



Graceway Fellowship

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

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

We celebrate Resurrection Sunday in what has become the traditional way for Graceway Fellowship. We begin our celebration with the *Son-rise Service* at 7AM. Following that special worship time together, everyone is invited to a fellowship breakfast prepared by the men of the church. (Scott Laha is looking for some guys to help with the preparation and serving.) We'll have our regular Bible study at 9am and worship service at 10:15am. Pastor Rick will use 1 Corinthians 15 to lead us in celebration of *Victory In Life*. Evening activities are not scheduled for this Sunday.

Graceway Kids will take their own special look at our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

MARKS OF FAITH

Israel's religious and political leaders wanted to rid themselves of Jesus, so they tried every means possible to convict Him of a crime. They paid an informant from among Jesus' own followers, but he returned their money and declared the Lord innocent ([Mark 14:43-46](#); [Matthew 27:3-5](#)). They orchestrated an armed mob to intimidate Jesus, but He kept His cool and restrained His followers ([Matthew 26:51-54](#)). The leaders even presented witnesses to testify against Him, but the witnesses perjured themselves and contradicted each other ([Mark 14:55, 56](#)).

People tried to convict Jesus of a crime for which they lacked a shred of evidence. They failed because Jesus lived His life in plain

sight. For every false accusation lodged against Him, there were countless examples of His love and moral perfection.

What signs of authentic faith do people see when they scrutinize our lives? Is it enough evidence to prove that our trust in God is real?

The Bible suggests several outward marks of authentic faith:

We display the Beatitudes that Jesus described in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3–16).

We think with a transformed mind, We express genuine love, and we respect authority (Romans 12:1,2; 13:1–7).

We overflow with love actions (1 Corinthians 13).

We display the Spirit's fruit (Galatians 5:22–26).

We imitate Christ's humility and look out for others' interests (Philippians 2:1–4).

We pray without ceasing, and in everything we give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).

We carry out works of faith and compassion (James 2:14–17), we control our tongues (3:1–11), and we speak wisdom (3:13).

We hold to the truth about Jesus (2 John 4; 3 John 3, 4) and defend it (Jude 3).

<http://www.bibleconnectionnews.com/marks-of-faith/>

YOUR MISSIONARIES –ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

With the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ comes the end of our special emphasis on North American missionaries through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The goal for Graceway Fellowship is \$1,500. If you haven't given your gift yet there are special envelopes available on the information table, or you can designate your gift on your regular envelope. The following are some of the missionaries your gift will support.

SCOTT WILSON leads the missions mobilization team in New Mexico, where he works with leaders who oversee ethnic and language works among Hispanics, Native Americans, Deaf, Chinese, Muslims, Russians and more. He also partners with Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, WMU and church planting. Scott says New Mexicans face a variety of hindrances in accepting the gospel, including a struggling economy, entrenched beliefs from traditional Native American

religion and a Hispanic culture heavily influenced by Roman Catholicism. Please support the Cooperative Program generously, and pray that missionaries in New Mexico will learn to communicate the truth of the gospel into a world that is changing rapidly.

God has called WILL and DEBRA PAGE to plant churches among the people of North Dakota. In 2012, the couple moved to Williams County, where an oil boom led to a 30 percent growth in population from 2010 to 2013. With the partnership of First Baptist Church of Williston, the Pages started a church in the dining room of a restaurant in Ray. They also helped to start a church that is reaching out to African immigrants in Williston. Thanks to your gifts, the Pages are reaching this growing community in North Dakota with the hope of the gospel. Pray that God would strengthen these two new churches and the Page family

A POINT IN TIME

The other night I was awoken by my dog's reaction to a lightning and thunderstorm. It was 1:10 AM. This got me to thinking about the 1:10AMs in my life.

As a child – It was a “sleep” over at a friend's house.

As a Teen - I'm going to get grounded. It's way past my curfew.

As a College Student - I'm just starting to roll, let's party!

In my 30s – Is it really my turn to feed the baby????

In my 40s - Oh, he's SO grounded. He was supposed to be home an hour ago.

In my 50s - Ate way too much pizza. Where's the Tums?

In my 60s+ - Time to go to the bathroom again.

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

Steve & Brenda Flattum – Tree of Life, Burnsville, MN

Chuck & Sherry Gilbert – Hope Church, Duluth, MN

Thomas & Janice Gold – River South Bible Church, Prior Lake, MN

Church Planting Catalyst:

Joshua & Bekah Whetstine – Send City Missionary, Twin Cities

Potential location for a new church start:

Minneapolis, MN

Answered Prayer:

From **Pastor Tom Mackay of Cornerstone Church in Marinette, WI:** *I have been encouraging those that desire to serve God to pray about the area that would be right for them and also encourage and prepare them for it. I am happy to share that our young Christians are beginning to step out and take part in serving God at Cornerstone.*

NEAR THE END

A very old man lay dying in his bed. In death's doorway, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favorite chocolate chip cookie wafting up the stairs. He gathered his remaining strength and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning against the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort forced himself down the stairs, gripping the railing with both hands.

With labored breath, he leaned against the door frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven. There, spread out on newspapers on the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favorite chocolate chip cookies. Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of heroic love from his devoted wife, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself toward the table. The aged and withered hand, shaking, made its way to a cookie at the edge of the table, when he was suddenly smacked with a spatula by his wife. "Stay out of those," she said. "They're for the funeral."

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 5 – Women's Bible Study Begins, 9:30AM

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

*Sometimes I think I understand everything - but then I regain
consciousness.*

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