



# Graceway Fellowship

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

## **THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY**

We begin a new series this Sunday. Pastor Rick offers the first message in his series *Grace Allowances*. He uses Romans 5:20 for the basis of *Grace Allows Sin To Be Destroyed*. In the evening service we will continue to look at *Even More Servant Characteristics*.

It's book #52 this Sunday for Graceway Kids. In 1 Thessalonians we'll learn the importance of prayer and how to have a thankful heart.

## **WHERE DO WE STAND?**

Last Sunday morning Pastor Rick offered a message focusing on the covenant that God made with his people in the Old Testament. Did you know that Graceway Fellowship has a Covenant? Copies of the Graceway Fellowship Church Covenant are available on the information table. Pick up a copy and read it to discover what we have promised to do.

*What is Christianity? It is Christ. Nothing more. Nothing less.  
Christianity is not an ideology. Christianity is not a philosophy.  
Christianity is the "good news" that Beauty, Truth and Goodness are found in a person. Conversion is more than a change in direction; it's a change in connection.*

## **YOUR MISSIONARIES**

DWIGHT and MARA WILLIAMS, IMB missionaries serving in Spain, have discovered that God can use even their hobbies for great purposes.

Dwight hosts basketball camps for youth, where he can integrate spiritual topics with athletic skills. Mara hosts a crafting area in her garage to make crafts with friends and share evangelistic stories while doing so. Some of these women have already started similar crafting clubs in their own homes and are sharing the gospel. These women have also started an evangelistic blog with more than 1,000 followers. Dwight and Mara are bringing Christ into everyday life in Spain, thanks to your giving through the Cooperative Program.

MIKE DURBIN, a Michigan native, serves in Detroit as a church planting catalyst on the Send North America: Detroit strategy team. He works to push back lostness in the Detroit Metro Area and in Windsor, Canada, by enlisting, equipping and encouraging church planters to plant in places where there are few evangelical churches and among people groups who are unreached or under-reached. Despite the recent downturn in Detroit's economy, it remains the most influential city in Michigan. Pray for Mike and his wife, SHAR, as they advance God's kingdom in Detroit, and give generously through the Cooperative Program.

*Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord. J.I. Packer*

## **GAME NIGHT**

The Larson family is hosting the Student Ministry Youth Game Night this Saturday. An evening of fun is being planned with plenty of refreshments, maybe even *Pass The Chicken*, with a live chicken!

Activities get underway at 6PM and should conclude by 9PM. For directions or car-pooling options contact Pastor Mike.

## **GOING AND GROWING**

### Church Planters:

Kyle & Cassie Bair - The WHY Church, New Hope, MN

John & Chrissy Klein - Sovereign Joy Baptist Church, Madison, WI

Elie & Luna Hasbani – Ethnos Church, Milwaukee, WI

### Church Planting Catalyst:

Mark & Debbie Millman – Southern Wisconsin Association

### Potential location for a new church start:

Madison, WI - Hispanic

### Answered Prayer:

**Pastor Tom Mackay, Cornerstone Church in Marinette, WI**

recently wrote: *Our congregation decided to supply Christmas for a mother and her two young teenagers. This is part of the relational type evangelism that we are trying to do as a congregation.*

## **7 REASONS TO SERVE IN THE NURSERY**

- God is in the church nursery.
- Your service in the church nursery allows church goers to focus on worship, rather than worrying about their children.
- The first (and sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church is formed in the nursery department.
- When you serve in the nursery, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us.
- Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. You may have never looked at it this way, but a *growing* Christian is always a *serving* Christian.
- The church nursery is the first contact young families will have with your church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for your church.
- Your service in the church nursery is a powerful opportunity for prayer. If every nursery worker would spend several minutes praying over the children in their care, imagine how God might begin to change this coming generation.

*Tony Kummer, Ministry-To-Children.com*

## **DEVOTIONALS**

We're nearing the beginning of another month, and you should be looking for the February devotional guides. Each month we make

available *Journey* for women and *Stand Firm* for men. There are also copies of *Open Windows* on the information table or in the kiosk in the entry way.

### **WHERE'S THE FIRE?**

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog.

The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SATURDAY – Student Ministry Game Night, Hosted By The Larsons, 6-9PM

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

February 7 – Lord's Supper Observed AM service; Youth Super Bowl Party, 5PM (or Pastor Mike's Bronco Victory Party)

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 17 – Quarterly Business Meeting

February 20 – Recharge Conference, Green Bay Community Church  
Rebecca Schulze Bridal Shower, 2PM

February 27 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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*

*Blessed are they who have nothing to say and who cannot be persuaded to say it.*

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