



# 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 on the deliverance of God's people as he uses Exodus 11-12:30 for *Passover Grace*. Sunday evening we begin a new series, *Characters of Grace*. The opening message will be *A Lot of Grace* from Genesis 14 & 19.

Graceway Kids will learn from II John the benefits of being obedient to the truth, and knowing obedience demonstrates our love.

## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

This Thursday will be the 65<sup>th</sup> annual National Day Of Prayer. This year's theme is *Wake Up America*. Isaiah 58:1a was chosen as the Scripture for this year's observance: *Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet*. Prayer guides are available on the Information Table or you may request one from Pastor Rick, who can email a copy to you.

## **TOP TEN COMPLAINTS FROM BIBLICAL MOTHERS OR WIVES**

By Grant MacDonald

10. Eve to Adam: "You never take me anywhere different to eat!"
9. Sarah to Abraham: "Maybe if you stopped treating me like your sister, we could start a family!" (Gen 12:19)
8. Elizabeth to John the Baptist: "I cook you a nice meal and all you want is locust, locust, locust!"
7. Pharaoh's Daughter to Moses: "Stop parting the bath water, Moses, and wash behind those ears!"

6. David's mom to Jesse, her husband: "Do you really think it was a good idea to get David that sling? He's going to put someone's eye out with that thing!"
5. Manoah's wife to her son Samson: "Can't you clean the sink after you shampoo? I'm sick of all these long hairs!"
4. Elizabeth to Mary: "I love talking to you, Mary, really I do, but can you speak a little softer? This kid just won't stop doing the rhumba in my tummy!" (Luke 1:44)
3. Mary to Joseph: "I TOLD you to make reservations!"
2. Herodias to her daughter: "I told Herod that if he didn't do something about this John nut, I would make sure the problem came to a head!"

And the number one complaint made by a biblical mother or wife is:

1. Pilate's wife to Pilate after the resurrection: "You never listen to me, do you? How do you feel now Mr. Wash-Your-Hands-In-Public?!" (Mat 27:19)

## **SPRING CLEANING**

We hope you've got Saturday, May 14, circled on your calendar. That's the day you can join us for spring cleaning and organizing here at Graceway. We'll begin at 9AM and with a number of volunteers we should have our tasks accomplished in a short period of time. Don't miss out on this special project.

## **YOUR MISSIONARIES**

JAMES and ANGELA ANDRETTI\* went with their good friend and new believer, Asha,\* to a river outside of town for her baptism. Much to their surprise, many in Asha's family came to witness the baptism and share in the celebration. None are believers, but all heard Asha explain the gospel message and how she had come to believe. The next day, she texted the Andrettis to say her baptism was the greatest moment in her life. Southern Baptists make these moments possible through their gifts to the Cooperative Program.

Locating pockets of the many people groups in Ohio cities, praying with a church planter as he develops a launch plan and directing

new leaders toward available resources are just some of the challenges and blessings regularly experienced by BRUCE SMITH, associate executive director for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Because you support the Cooperative Program, Bruce can coordinate funds for missionaries and their ministries and partner with associational leaders to develop strategies for reaching the millions of Ohioans who do not have a relationship with God. Pray for more church planters to be called from existing churches and church plants and for a movement of God to sweep across Ohio.



### **BAY LAKES BUILDERS**

A team of volunteers from Bay Lakes Baptist Association will be joining other Builders For Christ teams in Milwaukee this summer. This year's building project is construction of a completely new, 24,000 square foot, building for Layton Avenue Baptist Church. The Bay Lakes Builders have been assigned to participate the week of August 7-

12. Lodging has been secured by Valley Baptist Church. If interested in joining the team please contact Glen Slaats. More details will be available soon.

## **GOING AND GROWING**

### Church Planters:

Hank & Angie Harris - Church of the Way, Burnsville, MN  
Erik & Alejandra Martinez - Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica, Ft. Atkinson, WI  
Fucha Lor - Followers of Christ Hmong Baptist Church, St. Paul, MN

### Church Planting Catalyst:

Joshua & Bekah Whetstone - Send City Missionary, Twin Cities

### Potential location for a new church start:

Bloomington, MN - Hispanic

### Answered Prayer:

Pastor Scot Mendenhall, church planter at Unlock Church in Maple Grove, MN writes: *Easter was huge for us in all areas. First the energy from our volunteers in the morning setting up for service was massive. You could feel the excitement of what could happen in a few hours. Doors open and we had our largest number of people sense grand opening. We had 17 first time salvation and the whole room respond to the second response moment about putting their hope in Jesus instead of all the other worldly things. Also we did a Good Friday service online and we had 154 people attend it.*

## **THIRST REVIVAL**

Ryan Loveing will lead the Thirst Revival Conference, May 15-18, at Highland Crest Baptist. Ryan has devoted over 20 years to encouraging believers to live H-O-T (Honest, Open, Transparent) lives. His wife MaryAnn will be joining him. Also participating in this year's conference is Luke and Sarah Johnson. Services will be offered each evening at 6PM. More information is available at [HighlandCrestBaptist.com](http://HighlandCrestBaptist.com)

## **CAST YOUR VOTE FOR –**

The editor of a small country newspaper, furious over several government bills that had recently been passed, printed a scathing editorial with an enormous headline:

"HALF THE LEGISLATORS ARE CROOKS."

Many local politicians were outraged and exerted tremendous pressure on him to print a retraction. He finally gave in to the pressure and ran his apology with the headline:

"HALF THE LEGISLATORS ARE NOT CROOKS."

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

TODAY – Golden Gospel Group, Marla Vista, 3PM

THURSDAY – National Day Of Prayer

SUNDAY - Mother's Day

May 14-28 – MWBC Disaster Relief Team To Greece/Macedonia Border

May 14 – Graceway Spring Cleaning, 9AM

May 15 – Dessert Fellowship Following Evening Service

May 15-18 – Thirst Revival Conference, Highland Crest Baptist

May 18 – Graceway Business Meeting, 6:30PM

May 30 – Memorial Day

June 10-11 – Disaster Relief Training, Portage, WI

June 14-15 – SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis

June 19 – Father's Day

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

July 11-15 – VBS *Submerged*

August 7-12 – BLBA Builders Project, Layton Avenue Baptist, Milwaukee

August 20-26 – Hands of Hope, Racine

*A cowboy adopted a dachshund so he could get a long little doggie.*

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