

Welcome To Grace Brethren Church

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2Cor. 5:17



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August 14, 2022

Sundays at Grace

Bible Classes: 9:00am

Grace Gathering [Courtyard]: 9:40am

Grace Worship Service: 10:00am

TEACHING SERIES:



“GIVER, TAKERS, AND....”

Pastor Roy Halberg

Weekly Theme Passage
JAMES 1:16-18

We welcome our guests today and if you are new to Grace and are looking for a way to connect, 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!



- 1) Go to www.gracelive.com and click on the YouTube link on the homepage
OR
- 2) Go directly to YouTube.com and search for 'Grace Norwalk' If you are having any trouble connecting, we will record the service in both audio and video and will have it posted to our website after the service is over.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dee Muir	Sun	Aug 14
Matt Higby (missionary)	Tue	Aug 16
Vet Gonzalez	Wed	Aug 17

EVENTS THIS WEEK @ GRACE

Family Blast Sunday (<i>promotion Sunday</i>)	Sun	Aug 14	10:00am
Taco Lunch & activities in courtyard after service			
Gonzalez Small Group (Off-Campus)	Tue	Aug 16	7:00pm
English Bible Study (<i>Rm D101</i>)	Wed	Aug 17	6:30pm
Spanish Bible Study (<i>Rm D102</i>)	Wed	Aug 17	6:30pm
No Grace Students	Wed	Aug 17	
Worship Practice	Thu	Aug 18	6:30pm
Morales Small Group	Fri	Aug 19	6:30pm

COMING EVENTS

Good News Club Fingerprinting Event	Wed	Aug 24	11:00am
Heights of Grace	Sat	Aug 27	9:00am
Outdoor Worship Night	Sun	Sep 11	7:00pm

Things that we want to pray for as we enter the Fall Months:

Good News Club
Kids starting School
Vision Team starts to meet
Boot Camp with Assist
Putting Together First Impressions Team
New Grace Kids Director

Family Blast Sunday | The Journey

As a parent, it seems like every day is an exciting **journey** with lots of things happening; some expected and some unexpected. As parents we get to watch our kids do lots of ‘firsts’, like say their first word, their first step, their first bruise, their first friendship, their first day of school, etc.

In **Psalm 34:8** it says, *“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!”* What a blessing it is as a parent and as a Christian community to watch our kids and our students encounter Jesus and **journey** with Him during each season of their life.

This weekend we are celebrating our five students (*Arianna, Rylee, Noah, Estrella & Mia*) who are moving along in their **journey** and are promoting from our Grace Kids Ministry to our Grace Students Ministry. This is our opportunity to celebrate and rejoice with them and encourage them in this next season of their **journey**.

Matthew 5:13-14 says, *“YOU are the SALT of the earth ... YOU are the LIGHT of the world.”* Grace Students as you continue along in this **journey** be reminded that God has given you an Identity in Him that allows you to impact this world as SALT & LIGHT. YOU are difference makers! YOU are image bearers of Jesus! YOU are chosen for such a time as this to shine bright the light of Jesus! We are cheering you on and celebrating with YOU!

Attendance Last Week:

In-Person Service: 65

Online Viewed: 33

GIVERS, TAKERS, AND ...
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→Have you ever been given a totally worthless gift?

→WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA: God Gives Good Gifts Only Always

→James continues to give correction to these suffering believers . . .

1. His CAUTION About Being DECEIVED- James 1:16a

2. His COMPASSION For Their DISTRESS- James 1:16b

3. His CORRECTION Of Their CONCEPT Of God- James 1:17

4. His CONTRAST Between God And Their DECEPTION- James 1:18

So What? Now What? Taking it home!

1. Acknowledge your _____
2. Ask Him for _____
3. Commit to _____
4. Express your gratitude for both the _____ and the _____

QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been given a totally worthless gift? What was it? How did you respond to the giver?
2. What good and perfect gift has God given to you for which you are most grateful? Why did you choose that one?
3. Three times (1:16, 22, 26) James expresses concern for these believers being deceived. Why do you think James was so concerned about these believers being deceived?

Should we have a similar concern today for our families & believing friends? Why or why not?
4. Does it seem to you that many Christians today are concerned about being deceived? Why do you think this is?
5. What do you think is the greatest source of deception in our world today?
6. Sunday morning, Pastor Roy suggested four deceptions (lies) that are at the forefront of our culture today:
 1. Feelings are your ultimate guide
 2. Happiness is your ultimate goal
 3. Judging is the ultimate sin
 4. God is the ultimate guess/mysteryDo you see or hear these ideas being held to or communicated? Where?

How do these lies impact your life and those of your family?
7. How can we best combat these lies in our daily life?
8. What difference does it make in our lives if we see God as giving good gifts only always?
9. What is the significance to you that God has “no variation or shifting shadow”? How should this truth touch and impact our lives today?