



# Graceway Fellowship

Graceway Weekly - An electronic newsletter for members and friends of  
Graceway Fellowship, Green Bay, Wisconsin  
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## **THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY**

We began the VBS Series "Submerged" last week and shall continue with message #2, "Jesus Sees the Woman at the Well."

Graduates from Graceway will be recognized at the beginning of the service.

Our worship service will be **OUTSIDE** (weather permitting) so bring a lawn chair, dress cool, and enjoy worshipping the Lord. A fellowship picnic will follow. Please bring food to share for the picnic. We are inviting some of the neighbors around us so bring extra if you can.

Men, your assistance is needed to set up for the service Saturday morning, 9 AM (weather permitting). We also need help after the picnic on Sunday to put awnings and equipment away. Thanks in advance!

Sunday evening will be another opportunity to see how God shows grace to a lesser known biblical character. The message, "Answered Prayer".

Graceway Kids begin a new series this week, *Connect*. Their first lesson, "*Connect with God*", Acts 9:1-20.

## **GOLDEN GOSPEL GROUP**

The Golden Gospel Group will share in song and message with residents at Cottonwood on Saturday, June 11 at 1 PM. Volunteers are invited to assist in presenting this service to these residents.

## **Worry Is Worthless (From *Wisdom for the Way* by Chuck Swindoll)**

*My soul takes refuge in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge until destruction passes by. — Psalm 57:1*

Worry is a complete waste of energy. It solves nothing. That's why Jesus said, *Which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span?* — Matthew 6:27

In essence He was saying, "You go to bed tonight and fret and fuss because you're not five feet, eleven inches; you're only five feet, nine inches. But when you wake up in the morning, you're still going to be five feet, nine inches."

Worry will never make you stretch!

And it won't solve that anxiety on your mind either.

Let me be completely candid here. Do you know why we worry? We have a quiet, hidden, love for worry. We enjoy it! When one worry is gone, we replace it with another. There's always a line of worries waiting to get in the door. So as one goes out the back door, we usher in the next one through the front door. We enjoy entertaining them.

Worries are our mental and emotional companions. But Jesus says, in effect, that they're worthless!

## **GOING AND GROWING**

### Church Planters:

Samuel & Luz Jackson – Hope Community Church, Racine, WI

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

Michael & Aurora Thomas – House of Saints, Brown Deer, WI

### Church Planting Catalyst:

Gerardo y Meli Rodriguez – Twin Cities Metro Baptist Association

Potential location for a new church start: White Bear Lake, MN

Upcoming event: Hands of Hope – August 20-26, Racine, WI

Answered Prayer: Pastor Elie Hasbani of the Ethnos Church in Milwaukee writes: "We adopted a simple discipleship method in the church for every member: 'pray for someone, write your story, write Jesus story, share with others, connect to e-groups and church and grow.' We trained our leaders how to do that...We

had new people came to the church. Last month after the church service we gave a call, and we prayed with 7 people to accept Christ as their Savior - also we prayed with many to be healed spiritually and physically."

### **VBS – Submerged**

Most of the leaders are in place but helpers still are needed for this year's VBS – "Submerged". Pastor Mike is planning for our best ever VBS. Join our "Dive Team" to serve in: registration, crafts, snacks, recreation, student groups. Our motto this year – Jesus Sees, Knows, Saves. Let Pastor Mike know where you would like to assist.

#### **Fun with Words:**

1. ARBITRAITOR -- A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonald's.
2. BERNADETTE -- The act of torching a mortgage.
3. BURGLARIZE -- What a crook sees through.
4. AVOIDABLE -- What a bullfighter tries to do.
5. COUNTERFEITER -- Workers who put together kitchen cabinets.
6. HEROES -- What a man in a boat does.
7. PARASITES -- What you see from the Eiffel Tower.
8. PARADOX -- Two physicians.
9. PHARMACIST -- A helper on a farm.
10. RELIEF -- What trees do in the spring.

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH CAMP:**

Registration for children and youth camp (June 26-July 1) is closing. Some scholarships have been requested. If you'd like to sponsor a child or youth for camp, please contact Pastor Rick or Pastor Mike.

Pray for those signed up to attend (14 children/youth, 9 adults). We still need men or women to be Camp Counselors to help our young people learn about Jesus. See Pastor Mike or Pastor Rick if you'd like information on being a Counselor.

### **GRACE REPORT (Sharing how God's grace is seen today)**

"We are so grateful that the Lord has allowed us to remain together in the same living space. We are both in our 90's and have different levels of care required but we are able to remain together, thanks to the Lord!"

“I’m sitting here giggling with how God operates! Feeling unworthy of these extra blessings that have been coming my way; God’s provisions.”

So . . . how is God showing His grace to you?

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

June 12 – Outdoor Service, Picnic Lunch, Graduate recognition

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

June 15 – Prime Timers meet at Denny’s, 11:30 AM

June 18 – Oconto River Float (Family event), meet at Church 8 AM.

June 19 – Father’s Day

June 26 – Angie Jepson shares on Refugee Camp & Greece trip.

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

July 4 – Independence Day

July 11-15 – VBS Submerged, 6-8:30PM

July 16 – Post-VBS Celebration, 1 PM

July 24 – Commission Youth Missions Group, AM Service

July 24-31 – Youth Mission Trip to Albia, IA

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

August 17 – Dinner fellowship, 5:30 PM; Annual Business Meeting, 6:30

August 20-26 – Hands of Hope, Racine

October 14-16 – Youth Called Out Conference, Baraboo

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