



Graceway Fellowship

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

ON TODAY'S SCHEDULE

The schedule includes two events for later today. The Prime Timers will meet for their regular monthly luncheon with special guest Cory Bivins at the Denny's on Oneida Street. We'll gather around 11:30AM in the large dining area.

Then tonight our Spring Bible Celebration 2016 has its final session. Cory will be sharing from II Corinthians 8:1-5 for his message *Be A Giver Of Grace*. Daniel Swan will lead us in music. This is also your last opportunity to give a Love Offering. Special envelopes are available.

THANK YOU

We have too many people to thank to list them all. Everyone played a special part in making the Spring Bible Celebration a success. No matter how small your contribution it was all important. We can continue to pray for the decisions that were made, and the impact we had on those who attended. We may never see the rewards for hosting the Spring Bible Celebration, but God will reveal it in his own time.

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

As the Spring Bible Celebration comes to a close Pastor Rick is preparing a message from Isaiah 53 for this Sunday morning. The tentative title for the sermon is *The Reality Of Our Sin*. In the evening service we will observe the Lord's Supper and learn about *Partaking Of God's Promises*.

Graceway Kids will get to know some of those listed in the Faith Hall of Fame as we investigate the New Testament book of Hebrews.

YOUR MISSIONARIES

We are focusing attention on those serving on the mission field in North America during the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering emphasis. All your dollars given go directly to support those serving. The goal for Graceway Fellowship is \$1,500. We will be collecting special gifts through Easter.

ANDY METZGER helped lead a team of 25 church planters from their homes in North Carolina to start a church in Denver. "Living in the heart of downtown Denver, raising a family and pastoring a church has been an incredible experience filled with stories of God's overwhelming grace and kindness," he says. "The artistic and educated alongside the hopeless and fatigued. At the heart of it all is a desire to see lives transformed by the gospel and power of Jesus Christ." Andy is grateful for your generous contributions and asks that you pray for the protection of leaders, the courage of members and the receptivity of friends in Denver.

TIM and ROBIN NUSSBAUMER have been in New Jersey for more than 10 years planting gospel-centered churches. One of Tim's goals from the beginning has been to partner with local school systems. One elementary school allowed the church to rent school facilities on Sundays, but it still took time to build trust between them and the church. To build this trust, the church cancelled a morning service to instead clean the school and do landscaping. Eventually, this relationship led to a tutoring and ESL class for the families of students. Pray for more church planters to have a heart for the Northeast and support them by giving through the Cooperative Program.

WHAT'S LIFE?

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it.

Life is bliss, taste it.

Life is a dream, realize it.

Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

Samuel & Gladys Asuma – Sonlight Community Church, Maple Grove, MN

Ben & Julie Bolin – Calvary Church, New Prague, MN

Julius & Kula Brent – Hope in Christ Assembly, Madison, WI

Church Planting Catalyst:

Gerardo & Meli Rodriguez – Twin Cities, MN

Potential location for a new church start:

Northfield, MN

Answered Prayer:

One of the church planters reported: Two professions of faith: one a lesbian moving out of her homosexual lifestyle and 9 year relationship. The other a woman finding hope in Jesus by coming out from under the shame of an abortion.

SBC ANNUAL MEETING

"A National Conversation on Racial Unity in America" will be among the highlights of the 2016 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in St. Louis. The theme of the annual meeting will be "Awaken America, Reach the World" drawn from Acts 4:31.

The racial reconciliation emphasis will take place during the Tuesday morning session of the June 14-15 annual meeting. Jerry Young,

president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, and Marshall Blalock, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charleston, S.C., will be among the featured speakers.

Also on Tuesday morning at the SBC annual meeting, SBC President Ronnie Floyd will deliver his presidential address and military veterans will be honored for their service.

For a second year, Floyd will lead a Tuesday evening session devoted to prayer, titled, "A National Call to Prayer for Spiritual Leadership, Revived Churches, The Next Great Spiritual Awakening, and The Future of America."

Reports by the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board are scheduled for the Wednesday morning session, June 15, and the two boards will close the annual meeting with a special missions presentation on Wednesday afternoon.

The Wednesday afternoon session will begin with two panel discussions: "The Local Pastor and Church in American Politics" and a question-and-answer period with the presidents of the SBC's 11 entities and the Executive Committee.

Delivering this year's convention sermon on Wednesday will be Ted Traylor, pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla.
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GETTING A CLUE

In a spy novel I had just read, the hero hid a letter in a particular statue in Washington, D.C.

Since I was in that city at the time, on a whim I decided to see if the statue really contained the small niche the author had described.

To my great surprise, it did -- and a cellophane-wrapped letter was inside. After a moment's hesitation, I pulled out the letter, opened it, and burst into laughter.

An unidentified reader had penned, "Good book, wasn't it?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY – Prime Timers Luncheon, 11:30AM; Final Session of Spring Bible Celebration, 6:30PM

SUNDAY – Lord's Supper Observed, PM Service

March 27 – Resurrection Sunday: 7AM, Son-rise Service; 8AM Breakfast; 9AM Bible Study; 10:15 Worship Service; No Evening Services

April 2 – BLBA Quarterly Meeting, Living Vine Church, Neenah

April 8-9 – Renew Conference, Milwaukee

April 10 – VBS Training at Graceway, 3:30PM

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

Noah was a trusting soul. Imagine going out in a wooden boat with two woodpeckers aboard -- and two termites.

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