

**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

☞ HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ☞

May 14, 2017

### Services at Grace:

#### Sunday School: 9:30am

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

*Teacher: Carol Ann Perkins*

*Class: 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade (5A)*

*Teacher: Robin Predmore*

*Class: Adults (6B)*

*Teacher: Dave Goodwyn*

*Class: 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (KIDMO)*

*Teacher: Lisa Patton*

*Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)*

*Teacher: Timothy Lansing*

*Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)*

*Teacher: Ron Muir*

*Class: Young Adults (9:15am)*

*Teachers: Sebastian B. & Timmy R.*

#### Praise & Worship Service: 10:45am

Children's Church (for 3-5 years old & K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) meets after the opening and our Nursery is available NOW for infants through 2 years old.

If you need any assistance, please see one of the ushers back in the foyer.

### Serving Today:

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

**Youth Leaders:** Tim & Janine Lansing, Ruben & Lilia Gonzalez

**Ushers:** Richard Hurtado-Lead, Vet Gonzalez, Kyle Predmore, Ron Muir

**Nursery:** SS: Jessica & Judy; **Worship:** Victoria V. & Tracy

**Children's Church:** 3yrs.-5yrs.:Eddie & Patty, K-3rd: Maggie & Kyle

### Events This Week at Grace:

Ladies' Discipleship: Daniel's prayer (Dan. 9)	Mon., 7:00pm
Elders' Meeting (Patton home)	Tues., 7:00pm
FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN 6:30pm, ABS & ROCK	Wed., 6:45pm
Ladies' Psalms Study in Conf. room	Fri., 10:00am
Prayer Table – ministry to Norwalk	Sat., 8am-noon
TEA FOR THREE – TRIADS (All ladies)☞	Sat., 3-4pm

### Events This Month:

CE Commission Meeting	Sun., 8:30am (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Reception for Posadas in the Courtyard	Sun., 12:15pm (21 <sup>st</sup> )
Heights of Grace Ministry – the Bridge	Sat., 10am-2pm (27 <sup>th</sup> )

### For The Record:

#### Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 58 Worship Service: 109

### Church Announcements:



#### TRIADS OF TRUTH & TRUST:

For all ladies, TEA FOR THREE will be this Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm in room: 6B.

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:**  
Text or call Lisa at (562)292-9524. Thank you.

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 10-12:

Ladies, please see the registration forms back in the foyer and get your registrations in early to Lisa or the office as it is probable that there will be a wait list this year. **Also, men of the church, won't you consider giving the gift of the Women's Retreat to your wives as a Mother's Day gift, birthday or anniversary gift.** Please pick up a form today.

#### VOLUNTEERING IN THE CHURCH OFFICE:

If anyone is interested in volunteering one or two weeks in the church office (Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9am-noon) answering phone calls and collecting the mail [&/or typing the church bulletin], during the 6 weeks (June 5-July 18) that Lisa will be gone, please let her know by calling or texting (562)292-9524.

#### VACATION BIBLE CLUB:

Please join us for an exciting week of VBC on July 24-28 from 9am to noon for all children 4 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Register your children now at [Gracelive.myanswers.com/operation-arctic](http://Gracelive.myanswers.com/operation-arctic).

*“Wind & Waves”* (page 2) – Again!



Resting is a spiritual discipline that does not come easily to us restless creatures. I plan on having significant times of silence and solitude with God. Lisa and I are planning to enjoy some of America’s national parks, the northern California coastline, the Oregon coast, and a few days visiting my family in the Seattle area. I look forward to catching up on Christian reading, doing some writing, hiking, biking, running, gardening, and cooking – all things I enjoy. I will be “disconnected” from social media and not available by phone, email, or text; except in an extreme emergency. Elders, Dave Goodwyn and Ron Muir, will be available if you need assistance at any time, and the church office will be open and staffed Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The Sunday pulpit will be manned by Dave Goodwyn, Rob Kimsey, Tim Lansing, Ron Muir, and Joey Ramirez; they will preach a sermon series called “Fundamentals of the Faith: Growing in the Faith and Knowledge of Jesus Christ.” I believe with all my heart that I am exactly where God wants me to be, and being your Pastor is a privilege, blessing, and gift. I want to thank you for giving me an opportunity to rest and rejuvenate for the sake of the ministry of Christ.

(If you have missed any of the notes from Pastor, please see Pastor’s Blog on our church website: [www.GraceLive.com](http://www.GraceLive.com).)

**NOTE FROM PASTOR:**

*“Wind & Waves”* – Again!



*“And on the seventh day God rested from all His works. So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.”* **Genesis 2:2; Hebrews 4:9**

**Pastoral Sabbatical: June 5-July 9, 2017**

Rest is a biblical principle modeled after God Himself. Scripture tells us that after God worked for six days, He rested on the seventh day; not because He was tired, but because He wanted to set an example for us to follow. A day of rest means a day to cease from normal work. A Sabbath rest is not only a ceasing from work, but also engaging in worship. A fresh, energetic life revolves around a cycle of work and rest; both are equally important. A sabbatical break is not uncommon in many fields of work, including the Pastoral Ministry. After nine wonderful years at Norwalk Grace, I will be taking a Pastoral Sabbatical. A Pastoral Sabbatical is not a vacation; it is a time for focused rest, study, and prayer. It is a time for me, your Pastor, to “cease from my regular work” in order to refresh, renew, and recharge by stepping away from my every day duties to intentionally, spiritually reenergize. A Pastoral Sabbatical is a blessing to me and to you, because the ministry will benefit by having a rested and recharged Pastor; it is an investment for the long-term ministry at Norwalk Grace. I will spend more time than normally reading, studying, praying, and being alone with God. I will be thinking and evaluating the ministry at Norwalk Grace and recording my thoughts, ideas, and reflections as we prayerfully move into the future together. My focus will be on “being” not on “doing.” [See page 2]



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## WHO IS ACBC?

For nearly 40 years, the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) has been certifying biblical counselors to ensure doctrinal integrity and to promote excellence in biblical counseling. We offer a comprehensive biblical counseling certification program that is rigorous, but attainable by even the busiest pastor. The biblical counseling certification phases include Learning, Exams, and Supervision.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST OF REGISTRATION?

- » 30 hours of Training from speakers over the course of three weekends.
- » Conference admission includes a conference booklet and lunch on Saturday of each weekend.
- » The cost of the conference is designed to be as inexpensive as possible. It is less than \$100 per weekend.
- » For those pursuing certification, this completes the required hours of teaching for phase one.

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## FUNDAMENTALS TRACK

### *What is Biblical Counseling?*

Biblical Counseling is discipleship. It is the personal ministry of the word through conversation. Every Christian is called to speak the truth in love to his neighbor and help them grow in grace. Believers should desire to apply the Bible to every area of life. The goal of Biblical Counseling is to present everyone mature in Christ by teaching with all wisdom.

### *Who is this training for?*

CDTs (Counseling Discipleship Training) are designed to help equip disciples of Christ to grow in their faith and help others do the same. The conference will cover a wide range of issues dealing with various problems in the Christian life. Whether you are a pastor, counselor or church member, this conference is for you. The Fundamentals track also completes the training portion of Phase 1 for those pursuing certification. The fundamentals track must be taken before advancing to the Theology or Methodology Track.

### FUNDAMENTALS TRACK TOPICS:

- Guilt and Repentance
- Counseling People with a Medical Illness
- Trials and Suffering
- Worry and Fear
- Forgiveness
- Counseling People with a Psychological Diagnosis
- Counseling Those Committing Sexual Sin
- Helping Those Suffering with Depression
- A Biblical View of Anger
- Addressing Issues of the Heart
- The Role of the Husband
- The Role of the Wife
- A Biblical View of Sexuality
- Biblical Parenting
- How to Improve Your Communication



## ADVANCED THEOLOGY TRACK

This track will equip counselors to better understand how theology relates to counseling. At ACBC we devote an entire track of our counseling training to the kind of robust theology that is the basis of the Christian faith and the Christian life. Theology is not just something for academics in an ivory tower of Christian higher learning. Jesus prays that normal Christians would know how to use the truths of theology to help trouble people grow in their ability to live faithful and vibrant lives. At our ACBC trainings we are going to show you how to do this.

For those interested in ACBC certification, the Advanced Theology Track will cover all of the material that is needed for completing the theology exam. This unique track will serve as an excellent resource for those completing phase two of certification.

### ADVANCED THEOLOGY TRACK TOPICS:

- The Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Authority of Scripture
- The Sufficiency of Scripture
- The Question of On-going Revelation
- General Revelation and Special Revelation
- Common Grace and the Noetic Effects of Sin
- The Doctrine of Union with Christ
- The Doctrine of the Church
- A Biblical View of the Person
- The Doctrine of Sanctification
- The Exclusivity of the Gospel
- The Image of God
- The Doctrine of Justification
- The Person of Christ
- The Work of Christ
- The Holy Spirit, and Guidance
- The Doctrine of the Trinity
- The Centrality of Repentance



## NEW METHODOLOGY TRACK

In Isaiah 9:6 Jesus was foretold as the Wonderful Counselor. Throughout his life on earth Jesus lived up to that reality. We often think of Jesus as a preacher, but in the gospels we see Jesus counseling far more than preaching. Jesus knew how to respond with wisdom and skill to all the conversational challenges that were placed before him. He knew how to respond to the sorrowful, the immoral, the weak, and the self-righteous in ways that reflected grace and truth.

ACBC offers counseling and discipleship training events because we want people to grow in the counseling skill that Jesus had. Everyone who attends our advanced track will receive more rigorous training in the kinds of complex skills we need to match complex problems.

### NEW METHODOLOGY TRACK TOPICS:

- Biblical Strategies for Building a Counseling Relationship
- Self-Harm
- Homosexuality
- Domestic Violence
- Church Discipline
- Personal Ministry
- Eating Problems
- Suicide
- Sexual Assault
- Medication
- Assigning Homework
- Marriage Counseling Case Study
- A Case Study in Sin and Suffering
- A Case Study in Biblical Counseling and Divorce
- A Biblical Evaluation of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Counseling with Effective Homework
- Concluding a Counseling Case
- How to Pray When the Pain Will Not Leave
- How Not to Counsel