



# Graceway Fellowship

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

## **THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY**

Pastor Rick is preparing a message from 2 Timothy 2:1 for the Sunday morning service. Join us as we learn that *Grace Allows Strength*. In the evening service we continue to see how we are to *Become Like Jesus* through the message *Holiness And Love*.

Graceway Kids will get a first-hand lesson on the Titus 2 Principle this Sunday when we focus on Paul's letter to Titus.

When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

## **SNOWBLAST VI**

It's hard to believe but it's time for SnowBlast again. All kids, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades, are invited to join us this Saturday at 1PM for SnowBlast VI. An afternoon of winter themed games, snacks, crafts, with a hint of this year's Vacation Bible School theme. The Graceway Children's Ministry team will bring back some of the favorite games from the past, and introduce some new ones. This is a great time for Graceway Kids to invite their friends and schoolmates to a fun activity. We open the doors at 1PM with registration and we ask you to pick up your kids by 4:30PM. Make plans to bring to drop off your kids or grandkids this Saturday.

## **MWBC NEWSPAPER**

The Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Press arrived in the mail box this week. This quarterly newspaper of the convention is available free to all members of MWBC churches. If you didn't get your copy, drop your name and address into the office and we'll get your subscription started.



In just a couple of weeks we'll begin our Spring Bible Celebration. This year we'll focus on *The Gospel of God's Grace*, and be challenged nightly by our guest speaker, Cory Bivens. This Southwestern Seminary student will be bringing a new and different perspective to the Spring Bible Celebration. Also joining us this year for our musical worship time is Joseph Kurth and Daniel Swan. Each evening we will offer special programming for all the kids.

Watch for opportunities for you to serve throughout the celebration. Sign-up sheets will be available for those who would like to serve in the nursery or as greeters, or ushers. There will also be a sign-up sheet to provide meals for our speaker (lunch/dinner). Check out the information table this Sunday.

## **YOUR MISSIONARIES**

MICHAEL O'HARA and his family minister to people who live on the fringe of Omaha—folks like gang members, inner-city youth and prisoners. They run a free, live-in discipleship program and a prison transitional living program, as well as a feeding site that serves three meals a day. They also have a theological school to train leaders, pastors and missionaries who are interested in inner-city ministry. Their

church, Set Free, has baptized 300 people in the past four years. Pray for the family as they live and serve in this tough ministry. Give generously through the Cooperative Program to pour resources into North America's major cities for God's glory.

After teaching English classes, JEFF and KIM CRUSE often invite students to their home. They build relationships with them and share the gospel. One day, when one of their students was asked where he went to church, he answered "JKH." It stood for Jeff and Kim's house. During one Bible study, the Cruses read Acts 2 and asked the students if the group at their home resembled the early church. "Wow, we are a church!" said the students. Today, a second church has been planted and the students are actively involved in missions. Cooperative Program gifts help the Cruses plant churches among students.

### **VBS ALREADY?**

Its four months until Vacation Bible School 2016 opens but that's not too early to begin preparing. We've already posted a list of materials needed for VBS crafts. Just in case you've missed it, here is what we're asking you to begin saving for us:

Cereal boxes; Prescription medicine bottles with caps (labels removed); Yogurt cups; 2 liter soda bottles; Rectangular margarine containers; Water bottle caps; Paper towel, toilet paper or wrapping paper rolls.

A collection box for these supplies is located near the information table.

### **GOING AND GROWING**

#### Church Planters:

Anthony & Lindsay Schindler – Three Rivers Community Church, La Crosse

Jonathan & Melissa Parnell – Cities Church, Minneapolis, MN

Wilkie & Leigh Richmond – Eagle Wings Fellowship, Ashland, WI

#### Church Planting Catalyst:

John & Francis Draper – Lakeland Baptist Association, Wisconsin

Potential location for a new church start:

Waukesha, WI

Answered Prayer:

Elie Hasbani, pastor of Ethnos Church in Milwaukee writes: *I prayed with a Jordanian man to receive Christ. Also we had lot of opportunities to pray with people to renew their commitment to the Lord and reading the Bible.*

## **HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGY?**

A guy sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog for Sale." He rings the bell and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black mutt just sitting there. "You talk?" he asks.

"Yep," the mutt replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The mutt looks up and says, "Well, I discovered my gift of talking pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running. The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals. Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. The owner says, "Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

The owner replies, "He's a big liar. He didn't do any of that stuff."

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SATURDAY – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowblast (Submerged Theme), 1-4:30PM

March 4-5 – Sportsman Dinner, Spring Lake Church

March 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13-17 – Spring Bible Celebration  
March 27 – Resurrection Sunday  
April 8-9 – Renew Conference, Milwaukee  
April 10 – VBS Training at Graceway  
June 14-15 – SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis  
June 26-July 1 – BLBA Youth and Children's Camp  
July 11-15 – VBS *Submerged*  
August 7-12 – BLBA Builders Project, Milwaukee  
August 20-26 – Hands of Hope, Racine

*Being over the hill is better than being under it.*

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