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Grace Brethren Church Of Norwalk

April 3, 2011

WELCOME!

We are glad you are here today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us this morning and you have a blessed day!

Today at Grace —

Sunday School Classes Today: 9:30 am

Class: 3-5 years of age

Teacher: Caroll Perkins

Room: KB

Class: 1st Grade thru 6th Grade

Teacher: Robin Predmore

Room: 1B

Class: DRIVEN (Junior High & High School)

Teacher: Timothy Lansing

Study: Biblical Principles of Love, Sex & Dating

Room: Youth Garage

Class: Young Adults/Career

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Study: Building Christian Character

Room: 6A

Class: Adults

Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

Study: How to Study the Bible

Room: 6B

Class: Adults

Teacher: Ron Muir

Study: Growing in Christ

Room: Conference Room

Grace Worship Service: 10:45 am

Kids in Action: 10:45 am

Movers and Shakers – Birth to 2 years old in the Nursery

Settin' the Stage – 3 years to Kindergarten

Center Stage – 1st to 5th Grade

Evening Prayer Service: 6:00 pm

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Upcoming Events —

Today:

Children's Choir at 9:00am, Sanctuary

This Week:

DRIVEN Fundraiser – SHAVE IT	12-9:00pm, Monday
Girls' Discipleship	7:00pm, Tuesday
Ladies' Bible Study	7:00pm, Tuesday
Family Night	
DRIVEN, ROCK & ABS	6:30pm, Wednesday
Worship Team Practice	8:00pm, Wednesday
WE CARE Saturday	10:00am or 5:00pm

For those Serving —

Ushers for the Month of April

Tim Lansing, Victor Pearce, Eddie Morales, Glenn Wilson

Nursery – Today 04/03

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Ruth Hurtado

10:45 am **Dee Muir**
Susan Klements

6:00 pm Sandy Goodwyn
Tracy Lansing

Nursery – Next Week 04/10

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Ruth Hurtado

10:45 am **Laura Kimsey**
Amanda Predmore

6:00 pm Sandy Goodwyn
Tracy Lansing

For the Record —

03/27/11 Giving:

Weekly Budget: \$2,594.00	General Fund Giving: \$1,592.00
S.S./CE Commission \$11.00	Grand Total/All Offering: \$2,161.00

Patton's – Monthly Need: \$170.00	Received this month: \$141.34
O'Dell's – Monthly Need: \$170.00	Received this month: \$111.34
Morris – Monthly Need: \$170.00	Received this month: \$196.32

Church Family Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Eddie Morales

April 9

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - UPDATE

PARENTS, PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN AT 9:00AM SHARP TO THE SANCTUARY FOR THE NEXT FEW SUNDAYS FOR PRACTICE. We are getting ready for our Palm Sunday (April 17) performance and Mother's Day (May 8) as well. Thanks so much.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

April 3-9

Proverbs 21-27

Col. 4 – 2 Thess. 1

Upcoming Events

Apr. 10 DRIVEN Leadership – 4 to 6pm

Apr. 10 Trustee Mtg. – 4:30 to 6pm

Apr. 13–17 Prophecy Conference with Mike Wingfield

Apr. 16 Church Work Day – 8 to noon

Apr. 17 PALM SUNDAY – Children's Choir sings

Apr. 19 Elder Board Meeting – 7pm

NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY ON APRIL 20 OR 27

NO WEDNESDAY SERVICES ON APRIL 27

APR. 24 EASTER: Son Rise Service – 6:30am;

Breakfast – 7:45am & Worship – 9:45am

NO PM SERVICE ON EASTER



OB orientation begins June 13 in Maryland. Let's do our part as a church family to support our two teens going on Barnabas this summer. Please remember to pray for them and give as the Lord leads. Here is a current update:

	<u>Needed</u>	<u>Received</u>
Cassandra Goode	\$3,289	\$1,432.00
Ricky Olmedo	\$3,289	\$3,497.00

(Reminder: the remaining balances are due by May 17.)

**FUNDS RECEIVED LAST WEEK FOR
THOSE ATTENDING MOMENTUM:**

Amanda Predmore	\$55.00
Mallory Patton	\$50.00
Daniel Cabrera	\$50.00
Matthew Consuegra	\$0.00
Nathan Patton	\$0.00

For those teens going to **Momentum Youth Conference**, please remember the following financial deadline:

\$100.00 additional by April 27

Our next Fundraiser for **DRIVEN** will be this Monday, April 4, at **SHAVE-IT** in Norwalk. It is an **All-Day Fundraiser** from 12:00p-9:00p. See you there!



WE CARE PRAYER

"O Lord, please let us see the fruit of our efforts on Le Floss Ave. this Saturday. Please work in the hearts of those who live on this street so they can come to know Jesus as Savior by our actions and our words. Amen."

WE CARE –

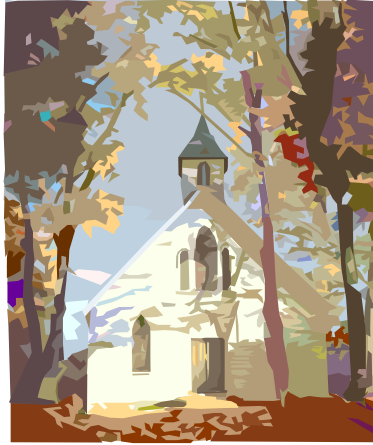
This Saturday,

April 9

10am or 5pm

Handing out eggs & Easter invitations

**THE SIGN UP WILL BE GOING AROUND
THE SANCTUARY THIS MORNING.**



Prospective Members Class

“The Privilege of Church Membership: A
Guide to Brethren History, Beliefs, and
Practice”

A Required Course for Membership at
Norwalk
Grace Brethren Church

**Sunday, May 1-Sunday, July 17,
9:30-10:30**

Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!
THE SIGN UP CAN BE FOUND BACK IN
THE FOYER.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR:

“Remember the Times”

These are tumultuous times on planet earth: earthquakes and tsunamis are killing thousands, northern Africa and the Middle East are in violent revolution, the entire world is reeling over control of Israel and Jerusalem, the radical Muslim menace is disturbing and disrupting Europe and now even the United States, and American false teachers are relentless in their attack against the Scriptures, the church, and historical theology. Today Christians need strong faith in the One True God and Christians need spiritual discernment. The opening verses of *Psalm 2* remind us that though the world looks as if it is coming apart at the seams, God is still absolutely in control. And regarding discernment, *1 Chronicles 12* records an interesting account. All the tribes of Israel are lending their support to King David as he receives the throne of Saul over Israel. Verse 32 tells us that the 200 chiefs of the tribe of Issachar were men who *“understood the times and knew what Israel should do.”* These leaders were able to observe what was going on in the world around them and were able to discern what was best for the nation in light of current events. Oh how the Church today needs leaders like those from the tribe of Issachar! Where does such wisdom and discernment come from? *2 Chronicles 2:12* says *“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel who made heaven and earth, who has given King David a wise son, endowed with discretion and understanding.”* *James 1* says *“If anyone lacks wisdom (specifically in the context of making sense from trials) let him ask God who gives generously and without reproach.”* The Scriptures are clear that wisdom and discernment come from God. Paul prayed that the Philippians would *“grow in discernment so that they would be able to approve things that are excellent.”* How does God give us wisdom and discernment if we ask Him for it? *Hebrews 5* is instructive. Verses 13-14 say *“For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”* To have wisdom and discernment and to understand the times, we must feast regularly on the Word of God and faithfully obey it. It is the regular practice of Bible study and obedience that trains our senses to discern what is truly happening in the world and how we as Christians and the Church fit into the scheme of things. A perfect example is the recent heretical book *“Love Wins”* written by false teacher Rob Bell. He posits that everyone goes to heaven, there is no hell and those who teach differently are unloving and are giving God and Christianity a bad reputation. What is more shocking than his false doctrine is the number of so-called Christians that agree with him and follow him. Even Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA, where he attended, has endorsed his book as “within the historically defined boundaries of orthodox Christianity.” How can this be? This happens because doctrinally “baby” Christians have not developed a consistent diet of deep theological truth, and do not live thoroughly submitted to the authority of Jesus and the Bible. If we don’t know what the Bible says, and if we do not obey the commands of the Bible, any one of us can become ensnared to false teaching (*Matthew 7:15-20*). Mature Christians, who know the Word of God and consistently obey it, need not fear life in a world of so-called chaos and uncertainty, for we know that God is on His throne and all is well from heaven’s perspective.

Bible Prophecy Conference Schedule

General Session 1

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

“Oil and the Last Days”

The world’s vast oil reserves lie with the region of Biblical lands bringing wealth and power to many of Israel’s neighbors. Those who control oil can control the world’s economy. The Bible teaches that oil will play a major role in end-time developments.

General Session 2

Friday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

“Egypt in the Hand of God”

The recent revolution in Egypt has once again focused the world’s attention on Northern Africa and one of Israel’s ancient enemies. The Bible teaches that Egypt will once again play a role for Israel and the world in the development of end-times events. Isaiah 19 and Ezekiel 29 will shed light on what has happened and what is ahead.

Elective Session 1 (no child care provided)

Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (please bring a sack lunch)

“Back to the Future in the Book of the Revelation”

This is an elective session for which you will need to sign up in the foyer of the church. There is an \$8.00 charge for the course syllabus payable to the church secretary at the time you sign up. Checks should be written to **Prophecy Today Ministries**. Please bring your own sack lunch.

This elective workshop will be five 45 minute sessions through the entire book of the Revelation. From beginning to end, this will be the book of Revelation “from A to Z”. Though Revelation is full of symbols and figurative language, to be rightly understood it must be explained using a literal, historical-grammatical method of interpretation. God has graciously left us His plans for the end of times.

Elective Session 2 (child care is provided)

Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

“Christ Messiah in the Passover”

In order to properly plan for this meal, you must sign up beforehand in the foyer.

Join us for a Passover meal also called a Seder. The Jewish people eat the Seder to remember their deliverance from Egyptian bondage as commanded in Exodus 13:8. There are six food items on the Seder plate plus plate of matzo. The entire Passover Seder Meal is meant to be an illustration and picture of Israel’s Messiah Jesus. Come and celebrate this special time of learning and worship with us as we behold the Messiah in the Passover. A Seder booklet will be provided to enhance your learning.

General Session 3

Sunday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.

“Iran in Bible Prophecy”

There is a growing restlessness from Israel’s enemy to the East: Iran, also known as ancient Persia. Iran’s hatred of Israel and the Jews is no secret, but God is in control of even Israel’s enemies and has a plan for Persia. We will open the Scriptures to see God’s plan for Iran in the end-times.

General Session 4

Sunday, April 17, 10:45 a.m.

“Jerusalem and the Heart of God”

Jerusalem is coveted by all nations and is the focus of global attention at all times. God has declared that Jerusalem is His holy city and the capitol of the Jewish people. The Bible teaches that in the end-times Jerusalem will become a stumbling stone for the world, like a millstone around the neck, and a cup of fear and trembling of all who try to possess her. Jerusalem is central in God’s plan for the end-times.

General Session 5

Sunday, April 17, 6 p.m.

“The Coming Messiahs”

The Bible says that in the end-times many false messiahs will come. One of these false messiahs will be the prophesied 12th imam of Islam. This session will focus on the role of Islam in the end-times and false Jewish messiahs from Israel.