

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

May 21, 2017

Services at Grace:

CE Commission Meeting: 8:30am

Sunday School: 9:30am

<i>Class: 3 - 5 yrs. old (Kinder.)</i>	<i>Class: 1st - 3rd grade (KIDMO)</i>
<i>Teacher: Carol Ann Perkins</i>	<i>Teacher: Lisa Patton</i>
<i>Class: 4th - 6th grade (5A)</i>	<i>Class: DRIVEN (Jr. & Sr. High)</i>
<i>Teacher: Robin Predmore</i>	<i>Teacher: Timothy Lansing</i>
<i>Class: Adults (6B)</i>	<i>Class: Adults (Conf. Rm.)</i>
<i>Teacher: Dave Goodwyn</i>	<i>Teacher: Ron Mui</i>
<i>Class: Young Adults (9:15am)</i>	
<i>Teachers: Sebastian B. & Timmy R.</i>	

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.

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

Reception for the Posadas (courtyard): 12:15pm

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: Patty & Jennifer; Worship: Dee & Susan

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

Events This Week at Grace:

FAMILY NIGHT: DRIVEN 6:30pm, ABS & ROCK	Wed., 6:45pm
Ladies' Psalms Study in Conf. room (last one till Aug.)	Fri., 10:00am
Heights of Grace at the Bridge, Boyle Heights	Sat., 10am-2pm

Events Next Month - June:

Deacons & Elders & Wives' Prayer	Sun., 8:45am (4 th)
[Pastor Jeff's Sabbatical: June 5 th through July 9 th]	
No Family Night Services on Wednesdays: June 7 th thr. July 5 th	
Heights of Grace Ministry: 10am-2pm; the Park (10 th) & the Bridge (24 th)	
Women of Grace – Pot Luck	Tues., 6:30pm (13 th)
Prayer Table	Sat., 8am-noon (17 th)
[Ben Ramirez's Operation Barnabas: June 18 th thr. July 11 th]	

For The Record:

Attendance Last Week:

Sunday School: 57 Worship Service: 110

Church Announcements:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Tim & Janine Lansing May 22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dave Goodwyn May 21

Stephanie Jones May 23

URGENT--VOLUNTEERING IN THE CHURCH OFFICE:

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

VACATION BIBLE CLUB: Please join us for an exciting week of VBC on July 24-28 (Mon.-Fri. from 9am to noon) for all children: ages 4 years to 6th grade, with a picnic on Friday the 28th at noon. Sign up to help or register your children now at Gracelive.myanswers.com/operation-arctic.



WOMEN'S RETREAT – NOVEMBER 10-12:

Ladies, please pick up your registration form back in the foyer and get your registration in early to Lisa or the church 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 birthday or anniversary gift.** Please pick up a form today; \$75 due by Aug. 1st. The total cost for the retreat is \$190, but well worth it. Don't miss out!

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A good shepherd invests his whole self in the well-being of his flock; it takes energy, discipline, kindness, shrewdness, and many other virtues bestowed by God – personified as Wisdom in the Proverbs (1 Thessalonians 2:7-12). While some “riches are not forever,” flocks and herds are self-replicating if cared for properly by the shepherd, and the flock becomes a “crown” to the shepherd (1 Thessalonians 2:19). Well-cared for sheep who are personally known by a good shepherd will be a source of glory and honor at the Lord’s return. There is no better or greater investment than the investment in the spiritual well-being of God’s flock. One theme of my sabbatical will be “Know Your Flock.” I will be spending much time reading, studying, praying, and meditating upon biblical teaching about Pastoral Care; how is the Pastor called by God to care for His flock? What does a good shepherd do? What does a bad shepherd do? How well do I know my flock? How healthy is my flock? What care does my flock need and how can I by the power of Christ provide that care? Is there oneness between myself as shepherd and my flock? I would invite you to unite our hearts in prayer about all of these things during my time away on sabbatical, and rejoice in advance for all that God is doing.

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

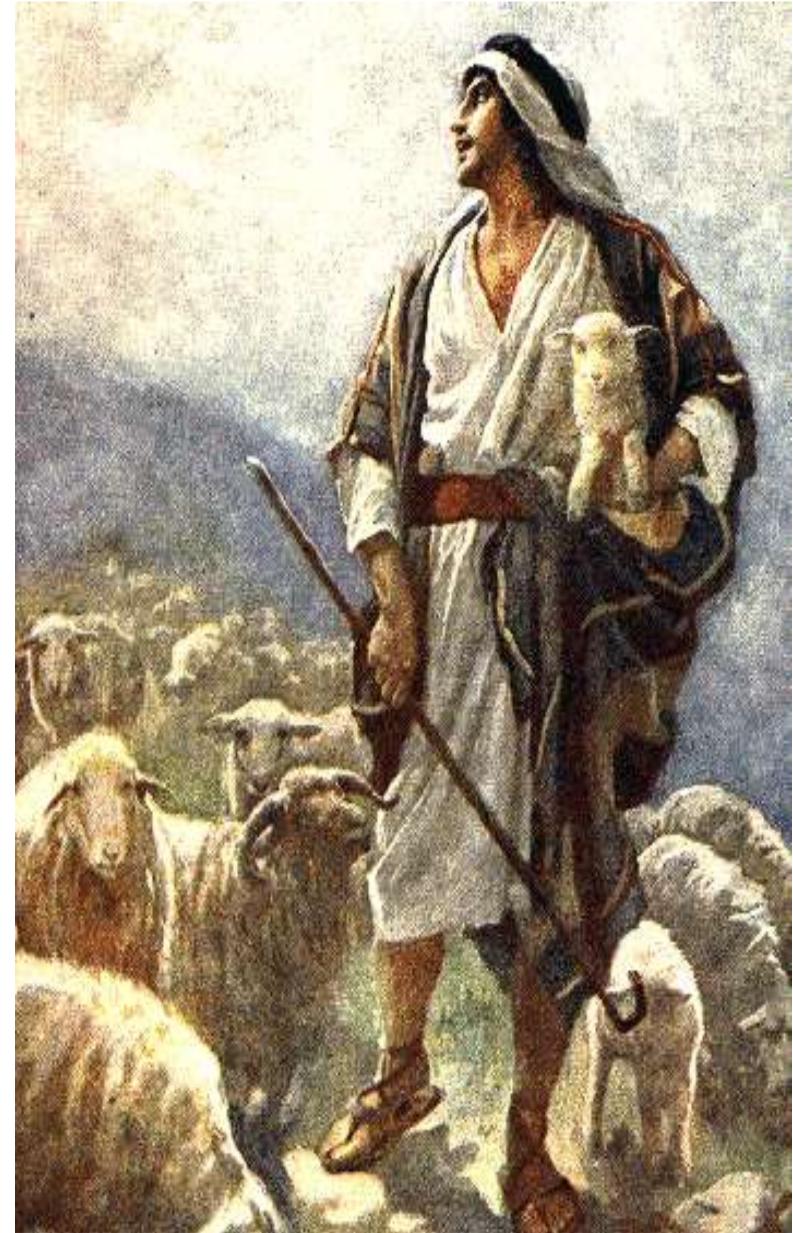
NOTE FROM PASTOR:

"Wind & Waves"



“Know well the condition of your flocks, and pay attention to your herds; for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations.” Proverbs 27:23-24

This pastoral proverb about “caring for flocks and herds” is heartwarming and inspiring. It is an admonition to go well beyond merely taking care of one’s “flocks and herds,” to “knowing them well.” The idea of a good shepherd “knowing well” his flocks and herds has deep, rich meaning for pastoral care. “Knowing well” carries the ideas of “concerning oneself intimately and personally with another’s well-being; intense involvement that exceeds a simple cognitive relationship.” There is a oneness between shepherd and herds described by the words “pay attention” to them; meaning “set your heart” to them. The writer says know their “condition” well. In other words, a good shepherd is personally and intimately in touch with the status of the health of those under his care. “Know well their condition” in the Hebrew language is “know their face well.” To know one’s “face” in the ancient Hebrew culture was to “know the character and heart, the inner workings” of the one into whose eyes you were looking. In Exodus 33, the LORD said to Moses, “You cannot see My face (essence, unobstructed sight of all that He is), for no one can see Me and live.” The Apostle Paul agonized about being separated from his spiritual flock in Thessaloniki, “...we were all the more eager with great desire to see your face...” (1 Thessalonians 2:17). It was no mere social, sentimental friendship that Paul had with the Thessalonians, nor the Hebrew shepherd with his flocks and herds. He had “set his heart to know their condition well.” [See page 2.]



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