heavy in the head" comes from a failure to take advantage of available Truth by putting it to work in daily living. We must work diligently to keep our spiritual senses of discernment sharp by striving to obey the commands of Jesus as revealed in the Bible. When we stop obeying Jesus as Lord, we risk becoming spiritually dull and then we are susceptible to false teaching. The **key is obedience** to what we already know, not more knowledge. What can you do? Review the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5 and identify the one in which you are weakest, and formulate a daily plan of how you will nurture that fruit in your life. Read Romans 7-8, and learn what Paul meant by "crucifying the sinful flesh with its desires," and identify sin in your life that needs to be eliminated; formulate a daily plan of how to expunge it. Or read Ephesians 4-6 and Colossians 3-4 and take note of Paul's "put off and put on principle," and identify not only the sin that needs to be "put off," but also identify the thoughts and behaviors that are pleasing to God that need to be "put on." A detailed, attainable, daily plan is urgently important, not just leaving it to the wind. To ward off dullness, we must strive for sharpness.

(If you've missed any of Pastor's notes on discernment, please see his blog on our church website: www.GraceLive.com.)



NOTE FROM PASTOR



"Wind & Waves" *"by practice you are trained to discern" – Hebrews 5:14*
A Call to Discernment Part IV

A banker isn't trained to detect counterfeit money. Rather, he is trained to become so thoroughly familiar with real money that he can immediately detect the fake. Christians should be so thoroughly familiar with the Word of God that they can immediately identify false teaching, no matter how subtle. **Hebrews 5:11-14** says "You have become dull of hearing. By this time you should be teachers, but instead you need to relearn the basics of God's Word. You need milk, not solid food. You are inexperienced with the Righteous Word and still a baby. Solid food is for the mature, whose senses have been trained by practice to discern good from evil." The writer said they had "become" dull of hearing – pointing to a retrogression – a slow drift away from thoroughly knowing the Scriptures – like the drip, drip, drip of a slow leaky faucet; it may take days, but eventually the sink will fill with water and then you have a problem on your hands! Notice that the problem is not with the difficulty of the Scriptures, but with the reader of the Scriptures. These readers had stopped "practicing" – applying the Truth that they did know to their lives in obedience, and so their spiritual sharpness had become dull over time. Their problem wasn't that they couldn't understand, but that they had chosen to become "dull of hearing." "Dull" is a combination of two words: "no" + "push or thrust." They had "no push or thrust."



Pick up your cookies today!

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Ladies' Ministries

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Philosophy of Ladies' Ministries

"All the people know that you are a woman of excellence." Ruth 3:11

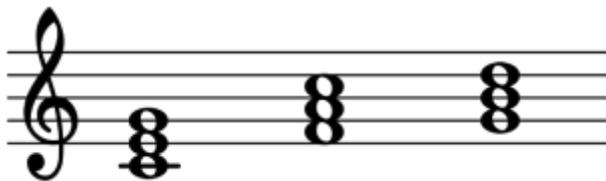
"Glorifying God by celebrating womanhood as God designed it to be, in all its beauty."

Mission of Ladies' Ministries

"All the people know that you are a woman of excellence." Ruth 3:11

"To equip and encourage women to glorify God and exalt Christ in every facet of life by sound doctrine and edifying personal relationships."

TRIADS of Truth & Trust



"Encourage each other and build each other up!" 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (over)

TRIADS of Truth & Trust

What is a Triad? Webster's defines a Triad as "a group or union of three." A Triad can also be defined as "a chord of three tones forming the basis of harmony in music." Three together are stronger than one alone! In order to nurture godly relationships, promote encouragement, and unify around God's Word, Ladies' Ministries is inviting you to join or create a Triad. You can either form a Triad with two other ladies and inform Lisa Patton of your group and contact information, or sign up using this tear-off form in the bulletin and we will create a Triad for you. Your Triad will gather twice a month to share a devotional, pray together, and encourage one another in the Lord. You choose the day! You choose the time! You choose the place! A small, simple devotional guide will be provided for you to read with one another. A very brief "kick off" will be held in the very near future, so please watch the bulletin for day and time.

Activities & Events of Ladies' Ministries

Officially Endorsed Bible Studies: Friday Psalms Studies (also available on The Ladies' Ministries Blog on the church website: www.Gracelive.com)
Monthly Discipleship at Lisa's home
Monthly Women of Grace, etc.



TRIADS of Truth & Trust: beginning in February 2017

Retreats: District Women of Grace in November and
Norwalk Ladies' Retreat in January 2018: TBA

Trainings: Sunday School on Marriage 101 & Shepherding a Child's Heart
Sunday with Shelbi Cullen from Master's University: TBA
Summer Series (July 24-Aug. 28): TBA

Fellowship: "Ladies' Night Out"
Concert in Orange
"Tea for Three" – TRIADS get-together

**If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lisa Patton,
Coordinator of Ladies' Ministries, at (562)292-9524 or info@gracelive.com.**