

THE
LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD

Psalms 23:1

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

Grace Brethren Church Of Norwalk

March 20, 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, Kidmo room
Care Commission Mtg. at 5:00pm, 6B
Deacon Board Mtg. at 7:00pm, Conf. room

This Week:

Girls’ Discipleship	7:00pm, Tuesday
Family Night	
DRIVEN, ROCK & ABS	6:30pm, Wednesday
Worship Team Practice	8:00pm, Wednesday

For those Serving —

Ushers for the Month of March

Ron Morrow, Don Lansing, Mark Miller, Ron Muir

Nursery – Today 03/20

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Dee Muir

10:45 am Lisa Patton
Mallory Patton

6:00 pm Sandy Goodwyn
Tracy Lansing

Nursery – Next Week 03/27

9:30 am Kristina Wilson
Dee Muir

10:45 am Leticia Posada
Clansy Cabrera

6:00 pm Sandy Goodwyn
Tracy Lansing

For the Record —

03/13/11 Giving:

Weekly Budget:	\$2,594.00	General Fund Giving:	\$2,435.00
S.S./CE Commission	\$15.00	Grand Total/All Offering:	\$3,226.00

Patton’s – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$82.34
O’Dell’s – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$82.34
Morris – Monthly Need:	\$170.00	Received this month:	\$ 142.32

Church Family Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ruben Gonzalez	March 20
Brittini Muir	March 21
Janine Lansing	March 21
Katlynn Janssen	March 25

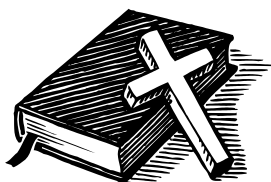


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Erwin & Lois South	March 20
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR - UPDATE

*Our practices are going well and we are learning our new songs for Palm Sunday (April 17) and Mother's Day (May 8). Parents, please mark your calendars for these dates and bring your children **every Sunday at 9:00am sharp** to the Kidmo room. Thanks so much.*



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

March 20-26
Proverbs 7-13
Gal. 6 – Eph. 6

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 27 THREE-FOLD COMMUNION – 5pm
- Thank you to all those who signed up to help.
- Apr. 1 Parenting Class – 7pm (6B)
- Apr. 2 Laura Kimsey's Baby Shower – 3pm (F.H.)
- Apr. 4 DRIVEN Fundraiser (SHAVE IT) – 12 to 9pm
- Apr. 9 WE CARE Saturday – 10am
- Apr. 10 DRIVEN Leadership – 4 to 6pm
- Apr. 10 Trustee Mtg. – 4:30 to 6pm
- Apr. 13–17 Prophecy Conference with Mike Wingfield



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	\$1,208.00
Ricky Olmedo	\$3,289	\$3,172.00

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

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

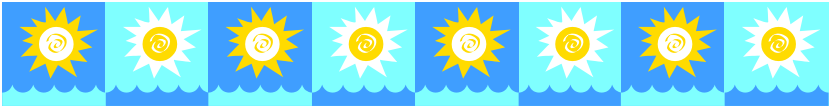
Amanda Predmore	\$100.00
Mallory Patton	\$ 10.00
Daniel Cabrera	\$ 40.00
Matthew Consuegra	\$ 0.00
Nathan Patton	\$ 0.00

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

\$400.00 in account by today, March 20

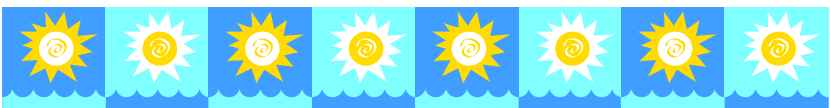
\$100.00 additional by April 27

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



*Congratulations to
Rob & Laura Kimsey on the soon
arrival of baby Noah.*

*We would like to invite all ladies &
girls to attend Laura's baby shower
on Saturday,
April 2, 2011,
At 3:00 pm
In the Fellowship Hall.*





WE CARE PRAYER

“O Lord, please let us see the fruit of our efforts on LeFloss. 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. To You, O God, be all the glory and power and praise. Amen.”

WE CARE –

Saturday, April 9

10–11:30 am

Handing out eggs & Easter invitations

THANK YOU

Dennis & Leticia Posada would like to thank the church family for all their prayers and gifts during their time of need. Praise the Lord that Dennis begins his new job March 28.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR:

“The Upside Down Kingdom” “You younger men likewise be subject to your elders, and all of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for ‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.” (1 Peter 5:5-6)

God’s way of life and success is so diametrically opposed to Satan’s and the world’s way that often the way of God seems radical and even backwards. When compared with the world, God’s way is “The Upside Down Kingdom.” For instance in **Matthew 10** we see the sinful, self-centered disciples arguing about who was going to be the greatest in the Kingdom. Jesus’ answer is quite “upside down” compared to what we’d expect the world to say. Jesus says, “If you want to be great in My Kingdom, become a servant, if you want to be first, become a slave.” Peter instructs us likewise. He quotes **Proverbs 3:34** (from the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament). Jesus, Peter, and Proverbs all say the same thing: **Pride is antithetical to those who belong to Christ.** Self-centered, self-protecting, self-exalting pride is not a quality God wants in His people. In fact Peter says, “God is opposed to the proud.” This is a graphic military term meaning God’s weapons are taken up against pride (**Isaiah 2:12; Proverbs 16:5**). God values the opposite: humility (**Romans 12:3; Philippians 2:2-5**). In fact He requires humility in order to receive His grace according to Peter. Humility is “lowliness of mind, a deep sense of one’s own moral lowliness.” It does not mean a self-deprecating, self-pitying view of one’s self that leads to discouragement, moping, and self-preoccupation. It means in light of who God is, we understand how far short we fall of His glory, and we model His behavior that considers others more important than ourselves. We keep ourselves “in context.” Peter says if we lack humility, there is a way to get it. God’s path to humility is “to subject, to clothe, and to humble.” The first step in learning humility is to subject ourselves under human authority. “Be subject” is used 6 times by Peter in 1 Peter! It is an important theme. Even Jesus subjected Himself under the authority that was placed over Him. The Scriptures say “He learned obedience.” Humility can be learned by obeying authority that is currently over you. Secondly, humility can be learned by “clothing ourselves with humility toward one another.” The picture is of a slave putting on an apron in order to serve. Peter is saying “be a servant of one another.” We can learn humility by serving each other. Thirdly, humility can be learned by “humbling ourselves under God’s mighty hand.” This means we accept and embrace God’s sovereign authority over every circumstance in our life. I learn humility by accepting God’s Providence. **James 4** teaches that even the mundane activities of life are under God’s providential control. **1 Peter 5:7** says “*casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*” “Casting” is a participle that is meant to magnify the word “humble.” This means praying in a way that I demonstrate to God that I am humble (**Psalms 55:22**). Prayerlessness is the Christian’s “Declaration of Independence,” and that’s not a good thing. If we have a proper view of ourselves, neither too high nor too low, for both are sinful, God promises to give us His grace, mercy, pity, and patience. Praise Him that if humility is lacking in our lives, we can learn it.