



Graceway Fellowship

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

THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY

Pastor Rick will continue to get us prepared for our Vacation Bible School with another message based on lessons to be shared during VBS. This Sunday we turn to John 9 for *Jesus sees the Blind Man*.

Pastor Rick will be heading to the BLBA Youth and Children's Camp Sunday afternoon, and he has asked Angie Jepson to share photos and stories of the time she spent earlier this summer in Greece and with aiding refugees at our Sunday evening meeting time.

Graceway Kids in our *Connect With God* series we'll learn from Paul the importance of *Connecting Others To God*.

Nursery Lesson is using a heart shape to teach those in the nursery that *God Loves Everyone*. Contact Pastor Mike if you'd like to help in this area.

PASTOR RICK/PASTOR MIKE?

You may be a pastor if, instead of being "ticked off," you get "grieved in your spirit."

CHILDREN/YOUTH CAMP

If you haven't started yet, today is the time to begin praying for the campers and staff that are preparing for the BLBA Youth and Children's Camp. This Sunday Graceway Fellowship will be sending a number of campers and leaders to Camp Bird for a week of fun,

friends and Bible centered fellowship. You'll be represented at camp by a half dozen adults and 13-14 campers. Campers start arriving Sunday afternoon and will be heading back to their home churches on Friday, July 1. Pastor Rick and Pastor Mike both have leadership roles at Camp.

ARE YOU ABOVE AVERAGE?

by Barna Group

With over 5 billion copies sold, the Bible remains earth's most-read book. But the world in which we read and engage with the Bible is rapidly changing. The steady rise of skepticism is creating a cultural atmosphere that is becoming unfriendly to claims of faith; the adoption of self-fulfillment as our culture's ultimate measure of good is re-orienting moral authority; and the explosive growth of digital tools such as Bible apps, daily reading plans, study resources and online communities offer unprecedented access to the Scriptures.

In the last six years alone, we've seen unprecedented changes. Nearly a quarter of a century ago in 1991, 45% of American adults told Barna they read the Bible at least once a week. In 2009, 46% reported doing so. These percentages were remarkably consistent over the course of nearly two decades. But since 2009, Bible reading has become less widespread, especially among the youngest adults. As more and more Millennials join the ranks of adulthood, the national average continues to weaken. Today, about one-third of all American adults report reading the Bible once a week or more.

TRAINING

We've scheduled a special training session for anyone interested in helping with the production of the Sunday morning service. On Thursday, June 30, 7PM, you'll learn about operating the audio board, the computer projection system and proper microphone placement and technique. The training is open to anyone interested in serving in this ministry. Ken Boyd can answer all your questions.

YOUR MISSIONARIES

Three-year-old EVAN BRASHER* has never met a stranger, according to his parents, JOEL and RUTH,* who are Christian workers in West Africa. The youngest of four children, Evan doesn't even notice how different he looks from the majority of people around him. One of Evan's dearest friends is Frankie.* "Because of their friendship, we are developing a deep and open relationship with this family whose language, culture and beliefs are vastly different from ours. Evan and Frankie have taught us that the love of God transcends differences as easily as a hug between friends." Your gifts to the Cooperative Program are building relationships and turning people to God's love.

DAVID and SHANITA HEAVENER serve Atlanta's entertainment and artistic community through The Revelation Studios Ministry. David began as a songwriter in Nashville and went on to Hollywood to write, produce and distribute more than 30 feature films. Their mission is to create a community where talent is discovered, nurtured and shared for the purpose of communicating the Father's love as expressed through Jesus. Through the Cooperative Program, you can have a positive impact for Christ on the entertainment industry and, in turn, the world. Pray that David and Shanita stay aligned with and sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

GOING AND GROWING

Church Planters:

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

Trey & Lea Ann Turner – Church at Wazeecha, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Tom & Fran Mackay – Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, Marinette, WI

Church Planting Catalyst:

Dennis & Marcia Hansen – Bay Lakes Baptist Association, Wisconsin

Potential location for a new church start:

Fond du Lac, WI

Answered Prayer:

Pastor Tom Mackay of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Marinette, WI writes: *We have had some more visitors. One of our newest converts has become very faithful and has been inviting coworkers and friends to attend with him. Our children's church continues to have kids that are becoming friends and learning about the life of Christ.*

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

The story is told of a father of five children who came home with a toy.

He summoned his children and asked which of them should be given the present. "Who is the most obedient one here? Who never talks back to Mom and does everything that Mom says to do?" he inquired.

There were a few seconds of silence, and then all of the children said in one accord: "You play with it Daddy!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

VBS REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

SUNDAY – Angie Jepson shares on Refugee Camp & Greece trip, PM service. BLBA Youth and Children's Camp, opens

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

June 30 – Audio, Computer, Microphone Training Session, 7PM

July 3 – No Evening Service

July 4 – Independence Day

July 11-15 – VBS Submerged, 6-8:30PM

July 16 – Post-VBS Celebration, 1PM

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

You don't need to wear spurs on both boots...If one side of a horse starts to run, so will the other.

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