



Graceway Fellowship

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

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

This Sunday morning we leave Egypt behind as Moses leads the people towards the Promised Land. In Exodus 13:17- 14 we face the *Seas of Turmoil*. In the evening service the message will come from Genesis 16 and 21:8-21 for *Grace When Others Show None*. After the evening service everyone is invited to stay around for some sweet, dessert fellowship.

Graceway Kids will learn about the consequences of doing good and bad when they are introduced to Ill John.

CLEAN SWEEP SATURDAY

This Saturday morning you're asked to join us for the annual Church Spring Cleaning. It's time to freshen up our building and organize all the things that have been accumulated over the winter. We'll begin at 9AM. If the weather cooperates and we're able to do some things outside, feel free to bring your rakes and other gardening tools. We'll have projects for all ages. No experience is necessary. If you're looking for something to do Saturday morning head on over to 1750 Dousman and lend a hand.

With the improvement (?) in the weather the lawn has begun to grow so we have the need to mow! We now have 3 riding lawn mowers available for this project, so duo or trio mowing can be done! Riding lawn mowers are restricted to those over 16-years of age. Look for the sign-up sheet and select the week you'd like to have this responsibility.

YOUR MISSIONARIES

This Saturday volunteers from Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist churches are leaving for a two-week mission trip to aid IMB field personnel with distribution of clothes, food, water, etc. to Syrian refugees entering Europe. The seven member team is led by Dave Wedekind and will be working in a refugee tent camp on the Greece/Macedonia border. They will be working alongside our member/missionary Anne D. Please keep them in prayer for safe travel and to effectively share Jesus at every stop along their way. Your support of the Cooperative Program allows Southern Baptists to reach out to serve where there is the greatest need.

CAMP

The deadline is next week to get a reduced rate at the BLBA Youth and Children's Summer Camp. All registrations received by May 16 will get a 25 per cent discount in the registration fee. An information packet is available on the information table. The packet includes registration forms, camp rules, suggested packing list, and a scholarship application fee. Any question can be directed to Pastor Mike.

I AM NOT IN CHURCH

By Thom S. Rainer – Growing Healthy Churches (ThomRainer.com)

I am not in church.

Sure, I have visited churches several times, but I gave up.

For the most part, the people were unfriendly in the churches. No one greeted me unless it was some contrived greeting time. No one noticed me while they gathered in their holy huddles. One church member sat down by me and told me I was sitting in her pew. I decided to leave right then.

I am not in church.

But I really would like to know more about Christianity. Unfortunately, most of the sermons I hear seem watered down. Too many of the preachers tend to shy away from dealing with the biblical text straight on. I want to learn, but they just seem to want to please.

I am not in church.

I could make you a list of over 100 things churches are against. The topics range from the serious to the ridiculous. I sure would like to find a church that also tells me what they are for.

I am not in church.

But I need help. I know I need help. There are times I hurt badly and seek answers. I was hoping to find some of those answers at church. I was hoping to meet people who cared. I was hoping to be in place where I am treated with dignity and care.

I am not in church.

My co-worker goes to church. I even know where he's a member. But he's never invited me. My neighbor goes to church. My children play with her children. I see their family go to church every Sunday. But she's never invited me. I would go if she did. I would definitely go.

I am not in church.

But church members don't seem to care. They seem too busy to care. No one speaks to me. No one invites me. No one shows concern for me.

I am not in church.

I am not anti-church. I am not anti-Christian. I am really seeking answers. I am really looking for people who care.

I am not in church.

But I think I would like to be.

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

Scot & Holly Mendenhall – Unlock Church, Maple Grove, MN

Philip & Jummai Nache – Hope of Nations Gospel Church, St. Paul, MN

Jonathan & Melissa Parnell – Cities Church, Minneapolis, MN

Church Planting Catalyst:

Jon & Sharon Beck – Minnesota (everything outside of the Twin Cities)

Potential location for a new church start:
Chester, MN

A REAL PRESCRIPTION

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office.

"Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition, because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS.'"

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SATURDAY – Graceway Spring Cleaning, 9AM

SUNDAY - Dessert Fellowship Following Evening Service

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

May 18 – Prime Timers, 11:30AM; 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

October 14-16 – Youth Called Out Conference, Barboo

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

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