



Graceway Fellowship

Graceway Weekly - An electronic newsletter for members and friends of Graceway Fellowship, Green Bay, Wisconsin

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

We welcome Pastor Rick back this Sunday. He is preparing the message *A Covenant By Grace* from Jeremiah 31:31-37 for the morning service. In the evening he'll offer *More Servant Characteristics*.

Pastor Mike returns to Graceway Kids this Sunday and he introduces the Father of Faith - Abraham . He'll also stress the importance of faith in our lives.

PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers are planning a warm greeting for TODAY'S gathering at Denny's on Oneida Street. If you're 55 years or older you're invited to attend. We gather at 11:30am and we're usually on our way by 1pm. Join us today.

YOUR MISSIONARIES

TRAVIS KERNS says his heart breaks over Salt Lake City. That broken heart, along with his expertise in mobilizing churches and knowledge of the beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) qualify him to be the Send City Coordinator for Salt Lake City. Providentially, Travis and his family have formed solid relationships with LDS leaders and members. New churches are forming, but with only a handful of good churches for the 2.6 million people in Salt Lake and intense spiritual warfare, many more are needed. Your partnership through the Cooperative Program is critical to impact

this city with the true Gospel. Pray for spiritual covering against the warfare attacking planters and pastors, their families and their partners in ministry.

Locking the door, Ani* turned to leave her home. She thought she would return in six months. Instead, her life has been plagued with visions of dead bodies and war. Loss of job, home and security has caused sleepless nights, fear and sickness. Twelve thousand forcibly displaced Syrian-Armenians now live in Armenia. Christian workers love and minister to the displaced by conducting camps, medical clinics and feeding projects. These measures do not compensate for their losses, but they are making a difference. Thank you for giving through the Cooperative Program so Christian workers can minister and love the people.

MEMBER'S ALERT

Everyone is encouraged to check their mail box in the entry. Several still have unclaimed Christmas cards, plus you'll find an envelope that contains the record of your giving to Graceway Fellowship during the past year. The enclosed document may be important when filing your 2015 tax return.

Also 2016 giving envelopes have been available for a couple of weeks. There are still a few families that have not picked up their box of envelopes. If you don't find your name on a box, contact the office and we can get you a box of envelopes.

A COMFORTING WORD

If 2016, as various where-is-society-heading experts predict, turns out to be the year in which the sleek new digital world rudely shoves ink-on-paper products deeper than ever toward the dustbin of history, someone forgot to tell The Gideons.

You may not have thought about them in a while. Which is fine with them. The Gideons don't seek publicity. They are content to do quietly what they have done for more than a century: endeavor to

put a free Bible in the drawer of every nightstand in every hotel room in the United States and throughout the world.

The presence of those Bibles has been so constant for so long that many travelers barely notice they're there. But The Gideons' theory — the reason for the existence of Gideons International — is that even if a person seldom picks up a Bible, there may come an unexpected dark night of the soul when a man or woman is on the road, alone and despairing, and by instinct will know that potential comfort is an arm's reach away.

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

Philip & Jummai Nache – Hope of Nations Church, Maple Grove, MN

**Tom & Fran Mackay – Cornerstone Christian Fellowship,
Marinette, WI**

Chris & Kim Steiner – Connections Church, Minneapolis, MN

Church Planting Catalyst:

Dennis & Marcia Hansen – Bay Lakes Association, Wisconsin

Potential location for a new church start:

Oshkosh, WI

Answered Prayer:

From Scot Mendenhall, pastor at Unlock Church in Maple Grove, MN:

There is a ton to be excited about first new families coming on Sundays. Also new people starting to give at Unlock Church. Also watching families that didn't attend a church last year that are now coming to Unlock Church and volunteering at our event for the community. We just did Unlockthepary.com a free event for the community. We had 73 first time guest show up.

DRIVER'S ED

Martin had just received his brand new driver's license. The family troops out to the driveway, and climbs in the car, where he is going to take them for a ride for the first time. Dad immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the newly-minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," says the beaming boy to his father.

"Nope," comes dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all these years."

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – Prime Timers Luncheon, 11:30AM, Denny's on Oneida

SATURDAY – Golden Gospel Group at Harmony Living, 11AM;
Grancare, 1PM

January 30 – Student Ministry Game Night, at Larson home.

February 2 – 4 – Pastor/Wives Retreat, Green Lake

February 7 – Youth Super Bowl Party, 5PM

February 14 – Valentines Day

February 17 – Quarterly Business Meeting

February 20 – Recharge Conference, Green Bay Community Church

February 27 – 6th Annual Snowblast, 1-4:30PM

March 13-17 – Spring Bible Celebration

March 27 – Resurrection Sunday

June 26-July 1 – BLBA Youth and Children's Camp

July 11-15 – VBS "Submerged"

My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon and I'm worried about the 200 lbs I've gained.

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