

STATE OF GRACE

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2016



Pastor's Perspective: THE DEVIL IS IN THE DIVISION

Satan hates it when Christians unite. Jesus prayed to the Father for those(us) who would become believers in the future, "that they all will be one, ..." John 17. America is a nation divided today more than any time since the Civil War 150 years ago. The danger of division has been well expressed in many famous quotes, "A house (or nation) divided cannot stand."; Together we stand; divided we fall."; "We must hang together or we will hang separately." Psalm 133 promises God's blessings in unity, whereas disunity and division leads to destruction.

In a few days America will choose a new President. I encourage Christians to look past the moral and character deficits of the candidates and examine the platforms and positions of the parties as they align or misalign with clear biblical values. Regardless of who the President is, God alone can heal America's many and great festering wounds accumulated over recent decades. When there was virtually no hope that America could survive the war for independence, George Washington exhorted the people to unite and "Appeal To Heaven." He ordered a flag with those words to be flown on American ships. This was before we had the current Stars and Stripes flag. God heard their united cry and intervened supernaturally. I believe God is listening today for the united cry of His people as we, "Appeal To Heaven" as indeed many are. We must not put our hope in any man or woman but rather in God alone.

Will Christians rally to the cry and "...humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,.."? If so, His promise remains - "I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

I have no doubt that God can and wants to bring a third Great Awakening to America. I wish I were able to say I am confident that will happen. However, I'm am very confident of this: "For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones." Psalm 37:28a.

Though hard for us to imagine, it is very possible that Christians in America could face various kinds and degrees of persecution as Christians have through the ages and do currently in many nations. As always, He has given grace for the day and circumstance and promised to never leave or forsake His children even unto death. Hebrews 13:5. The essential is UNITY - united with Christ and one another.

It was ordained by God that you and I be here in America together at this time in the history of man. In spite of the things around us that grieve us and the heart of God, we are here as salt (preservative) and light as united together we direct a lost world to hope in the Savior.

November 8th will come and go. Our purpose and life mission remains the same: To love God, love people and to make disciples. In truth, to allow Jesus to live and love through us is the only life of fulfillment, purpose and peace.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."
John 14:27

Grace, Peace and Love,
Pastor Roger

AN APPEAL TO HEAVEN





Senior Pastor
Roger & Sandra Olsen



Pastoral Care
Pastor Kent & Gale
Duval



Director of Youth
Ministries
Pastor John & Angie
Lewis



Worship Director /
20s & 30s Young Adult
Ministries
Sarah & Gregg Hionis

Contents

Regular Features

Pastor's Perspective: 2
Synergy: 3
Calendar: 10 & 11
Prayer Warrior Network: 10

Special Items

New Glarus Family Festival: 4 & 5
Decorate the Church: 10
Gates of Glory: 10
Blood Drive: 11
Operation Christmas Child: 17
Chief Burt Boldebeck: 18
Holiday Decorating: 18
Bell Ringing For Salvation Army: 19
Food Drive: 19
Candlelight Christmas Service: 19
New Year's Eve service: 19
Thanksgiving Dinner: 19
Adult Christmas Party: 20

Adult Activities

Friday NiteLife: 3
Women of Grace: 19
Men of Grace: 19

Children and Youth

Life Hurts, God Heals: 13
God's Warriors: 14
Handmaidens: 14
Sisterhood of Grace: 14
J.A.M. & JR. JAM Time: 15
Children's Christmas Service: 17
Elevate Youth: 16
Little Lambs: 17
Bible Explorers: 17

Missions

Angel: 6
Beutlers: 7
Hope Hill: 8
Welborns: 9
Care Net Banquet: 12

SYNERGY Unified Prayer:
November 11th & December 9th 7-9pm
Dale Crall Prayer Leading November 11th

Multiplication of power through a combined effort.

*Synergy is a chance to join with your family,
the body of Christ, in prayer & worship;
agreeing together with what Heaven wants for
this time in history.*

Our Father, who is in Heaven,
Holy is Your name;
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.

If you would like prayer for healing; physically, emotionally, relationally,...etc;
Please come and let the prayer teams speak life into you and your situation.

FNL FRIDAY NITE LIFE



The game is 301. Any adult can play and win a \$50 gift card. There will be two boards until we get to the finals. There will also be card and domino games going. Friday, November 4th 6:30 pm at the home of Mike Edwards, 422 S. Main St. Monticello. Please sign up at the information booth. Questions ask Lori Wirts 527-2092 or Mike Edwards 558-7736. FNL is an adult ministry that meets the first Friday of each month.

2016 NEW GLARUS

As of October 17 all expenses are paid and we have \$357.17 toward 2017. That is \$10,000 less than last year but we are in the black! As always, a final decision for 2017 has not yet been made at this early time, but the park is reserved for 9/10/17. Pray for direction, clarity and wisdom. Grace and Peace,

Pastor Roger



Thank you for a wonderful Sunday afternoon with our grandchildren at your family fun Fest! Your excellent spirit was obvious everywhere we went. May the Lord continue to bless your Church with abundance.

I did not attend the Family Day at the Park Sunday—had other commitment—but wanted to contribute anyway, as I know it's a worth while event and will try to attend next year.



The family fest was the best one yet! So much fun my kids had a blast! Just for one day the lord took all my worries and stress. I didn't want the day to end. Looking forward to the next Family Fest!!



FAMILY FEST



Dear Members,

This is the second year I have attended your festival. The food was delicious, carmel corn and all, the entertainment was so clean and I really enjoy the car show.

Your group is so organized—it is a real treat to attende such a community function. I enjoyed the kids climbing wall, bouncing, riding the horses, petting animals and playing in the corn. You didn't miss a trick—All the tables, chairs and tent are great. God Bless. Delores

Dear Pastors and Festival Staff,

Thank you so very much for booking our ponies at your grand Family Fun Festival. We enjoyed every moment with your guests. You are so very generous and thoughtful to sponsor such a memorable, fun day for your community!! Thank you for having us as part of your annual festival! Riders were lined up every single minute we were giving rides! They loved it.! Hope to join you again in 2017!



Dear Grace Church, We want to say thank you for all that you do in putting Family Fest together. It is such a fun event and a fantastic opportunity to have intentional spiritual conversations with friends and family. Thank you again! God's Peace, Erik

Angelica Update



Happy holidays, Grace Church!

As I write, it's a month to the day since we left Wisconsin to start our missions adventure. The long road was broken up by a week stopover in Dallas, where we spent time with Josh's family (above right). Jesús drove up from Mexico to meet us and drive back down with Josh, while Annie got to stay behind and fly a few days later.

Angelica finishes her 6-week radiation treatment at the end of October and is planning to spend a few months back home in Mexico with us before the doctors see her again in January. It's very hard to say if the treatments are effective—keep praying for healing for her Stage 3 Endometrial Cancer.

Here at the base, as in Texas, God is good, and he's helping us figure out what we're doing. A lot of construction is going into the house that will be for us and Jonathan (middle left), and a lot of time is spent taking care of Esperanza (the cute one). We also continue the ministry: church on Sunday, Bible study Wednesday, and various other events. We often have the opportunity to pray for people and have seen God touching them. There's nothing better than that! Pray for us all to grow in intimacy with Him through this season and all those to come.

Thank you so much for the gifts you've sent and continue to send! We feel very well provided for and know God will continue to send us what we need at just the right time. If you would like to be on our email list, send us an email at angelsinmex@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/angelsinmex.

Dear Grace,

We are blessed to be having a refreshing time in the US. Over the last few months the older boys have been invited to join a soccer team at a local school and they have really been enjoying that. We have all felt like we have been able to connect with people and build friendships better on this trip. We are so thankful for all of the people that have welcomed us “home” as we have traveled throughout the US.

As we look forward to the next phase of our ministry and return to Southern Africa to begin work as SAMSON, we are encouraged by the response we have received. We have been praying that God would make it obvious when it is his time for our return and we have seen him move in that way. We are beginning to feel peace that we will be returning sometime in November, but at the same time, we want to make wise financial decisions regarding the loan, as well as the other setup costs for the new ministry. We do not want to get into a position where we need to ask for help each month to make the loan payment, but still have enough reserve to make the modifications to the truck to sleep a family of five. An additional \$30,000 would allow us to have several months of loan payments set aside as well as get most of our setup taken care of.

We really appreciate your prayers as we work towards these

goal. God has proven himself faithful to us over and over and he certainly hasn't brought us this far in this process to drop us here. We have been so blessed by the Grace Church family, and we are so thankful for the continual support you have shown. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us as we return to his work in southern Africa. None of it would be possible without our team here at home that believes in what we are doing.

God Bless you all!

The Beutler's—Jon, Marijane, Aidan, Isaac, & Ethan



Join Us in Praying

Partner with SAMSON by covering us with your prayers! We certainly need God's help and wisdom every step of the way and your prayers help make that happen. You are powerful!

Our boys started out this furlough feeling very homesick and lonely. They are still very eager to return to Africa, but now they have developed friendships and deeper connections in the US so our upcoming good-byes will be emotional. The realization that we are not “going back” to the Mozambique they knew will hit hard. There have been many changes— we won't be in our former house, some of our friends are gone, we will now be mobile, etc. Pray for peace in all our hearts as we transition yet again into this new ministry God has called us to.

God is in the Details or How We're Trying Hard to NOT Sweat the Small Stuff

Like a puzzle, the big picture is made up of many small pieces. At times the small pieces look insignificant on their own, but they are a necessary part of the whole. As we look at our return to Southern Africa, we are faced with a number of things that make us scratch our heads and wonder how they can all fit together to make

sense. Please pray for wisdom for us as we look at these items and wonder how they should (or even IF they should) affect our departure date.

- Mozambique is in a crisis state in several provinces right now. The unrest and violence makes traveling by road dicey. Our new ministry revolves around traveling by land from place to place, and the truck is in South Africa and our belongings are in northern Mozambique.
- We have paperwork to finish up in South Africa for setting up our ministry and taking care of the truck registration and insurance. We're not sure how long it will all take.
- December is a big vacation month in South Africa so many businesses shut down or have limited services. How much time do we need to get paperwork finished, get Aidan started on orthodontic treatments, repair a wheel rim on the truck and an electrical problem in the truck? These are important details to address before we can start much traveling away from Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Jon did all the work to get his CDL in Mozambique to legally drive a big truck, but his license hadn't arrived yet when we left Mozambique. He's had a friend there checking on it. Last week we found out the Department of Licensing equiva-

lent is now saying that Jon needs to redo his fingerprints before he can get the permanent card. That will require a trip to Nampula to sort out.

- We need to do renovations on the interior of the truck before we can live in it for long. That work is scheduled to begin January 10 in Knysna, South Africa. We expect to be there for about 2 months getting Samson ready for full time service.
- We are residents of Mozambique, but will need to renew documents. Jon and Aidan's documents were at a standstill when we left (after over a year of trying to get them sorted out) so we'll need to start their process over. Document renewal is expensive and needs to be done in Nampula.
- We'll be in South Africa on tourist visas, which are good for 90 days. That means sometime during the truck work, our visas will likely expire and we'll have to leave the country and re-enter on new visas. We have 2 categories of funds we are trying to raise. 1. Funds to repay the loan for the truck purchase. 2. Funds for doing the work on the truck to get it ready for full time ministry. Both figures are daunting. We're anxious to book our tickets back to Africa, but financial goals need to be met.

NEWS FROM HOPE HILL

Dear Friends,

Your continued support, love and encouragement propels us forward in the planting of Hope Hill. We thank you for your prayers and for all the gifts people have made over the past few years to help Hope Hill Church become a thriving community of believers. Here a few recent highlights:

Answered Prayer: We're in a new location! We have been looking and praying for a new location for seven months. God has truly answered our prayers with a 250-



seat black box theater in Downtown Manhattan. With God's help we believe the convergence of a fantastic central location by a train hub, 11am service time (the sweet spot for most churches in the city) and fun theater atmosphere will be a catalyst for continued church growth.

Here are the things we have been looking for and now have: close proximity to major train hub, venue on ground floor, access to the theater from 8am to 2pm which affords us an 11am service (instead of our previous 3pm service) and hour-long Sunday worship practice, space to grow, lobby and storage for Hope Hill things on-site. The theater has all the chairs, lights, mics/stands, cords, speakers, music stands, sound board, and projector & (massive) screen that we need every Sunday.

First Baptisms: In September we held the first-ever Hope Hill baptism at Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. Three ladies were baptized, all of which had come to faith in Jesus through Hope Hill. Family, friends and people from the Hope Hill community came to hang out at the beach and support their friends' public declaration of faith. It was a very special day.

Street Outreach: We turned our Wednesday night Bible studies and Saturday mornings into street evange-



lism outreaches for the month of September. For many this was their first time doing something like this; they were scared, but wanted to grow, and time and time again our debriefings consisted of story after story of how Gospel-centered conversations took place with open, hurting, broken people.

We love you and pray that God would bless you, keep you, and shine His face upon you.

Love,

Beau & Renata Lee



Homeless outreach— fed over 200 people.





Voice of Love Ministry

Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico.

Jan asked me this morning, "What sticks out most in your mind from the last 20 years here in Agua Prieta? Without a pause, I simply replied, "God's Grace!" It was September 11, 1996, at approximately 11 P.M., when we drove into Douglas, Az., bordering Agua Prieta, Mexico. We had a donated van full of our personal belongings, and an older 22 ft. R.V. We didn't know anyone, had no driveway to pull into, so we spent the next few nights in a desert R.V. Park. Summing this all up.....We didn't have a lot of things, however, our expectations were high! We believed that God was directing our path and that He would lead us one step at a time. And He has done just that! Sometimes it's not how much you have, not even who you are, but rather your willingness to go and serve knowing that His Grace is always sufficient and that His strength is made perfect in your weaknesses.

Looking back now, we are so thankful that we made this move. Ministering so many years to so many people from so many different places; refugees, deportees, homeless, fatherless, etc. From a small auditorium and small living quarters to now...a nicer home, a church, community center, class rooms, two play grounds, the new 8,000 sq. ft. building, still under construction but making satisfactory progress, hoping as the Lord supplies, to be finished late 2017. Seeing the progress sometimes seemingly slow, however, constantly going forward, is an encouragement to us.

We also now have so many people who are our friends, co-laborers, volunteers, who minister with us, to be the blessing we want to continue to be here on the South side of Agua Prieta, Mexico. In July, the Vasquez family, from Juarez, came to live at the Refuge, and are ministering side by side with us. We thank the Lord that He sends the right people at the right time. We thank all of you who have so faithfully stood with us and supported us for so many years.

In His Service, Doug & Jan.



November



SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship Services

CHILDREN: 8:30 am
 Bible Explorers •
 Handmaidens for Jesus •
 Sisterhood of Grace •
 God's Warriors

10:30 am JR. JAM (k—2nd grade)
JAM Time (3rd to 6th grade)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER 30 ONE 10 am Service Followed by Potluck		1	2 7 pm Elevate Youth N.G. Police will speak to youth & parents	3	4 6:30 pm NiteLife	5  FALL BACK ONE HOUR
6 Services at 8:30 am and 10:30 am	7 7-8 pm Prayer For America	8 VOTE & PRAY	9 7 pm Elevate Youth	10 6:30 pm  Banquet with Dale Crall	11 7 pm Synergy Led by Dale Crall	12
13 Dale Crall 8:30 am part 1 10:30 am part 2	14	15	16 7 pm Elevate Youth	17	18 7 pm Gates of Glory Fountain of Life Church	19 1 pm Women of Grace prepare meals for meal train
20 Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am	21	22	23 3-7 pm Elevate Youth Annual Turkey Bowl 	24 12 noon  Thanksgiving Dinner	25	26 Decorate the Church for Christmas Time to be announced.
27 Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am	28	29	30	Food Pantry Collection Sunday -- November 6th Missions Sunday -- November 13th Blood Pressure Screening -- Sunday, November 27th Grace Prayer -- Every Saturday 8-9 am		

PRAYER WARRIOR NETWORK "The Lord is far from the wicked but he hears the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29

It is Christ Jesus who is our righteousness and in Him we can have confidence that our Father hears our prayers. We can be bold in coming to the throne of our Father who art in heaven. I hope everyone that is a part of the body of Christ makes it a point to take advantage of the privilege our Father gives us and at a time when our nation needs God to bring about a revival.

December

Holiday Schedule—ONE 10 AM SERVICE
December 18th—Children's Christmas Program &
December 24th—Candlelight Service (10-11am)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 8:30 am & 10:30 am Worship Services

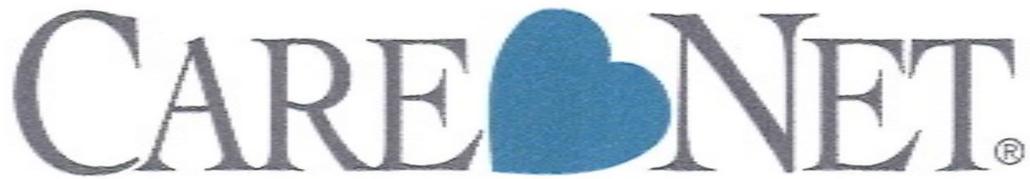
CHILDREN: 8:30 am
 Bible Explorers •
 Handmaidens for Jesus •
 Sisterhood of Grace •
 God's Warriors

10:30 am
JR. JAM (K—2nd grade)
JAM Time (3rd to 6th grade)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food Pantry Collection Sunday -- December 4th Missions Sunday -- December 11h Blood Pressure Screening -- Sunday, December 25th Grace Weekly Prayer -- Every Saturday 8 - 9 am				1	2 6:30pm Adult Christmas Party	3
4 Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am	5	6	7 7 pm Elevate Youth	8	9 7 pm Synergy	10 8 am -5 pm Bell Ringing at Roy's Market for Salva- tion Army 
11 Services at 8:30 am & 10:30 am	12	13	14 7 pm Elevate Youth Sort food for food boxes	15	16 10-6:30 Food box pick-up 12:30-6 pm Blood Drive @ Bible Church	17 Children's Christmas Program Practice Time to be announced.
18 ONE 10am SERVICE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	19	20	21 7 pm Elevate Youth	22	23	24 6-7 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
25 ONE 10- 11am Candlelight Christmas Service	26	27	28 7 pm Elevate Youth	29	30	31 6-7 pm New Year's Eve Pot- luck, Movie & games 11:30-12 Pray in the New



Friday, December 16th
12:30-6:00pm
New Glarus Bible Church, 207 6th Street



Pregnancy Center of Green County
Predestined for Adoption

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Green County

Invites you to our

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Thursday, November 10, 2016

at the Ludlow Mansion

1421 Mansion Drive

Monroe, WI

Seating begins at 6:30 pm with the banquet program from 7 to 9 pm.



Pastor Dale Crall will be Care Net's banquet speaker. He has been active in the crisis pregnancy ministry since the 1970s. He was instrumental in planting the Care Net Pregnancy Center in Rockford, IL. In addition, he and Jan worked for another Pregnancy Center in the Carbondale, Il area. The adoption story has to share is an amazing illustration of God's mercy and love. Please come and be inspired by hearing this beautiful story.

The very talented Carlson children will be this year's musicians.

Dinner is complimentary with an opportunity to make a financial contribution. Please call Cassie at 608-527-5664 to join in the evening.



Dale will join Grace Church for Synergy, Friday, November 11th and will share a two-part message Sunday, November 13th.

Life Hurts God Heals (LHGH)

Life Hurts, God Heals For Junior High and High School Students

This year LHGH will only be offered during the second semester of the school year. We expect to start sometime in mid-January and run through mid-May. We will complete the 8-step process, along with the remaining course work. This course is meant for all students in Junior High and High School. Completion of all course work and small group discussion is strongly recommended.

The 8 Steps for LHGH are:

Get Help. I admit that I am powerless on my own and that I need help. (Matt. 5:3)

Open Your Heart. I now know God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He is the only One who has the power to heal my pain. (Matt. 5:4)

Depend on Christ. I realize I need to turn my life over to Christ. I need to depend on Him in all areas of my life, including all that I say, think, and do. (Matt. 5:5)

Hear and Speak. I agree to evaluate my life and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust. (Matt. 5:8)

Embrace God's Way. I will stop doing things my way and put my life on the path that leads toward God's way. (Matt. 5:6)

Ask for Forgiveness. I will offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and I will ask for forgiveness for any wrong I've done to others. (Matt. 5:7, 9)

Live for God. I will set aside some time for God each day to examine my life, read my Bible, and pray so that I have the power to live God's way. (Matt. 5:3)

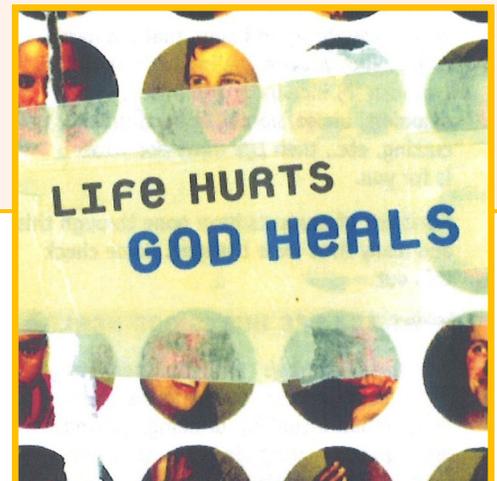
Share with Others. I will take the message that God heals to others in need and share it by my words and actions. (Matt. 5:10)

This class will be offered on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, prior to Youth Group, which starts at 7 pm. More details will follow. In conclusion, going through the steps and applying the training materials will allow for God to heal wounds, free you from bad habits, and get you into right relationship with Him.

I highly recommend this course for troubled teens in a troubled world of drugs, sex, and abusive relationships.

Get Help,

Pastor Kent



Handmaidens

The Handmaidens are off to a good start. We are using the Gospel Light Sunday School curriculum. Our verses for the next four weeks are Proverbs 3:3-6 "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Our first story focused on David and how he was chosen as king.

1 Samuel
13:13-14;
16:1-13;

26:7-11. He loved God and wanted to obey him. God chose him based on his heart and not his looks - God measures our success by our attitude toward Him. We discussed what true success should look like, and becoming a person after God's heart is the only true success.

Emida Roller



Sisterhood of Grace

Sisterhood of Grace is off to a great start with girls ranging from age 12-17. We are working our way through a curriculum call "StickyFaith."

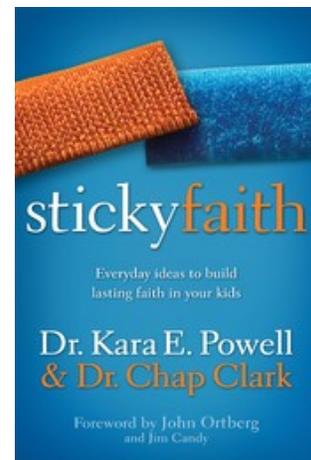
The focus of the 10-week study is to teach our teen girls how to solidify their faith as they grow and mature. We engage in deep honest conversations within our group and offer prayer and encouragement.

To Learn More contact one of the group leaders. They are:

Susie Melvin 843-2890
susiemelvin7@gmail.com

Heidi Gardner 444-4384
heidigardner77@gmail.com

Pam Smith 212-9680
pammysplace@charter.net



GOD'S WARRIORS

Acting Out Your Faith



The God's Warriors group is reading through the book of Acts this year. We are learning how the Christian church began at Pentecost with the dramatic arrival of the Holy Spirit. This new power of God caused the disciples to become different men, full of boldness and able to perform miracles, just like Jesus had done. We are learning that the power of the Spirit was not just for the early church, but is also for believers today. We are also seeing how the church grew in spite of persecution. By the end of the book of Acts, bold believers could be found throughout the Roman Empire.

The other thing we are learning about this year is this idea: "Know and share the Good News." The world around us seems to offer mainly bad news. In contrast to that, we

Christians have good news for people, one of "hope and a future". We want each of the boys in the group to have a clear understanding of the hope that Jesus brings this world.

God's Warriors is a group for boys ages 10 (or in 4th grade) and up. We meet in the Youth Room from 8:30-10am each Sunday. Group leaders are Barney Smith, Steve Roller and Tony Gardner.

Jesus And Me = JAM

JR. JAM: Grade K—2nd

JAM: Grade 3rd—6th

10:30 AM Service

In November, both JAM and JR. JAM will be starting an exciting new unit on the “Fruit of the Spirit.” I have included the unit summary to give you an idea of what we will be teaching.

The “Fruit of the Spirit” may be a familiar topic to many children, but kids and adults alike often misunderstand the concept of growing spiritual fruit. Many Christians describe spiritual fruit as characteristics that they should work to develop in their lives. Nothing could be further from the truth! Fruit of the Spirit is—of the Spirit. These godly traits result from God’s Spirit working in our lives, not from our efforts to be better people.



likeness.

We are excited to be starting this new unit. Having the 3rd to 6th graders in the JAM room allows us to dig even deeper into the Word of God, as we listen for the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We are encouraging our students to bring their bibles to class each week. It’s good practice to look scripture up the old fashioned way, in the Book. Visitors are always welcome, so bring a friend.

“You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other”

John 15:16-17.

Blessings and peace,
Robin and the JAM FAM



This four-week series will walk children through the process of nurturing the soil of their souls so God’s Spirit might produce genuine spiritual fruit within them. After the seed of salvation has been planted in good soil and moistened with Living Water, children will discover that their spiritual lives are like growing plants, and God is like a loving gardener. They’ll learn that as they are pruned through loving discipline and abiding in Jesus, spiritual fruit will blossom in their lives. This unit will guide kids—not into being “good”—but to draw closer to the Lord so He can conform them into Jesus’



ELIZABETH YOUTH

7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS IN NEW GLARUS



Director of Youth Ministries
Pastor John & Angie Lewis

Turkey Bowl

**ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd
CO-ED FOOTBALL GAME FOLLOWED BY TACO
DINNER & A MOVIE
BE AT GRACE BY 3:30PM**

FOOD SORTING
Wednesday,
December 14th
Sort food for
Christmas food
baskets and go to
Culvers for ice cream.



ALL DAY CHRISTMAS OUTING

Saturday, December 10th
Leaving Grace Church at 11AM
Lunch at Quivey's Grove— 11:30
"A Christmas Carol" at
Capitol Theater in Overture Center—2:30PM
Christmas Shopping (more eating)
at West Town Mall—5-7PM (bring extra money
for shopping)
Back at Grace around 7:30-8PM
Cost \$30

Little Lambs

For the month of November we want our little lambs (nursery—pre-K) to grow up with eyes that see the people who help them and a heart that says thanks.

At the top of the list is family. Our preschoolers will hear how Aaron helped his brother Moses. Then there are community helpers who help us just as Nehemiah's community helped him rebuild the wall. Elisha got some great help from a woman who prepared an entire room for him.

Then, last but not least, we need friends. Friends help us have fun, do what's right, and they come in handy when we forget our snack. I'm pretty sure Elijah was thankful for his new friend, the widow, when she shared her food!

During December we're counting down to Christmas. First, we will hear how the angel came to tell Mary that she was going to have a special baby. The next week,

Mary and Joseph will travel to Bethlehem, and a special baby is born! During week three (Christmas Program), the children will pretend they are shepherds as they hear how the angels came to tell the shepherds in the field that Baby Jesus had been born. Then on Christmas Day we'll celebrate Jesus's birthday.

Little Lambs: Preschool Children

MEMORY VERSE:
 "Always give thanks to God."
 Ephesians 5:20, NIV



MEMORY VERSE:
 "I bring you good news
 of great joy."
 Luke 2:10 NLV



Bible Explorers (k-2nd grade) 8:30 AM



November

"Honor others by giving them a chance.

"Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourself. Romans 12:10 (NIRV)

December

I can have joy because God keeps His promises.

"Always be joyful because you belong to the

Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!" Philippians 4:4 (NIRV)

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18th, 10am

Practice - Saturday, December 17th
time to be announced



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Again this year, Grace Church will participate in the Christmas Shoe Box Collection sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. We will have boxes available for you to pick up Sunday, October 30th.

Below is information to help make this an easy project for you and your family:

- You may obtain a pamphlet outlining how to pack the shoe box - follow these instructions carefully.
- Bring the boxes to Grace Church the week of November 20th
- Remember to include your donation of \$7 or more per box. Remember to have boxes labeled. (Sample of labels included in pamphlet).

DEADLINE TO RETURN SHOE BOXES NOVEMBER 20TH.

New Glarus Chief of Police Burt Boldebeck To Speak At Elevate Youth At Grace Church New Glarus Wednesday, November 2, 2016 7pm



"Blessed [are] the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Mathew 5:9

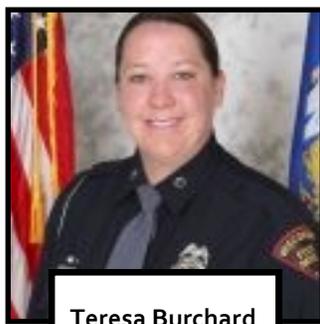
We are looking forward to Chief Boldebeck speaking at Grace Church. He will be especially addressing the youth, but parents are welcome also. In an increasingly complicated and divided society on many levels, it is important for this generation to not only understand biblical authority but also to meet, hear and get to know personally men and women who according to the Bible are ministers of God as they exercise their authority instituted by God.

I have gotten to know Chief Boldebeck as well as several other local officers, including those who are part of Grace Church. I have found them to be of good character and consider them my friends. My hope is that our youth will get to know, honor and respect those who wear the badge of authority instituted by God. I have invited other officers from Grace Church to be present and in uniform.

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for HE IS GOD’S SERVANT FOR YOUR GOOD. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for THE AUTHORITIES ARE THE MINISTERS OF GOD, attending to this very thing. PAY TO ALL WHAT IS OWED THEM: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, RESPECT TO WHOM RESPECT IS OWED, HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS OWED” Romans 13:1-7 ESV.



Greg Bowles



Teresa Burchard



Cody Conover



Jason Wenzel

**Church Decorating for
Christmas will take place
Saturday, November 26.
Please sign up at the info.
booth if you’re interested
in helping.**

Men of Grace

The men of Grace have been meeting weekly this fall for a 9-week video series called "Stepping Up." In this study, we have looked at the stages of manhood; discussed how to "step up" and take responsibility in different areas of our lives; and developed a vision for our marriages, our families and our world. An important part of this study has been small group discussion, and through these Sessions, we have been developing stronger relationships with one another.

John Beil, Steve Bridge and Barney Smith have been asked by Pastor Roger to head up the Grace Men's Ministry going forward. Plans for 2017 are under way. Look for more news soon, and "step up" to be involved!



JOIN US

Thursday, November 24th

At 12 Noon

Traditional Turkey Dinner

With all the trimmings provided by Grace Church.

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dessert or salad

Sign up begins Sunday, November 6th

NEW YEAR 2016-2017

This year we are going to celebrate the New Year Worship Service

Saturday night. Rather than having a Sunday worship service we will celebrate together New Year's Eve 6-7 pm Worship, Testimonies, Water Baptism and a New Year message.

7- 8 pm "The Last (2016) Meal"

POTLUCK & FELLOWSHIP

8-9:30 pm Movie and games

11:30-12 PRAY IN 2017

New Year's Eve



The Women of Grace have had a number of fine programs in 2016, giving us opportunities to get to know each other better. These included a simulcast with Priscilla Shirer; a summer evening garden party at the home of Scot and Marian Pfuetti; and, most recently, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Deb Hillary, with Renata Duval-Lee as an outstanding speaker.

We are also planning an evening of meal preparation for the Grace Church Meal Train on Saturday, November 19th at 1pm. Please let Cassie know if you would like to help with this effort, which always provides a great opportunity to chat with women you might not otherwise have a chance to spend time with.

Plans are underway for holiday activities in which Grace Church women take the lead. If you wish to help with either of these (men are welcome, too), please contact: Christmas Church decorating: Linda Scheuerell at 608-630-0676 or at lscheuerell@tds.net.

TWO CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPTIONS FOR 2016

One will be on Christmas Eve, Saturday, at 6 pm and the other on Christmas Day, Sunday at 10 am.

Annual Food Drive & Bell Ringing



This is the time local churches sponsor an annual collection of food for households with special needs to be distributed the Friday before Christmas.

Please feel free to drop off food at any of the

churches in town or at Roy's Market. If you know of someone who would benefit from one of the boxes, please contact the Grace Church office at 608-527-5664.

Food-drop off sites are: Grace Church • New Glarus Bible Church • Shepherd of the Hills • Swiss Church • UB&T Bank • Roy's Market

Bell Ringing: Grace Church will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army at Roy's Market Saturday, December 10th, 8-5. Sign-up will be at the information desk soon.





Laugh Your Way To A Better Christmas

This year's adult Christmas party will be a take on a "child-like Christmas" filled with games and lots of laughter and JOY! What do kids do at Christmas time for church? The classic Nativity scene of course! We'd like those who want to dress up to come as a Bible story/ Nativity scene character, example: Joseph, Mary, shepherds, animals, Romans, the innkeeper, angels, stars, etc - have fun with it! There will be a secret surprise at the end of the evening.

- The Party date is Friday, December 2nd
- The party will start at 6:30 and go until 9.
 - Bring an appetizer or dessert
- There will be funny games to participate in, or just watch
 - prizes will be awarded for winners
 - We will end the night with Christmas songs

GRACE CHURCH

416 2nd STREET, P.O. Box 430

NEW GLARUS WI 53574

TEL: 608-527-5664

FAX: 608-527-4589

gracechurch@charter.net

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
NEW GLARUS WI
PERMIT NO. 430

Return Service Requested



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
TURN CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR