



take the *next* step

The Power of ONE: "We are ONE body in Christ
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Grace Brethren Church Of Norwalk

January 8, 2012

WELCOME!

We are so glad you are here today. We hope you enjoy worshipping
with us and have a blessed day in the Lord. Pastor Jeff Patton

Today at Grace —

Sunday School Classes: 9:30am

Class: 3-5 years of age & 1st-3rd **Class:** 4th Grade thru 6th Grade

Teacher: Lisa Patton

Teacher: Pauline Issa

Room: KB

Room: 1B

Class: DRIVEN (Junior High & High School)

Teacher: Timothy Lansing

Study: Old Testament - Encounters with God

Room: Youth Garage

Class: Young Adults / Career

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Study: Building Christian Character

Room: 6A

Class: Teachers & Parents

Class: Adults

Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

Teacher: Ron Muir

Study: S.S. Training Class

Study: Growing in Christ

Room: 6B

Room: Conference Room

Grace Worship Service: 10:45am (NO KIDMO)

Movers and Shakers – Birth to 4 years old in the Nursery

Evening Prayer & Praise Service: 6:00pm

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Upcoming Events —

This Week:

Women of Grace – Ch. 20	6:30pm, Tuesday
Family Night Services	
DRIVEN & ROCK & ABS	6:30pm, Wednesday
Worship Team Practice	8:00pm, Wednesday

For those Serving —

Ushers for the Month of January

Don Lansing, Mark Miller, Ron Morrow, Ron Muir

Nursery – Today 01/08

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Patty Morales

10:45 am Dee Muir
Susan Klements

Nursery – Next Week 01/15

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Patty Morales

10:45 am Laura Kimsey
Jean Heye

For the Record —

1/1/12 Giving:

Weekly Budget:	\$2,594.00	Offering Last Week:	\$2,018.00
S.S./CE Commission:	\$0.0	Grand Total/All Offering:	\$2,172.00
Church Loan	\$15.00	Communion Fund:	\$114.00
Patton's – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$0.00
O'Dell's – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$25.00
Morris – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$0.00

Church Family Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Pastor Jeff Patton **January 9**
Caroll Ann Perkins **January 9**
Lisa Barragan **January 10**



2012 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

*We are pleased to announce that we have begun the process of creating a free 2012 pictorial directory for our church family here at Grace. If you have any interest in assisting with this process, please contact Lisa Patton. **There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30pm, with the representative from Life Touch**, for those who are interested in being part of this committee. **ALSO PLEASE SAVE THE DATES OF FEBRUARY 17 OR 18 TO HAVE YOUR PICTURES TAKEN.** Thank you.*

Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 7:00pm Ladies' Discipleship (Patton home)
Jan. 17 6:30pm Church Pictorial Directory Meeting
Jan. 17 7:00pm Elder Board Meeting
Jan. 18 2:45pm CEF Club begins – D.D.Johnston
Jan. 22 6:00pm Congregational Business Year End Meeting
& 4th Quarter Business Meeting
Jan. 28 9:30am WE CARE- "7 Minutes" Servants
Jan. 29 6:00pm CE National Celebration Service - Whittier



CHILDREN'S CHOIR -
To begin again January 15, 2012 at 9:00am



Beginning Thursday, January 19, Pastor Jeff will be teaching a Bible study called **Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible.**

This Bible study will meet every Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the church for 24 weeks. There is a mandatory textbook and an optional workbook for this course.

The stated purpose of the study is to understand the Bible by properly interpreting it by observing the small details and the overall design of texts.

This course is designed for those who want to “roll their sleeves up and get their hands dirty” with concrete examples and practical assignments accompanying each chapter. It is designed to teach how to study the Bible and how to apply and use the Bible in life.

This study is for anyone who:

1. Wants to learn how to study the Bible;
2. Is ready and willing to make a commitment to attend every week, and complete homework assignments;
3. Is committed to changing and growing in faith and discipleship to Jesus Christ.

Contact Lisa Patton or the church office to sign up. Thank you.

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

The Back Story

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.”

Psalm 150:6

“In the midst of the Psalm which had begun the service on board the ship from England to America, the sea broke over, split the main sail in pieces, covered the ship and poured in between the decks. A terrible screaming began among the English. The Christians from Moravia looked up, and without intermission calmly sang on. I asked one of them afterwards, “Were you not afraid?” He answered, “Thank God, no!”

Charles Wesley, January 25, 1736

Charles Wesley and his brother John were traveling to America on behalf of the newly formed Methodists in the Anglican Church of England to help stabilize the church in Georgia and evangelize the Native Americans there. The brothers were impressed by the faith of the Moravian Christians of Europe who were going to America for religious freedom. The ministry in Georgia did not work out and so the brothers returned to England where they once again met some Moravian Christians. **Charles and John realized that even though they had been hard at work for the church, neither had every made a personal, saving commitment to accept Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and for salvation of their souls.** They both did in May 1738.

It changed their lives! Their Christian life and ministry took on a whole new dimension. They noticed they had a physical energy for spiritual work they had never had before, sometimes working 18 hours a day. Charles eventually wrote more than 6500 hymns! “O for a Thousand Tongues” was written in 1749 for Charles’ 11th anniversary of his salvation. The song was based on the testimony of one of his Moravian friends who had remarked, “Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ Jesus with all of them.” The original hymn had 19 verses detailing Charles’ personal salvation testimony. One verse read, *“I felt My Lord’s atoning blood close to my soul applied; Me, me He loved – the Son of God – for me, for me He died.”* Wesley spent over 50 years serving the Lord, and even on his death bed he composed one last hymn for the Lord he loved so dearly.

Let us consider our own lives and ask, “Are we praising God even with the one tongue we have been given?” Do we look for every possible opportunity to give our Lord God the praise and worship He is so worthy of? *“Praise Him in the morning when you see the sun arising. Praise Him in the evening cause He took you through the day. And in the in-between times when you feel the pressure coming, remember that He loves and He promises to stay.”*