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Grace Brethren Church Of Norwalk

February 12, 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 —

Children's Choir: 9:00am

Sunday School Classes: 9:30am

Class: 3-5 years of age & 1st thr. 3rd **Class:** 4th thr. 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

Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

Study: S.S. Training Class

Room: 6B

Class: Adults & Young Adults

Teacher: Ron Muir

Study: Growing in Christ

Room: Conference Room

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

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

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UPS: TODAY BEFORE AND AFTER MORNING SERVICE

Evening Prayer & Praise Service: 6:00pm

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Upcoming Events —

This Week:

Family Night Services:

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| ROCK – "I love Jesus" Night (wear red), DRIVEN & ABS | 6:30pm, Wednesday |
| Worship Team Practice | 8:00pm, Wednesday |
| Bible Study with Pastor | 10:00am, Thursday |
| CEF Bible Club at D.D. Johnston | 2:45pm, Thursday |
| Ladies' Tea Planning Meeting | 6:00pm, Thursday |

For those Serving —

Ushers for the Month of February

Tim Lansing, Victor Pearce, Eddie Morales, Glenn Wilson

Nursery – Today 02/12

9:30 am Tracy Lansing
Sandy Goodwyn
10:45 am Dee Muir
Susan Klements

Nursery – Next Week 02/19

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Clansy Cabrera
10:45 am Laura Kimsey
Jean Heye

For the Record —

02/05/12 Giving:

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| Weekly Budget: | \$2,581.00 | Offering Last Week: | \$2,477.60 |
| S.S./CE Commission: | \$25.65 | Grand Total/All Offering: | \$3,081.25 |
| Church Loan | \$252.00 | | |

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| Patton's – Monthly Need: | \$170.00 | Received this month: | \$122.00 |
| O'Dell's – Monthly Need: | \$170.00 | Received this month: | \$102.00 |
| Morris – Monthly Need: | \$170.00 | Received this month: | \$102.00 |

Church Family Announcements

February 12, 2012

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Leticia Posada Feb. 14

Willie & Marlene Chambers Feb. 14



Ladies' Ministries News

Ladies, would you like to be a part of the planning committee for the upcoming Ladies' Tea? Please join us this Thursday, Feb. 16th, at 6pm. We will meet at the church in the Adult Sunday School room. **SAVE THE DATE: Ladies' Tea – April 28th at 2pm**

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 17-19 CPR Groups (various homes)
 - Feb. 20 Ladies Discipleship at 7pm (Patton home)
 - Feb. 21 Elder Board Meeting at 7pm (Patton home)
 - Feb. 26 Deacon Board Meeting at 7pm (Conf. room)
 - Feb. 24-26 DRIVEN Winter Camp (Green Valley Lake, CA)
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Join us today at 9:00am in the Kinder room!
All children (ages 4 thr. 6th grade) are welcome to participate as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Mother's Day.

Lifetouch Portrait Studios



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY SIGN UP'S ARE TODAY!

Dear Church Family,

*What a fabulous opportunity this will be to have a quality product to keep for years to come. All directory pictures will be taken here on campus by **Lifetouch Portrait Studios on Friday and Saturday, March 9 & 10. Sign up's will take place starting today, February 12, through Sunday, February 26.** Don't be left out of our very first church directory. Every family will get a free directory and a free 8x10. Also every family will be given the opportunity to purchase other pictures taken on that day (formal and informal pictures). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Patton or Sandy Goodwyn, the directory coordinators.*

Thank you.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO EDDIE & PATTY MORALES ON
THE ADOPTION OF:**

Anabella Morales

Born: January 26, 2012

7 lbs., 13 oz. 19 in. long

Praise the Lord! He is so good!



**CHURCH BABY SHOWER
ON MARCH 4TH
AFTER MORNING SERVICE**

"Eschaton at Last!"

I am almost finished reading "Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament" by J. Julius Scott Jr. of Wheaton College in Chicago, Illinois. It is a fascinating look at every facet of Jewish life in the period between the testaments (586 B.C – 70 A.D.), with the goal of enlightening our understanding of the New Testament. It has given me new appreciation, and sorrow I might add, for the melee of violence, bloodshed, chaos, confusion, and evil into which our precious, pure Lord entered at His birth. It has been a convicting reminder that God's timing is always completely good and perfect, for **Galatians 4:4** trumpets, "*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law so that He could redeem those under the Law, that they could receive the adoption as sons.*" Jesus Christ's entry into the earth, into the nation of Israel, into the Jewish race, into the times of Roman domination and oppression, into the family of David, into Joseph and Mary's poverty-stricken home, was EXACTLY what God had planned for Him, and for the world! The New Testament times in which Jesus performed His ministry were full of arguing, bickering, fighting, violence, and even bloodshed and death between not only the Jews and Gentiles, but also among competing, divisive factions of Jews themselves. Very little was agreed on by all parties. One thing that almost all Jews believed in was The Final Age of the Kingdom of God. They believed human history was divided into two distinct ages that would be divided by a special, Divine intervention by God Himself. Israel's teachers taught four phases of world history: Creation, Fall of Man, Intervention by God's Messiah, and the End of the World. This "Age of the Messiah" was a hotly debated topic among Jewish factions leading up to Jesus' ministry. Some said Messiah was a specific person, some a group of persons, some a spirit, some a concept, some a human being, and some a supernatural being. All agreed that Messiah's arrival would be a sure sign of the final age beginning. Today's Jews are still waiting for Messiah's Divine intervention, but we believe it as already been! **Mark 1:14-15**, says, "*The time has been fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand!*" "Time" here is "*kairos*," which means "a specific important moment of unexpected crises." The words "has been fulfilled" are in the perfect tense, which means that an awaited action has been completed, and its results continue on. Jesus was saying, "The crises point of human history as arrived because I have come!" **Hebrews 9:26** calls Christ's death "the consummation of the ages!" And the effects of His appearing continue on to this day. Messiah did come and Israel hated Him and killed Him, but He continues to love her and will come again to usher in a time of unparalleled joy and gladness and safety. Jesus was hated because He redefined the final age rather than fulfilling the Jews' false ideas about it. He called them to personal repentance rather than national restoration. His disciples clearly understood they were living in the final age. They knew "the future was now!" They fully expected great changes when Jesus returned from heaven. Do you? Are you ready? Who's Kingdom Dream are you living? Your own or His?