

The background is a deep red color with a subtle, repeating pattern of stylized snowflakes and stars. The snowflakes are white and have a six-pointed, leaf-like structure. The stars are also white and have a multi-pointed, starburst appearance. The overall effect is a festive, winter-themed design.

And he will be called
***Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.***

Isaiah 9:6

“...WHEN JESUS SAW THE MULTITUDE, HE WAS
MOVED WITH COMPASSION...” Matthew 9:36

Grace Brethren Church Of Norwalk

December 18, 2011

WELCOME!

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

Today at Grace —

Sunday School Classes Today: 9:30am

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: Old Testament - Encounters with God

Room: Youth Garage

Class: Young Adults / Career

Teacher: Dave Goodwyn

Study: Building Christian Character

Room: 6A

Class: Adults

Teacher: Pastor Jeff Patton

Study: Living by the Book

Room: 6B

Class: Adults

Teacher: Ron Muir

Study: Growing in Christ

Room: Conference Room

Grace Worship Service: 10:45am *CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids in Action: 11:00am *Children's Choir Christmas

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

Settin' the Stage – 3 years to Kindergarten

NO KIDMO TODAY

Prayer Service: 6:00pm/WE CARE Caroling: 7:00pm

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Upcoming Events —

Today:

Children’s Choir Practice 9:00am
WE CARE Caroling – meet at church 7:00pm, TODAY

This Week:

No Family Night Services on Wednesday
Church office open only Wed. & Fri. from 9:00am till Noon

For those Serving —

Ushers for the Month of December

Tim Lansing, Victor Pearce, Eddie Morales, Glenn Wilson

Nursery – Today 12/18

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Lisa Barragan
10:45 am Pat Ward
Christy Randolph

Nursery –Next Week 12/25

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Lisa Barragan
10:45 am Dee Muir
Tracy Lansing

For the Record —

12/11/11 Giving:

Weekly Budget:	\$2,594.00	Offering Last Week:	\$3,273.00
S.S./CE Commission:	\$21.75	Grand Total/All Offering:	\$3,632.75
Church Loan	\$162.00		

Patton’s – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$74.00
O’Dell’s – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$54.00
Morris – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$74.00

Church Family Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Evelyn Hurtado
Evelyn Atkinson
Victoria Arreola

December 18
December 21
December 23



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

December 18-24:

John 8-14

Zechariah 5-11

Important Upcoming Events

Dec. 25 10:45am Christmas Cantata
Dec. 28 6:30pm DRIVEN – Ice Skating
Dec. 31 5:00pm COMMUNION

NO WEDNESDAY FAMILY SERVICES DEC. 21 OR 28
Congregational Business Year End Meeting
Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 6:00pm



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Christmas 2012

Glory

Messiah

Little Drummer Boy

Immanuel



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Lots of Christmas greetings are coming in here at Grace! Check out our missionary table. There are cards from the Pattons and the Odell's wishing us a Merry Christmas and thanking us for our faithful support.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS
FROM THE TABLE OUT IN THE FOYER.

Join us this evening for
WE CARE -

Christmas Caroling to our neighbors on LeFloss Ave.
This Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00pm
Please meet at the church

See you there!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN... TIME TO BEGIN PLANNING OUR 2012 CHURCH DIRECTORY AND HOPEFULLY WITH PICTURES!

Please fill out one form for each family, even if you did one last year. Please print clearly. Thank you. Please put in offering bag or church office.

Name _____
Spouse _____
Children _____

Birthdays:

Anniversary: _____

Home Address:

Phone numbers:
Home: _____
Cell numbers: _____

Email addresses:



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.

Earth's Anthem

*The cold lay heavy on the damp night air;
stars sang from the galaxies above.*

*The song of the night gave joyous praise
to God for his wondrous love.*

*The wind fell breathless o're the sandy plain;
all earth prepared to receive
that promised salvation of eternal life
for those who would just believe.*

*The sky unwrapped the dark of night
to view our newborn King,
and there upon that silent eve
we bowed to welcome him.*

*The earth still sings that anthem's call;
"Receive your soul's salvation!
Repent and follow Christ your King!
Accept God's invitation!"*

phyllis fisher

Heaven's Announcement

Great joy abounds throughout the earth!

The orbs of heaven's night rejoice!

This is no quiet silent eve!

Great anthems route the hills with voice!

The glorious news awakes the world!

Oh, hear the angels' choirs sing!

The announcement to a troubled world,

Oh, mankind rush to meet your king!"

phyllis fisher

Silent Night Holy Night

The Back Story

*“For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” **Luke 2:11***

Joseph Mohr is the author of “Silent Night.” He was born in one of the world’s most beautiful cities, Salzburg Austria (the setting for The Sound of Music!) in 1792. Mohr was serving as a Roman Catholic priest high in the majestic Alps at the Church of St. Nicholas in Obernorf in 1818 when he wrote this beloved Christmas carol. Mohr’s good friend was Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster and church organist. The two men often talked about how they believed the perfect Christmas hymn had not yet been written. Mohr set out to write his own Christmas hymn for an upcoming Christmas Eve service. When Gruber read it, he exclaimed, “Friend Mohr, you have found it – the right song – God be praised!” Gruber set Mohr’s words to tune and music and the two men sang the hymn for the first time on Christmas Eve 1818 as Gruber played his guitar. The congregation was deeply impacted by the song and it has only increased in appeal over time. The two men never intended their little song to go anywhere beyond their own little village church, but an organ repairman saw the hymn and with permission took a copy. Quickly the hymn spread across Austria, Germany, and eventually to America in 1839. Today “Silent Night” has been set to 18 different English translations and is sung in every major language across the world. Let us remember that great things with lasting deep impact can come from the most insignificant obscure places! God uses the small things of the world to shame the great things. The most glorious song often arises from the most silent night.

“Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant, so tender and mild-sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.”