

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

February 19, 2017

Services at Grace:

Sunday School: 9:30am

Class: 3 - 5 yrs. old (Kinder.)

Teacher: Carroll Ann Perkins

Class: 4th - 6th grade (5A)

Teacher: Robin Predmore

Class: Adults (6B)

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Class: New Members (Pastor's Study)

Teacher: Pastor Jeff

Class: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)

Teacher: Lisa Patton

Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)

Teacher: Tim Lansing

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.

Fellowship Meal/Roof Fundraiser: 12:15pm

DRIVEN Student Leadership: 12:30pm

Serving Today:

Worship Leader: Joey Ramirez; **Teacher:** Pastor Jeff Patton

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

Nursery: SS: Leticia & Clansy.; **Worship:** Lisa & Ruth

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

Events This Week at Grace:

**Good News Club: New River	Tues., 2:30pm
FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN 6:30pm, ABS & ROCK	Wed., 6:45pm
**Good News Club: DDJohnston	Thurs., 2:45pm
Ladies' Psalms Study	Fri., 10:00am
Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Denny's	Sat., 8:00am
Heights of Grace Ministry	Sat., 10am-2pm
**Donations: clubs need 65 drinks & snacks each week (8 wks. left)	

Events Next Month:

Shepherds' Conf. for Pastor at Master's Seminary (2/28-3/3/17)	
DRIVEN Winter Camp	Fri.-Sun., 3/3-5
Elders & Deacons & Wives Prayer	Sun., 3/5, 8:45am
Heights of Grace Ministry	Sat., 3/11 & 3/25, 10am
GRACE College Drama Team	Sun., 3/12, 10:45am
and Cookies & Punch	Sun., 3/12, 12:15pm
Ladies' Discipleship	Mon., 3/13, 7:00pm
Women of Grace	Tues., 3/14, 6:30pm
Prayer Table	Sat., 3/18, 8am-noon
Trustee Meeting	Sun., 3/19, 8:30am
Elders' Meeting	Tues., 3/21, 7:00pm

For The Record:

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 68 Worship Service: 107

Church Announcements:

We wish a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to:

Josie Ramirez

February 21

Jenna Wilson

February 22

Don Fisher

February 25

Fellowship Meal/Roof Fundraiser is TODAY! Please come up to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a special time together as a church family; we will be raising much-needed funds for the church roof.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Denny's,

12616 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk, this Saturday, Feb. 25th at 8:00am for the men, young men and boys.

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 though praying, giving thanks, reading a devotional and getting to know one another on a deeper level (see below). ☺

(Please tear off and put in offering or on Lisa's desk
Or text TRIADS at 562-444-1211. 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

"Wind & Waves" (page 2) - AGAIN!

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.)

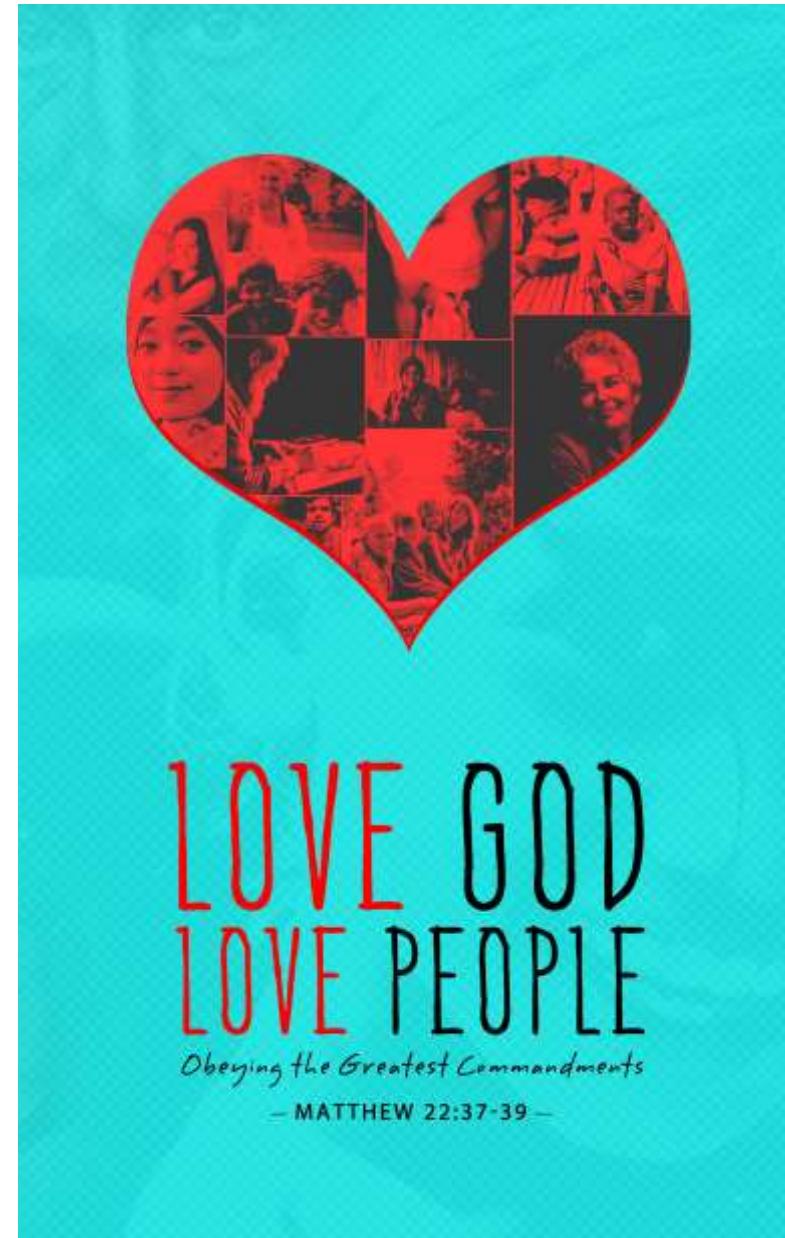


NOTE FROM PASTOR



"Wind & Waves" “by practice you are trained to discern” – Hebrews 5:14
A Call to Discernment Part IV - AGAIN!

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.”



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