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| |  | | --- | | Grace Notes – March 24, 2017 |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Grace Notes** | | **Gracious Savior Church**  **Sunday Worship - 9:30am**  Worship at corner of Hwy 6 and Lake Creek Ave.  Sunday School at 9:15am – Nursery is lovingly staffed.  Adult Bible Study – 10:30am    Gracious Savior Church is located at 33520 Hwy 6 on the corner of Hwy 6 and Lake Creek Ave. We are just 1 mile west of the Edwards stoplight on Hwy 6.  For more info visit us online at: [www.gracioussavior.org](http://www.gracioussavior.org) | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Pastor’s Note**  Dear Friends,  Last week I had the joy of catching up with an old friend from college and seminary. We talked about our families, our work, how the church has changed these past 20 years in the ministry. Important stuff.  But what we talked about most was our “oldness”. I hit 40 yrs old and my body just does not work like it used to. His body is even worse. He has arthritis in his neck and shoulder. I’ve got a gimpy knee. I used to be able to run all day long. He used to be able to carry all of his kids at the same time – and he has four kids! ( I think he has five now – I can’t keep track of all of his kids). I can’t even tell you (No, I reeeaaalllyy can’t tell you) some of the crazy stunts we pulled in college. I don’t think we could even come close to pulling those same things off these days.  I’m sure some of you have similar stories. They are stories of the “glory days”. Stories of good times gone by. Stories of what used to be, but are no more.  I like to think that alongside our reduced physical abilities that we have gained some wisdom. We gained perspective, experience, and lessons learned the hard way.  When my kids were in diapers and every free moment was spent changing, feeding, clothing, or rocking a baby, people would say to me, “Enjoy this time. It goes by so fast.” I remember thinking, “If only this time would go by fast. I am so sick of diapers.” But they were right. It does go by fast and now I find myself saying to new Dads, “Just enjoy this time as much as you can…it goes by so fast” I am hoping they will learn the lessons quicker than I did.  My physical skills are probably not coming back. No longer will my friend and I eat ice cream for dessert after lunch and dinner for 4 months straight (Yep – did that). No longer we will be able to drive 24 hrs straight from Eastern Nebraska to Southern California (Check that box ✓). No longer we will prank someone by sticking their bike 40 ft up in a tree (Can neither confirm nor deny the truth of that one).  But the wisdom gained along the journey has been great. Perhaps the greatest learning we shared is that no matter what we were going through – births, heartbreaks, deaths, successes, sleepless nights and sick kids, taking kids to college, even gimpy knees and arthritis – God has watched over us. God has showered us with his blessings, healed our brokenness, rebuked our stubbornness, forgiven our sins, and renewed our courage and purpose.  Joy in the Journey,  Pastor Jason  P.S. If you miss a Sunday and want to catch up in the sermon series or just want to review the message, you can check it out in iTunes at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/gracious-savior-churchs-podcast/id897614540>  or online at: <http://gracioussaviorchurch.buzzsprout.com/> | |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Children’s Ministry**    **Service Opportunity**  We have officially adopted Adler Pierre as a Sunday School. Adler is 5 years old. He is from Haiti. He lives with his Mom and likes marbles and soccer. All the money from our donuts go to Adler. If you have thought about adopting a Compassion International child and just couldn’t afford it, this is a great opportunity. We can all pitch in to help Adler. Please pray for Adler and his Mom. | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Middle School Confirmation**  Middle School Confirmation normally meets on the First and Third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-8:00pm. Our next gathering is Wednesday, April 5th. See you there! | |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  | | --- | | ***Financial Peace University will begin on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6pm and continue for the next 9 weeks. There is still time to join!***  It is a great investment in your financial future. If you are married, this is one of the best things you can do for your marriage. I highly recommend this course for ages high school senior through senior citizen. Childcare will be provided. Click on the link to register and order your material: [FPU Class Link](https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1039375)  **Seder Set up**  We will be setting up for the Seder meal on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm. Come and join us.  **Fundraiser Sale**  On Saturday, April 22nd there will be a sale at the church from 9:00am -4:00pm. All proceeds will go to support the Cuba Mission Trip. Sale items will include women’s secondhand clothes, coats, shoes, jewelry, and accessories. It you would like to donate items, drop-off will be on Friday evening from 4pm-9pm at the church. Contact Janie Cliver for more information    **Passover Seder Meal**  **The Passover Seder meal** commemorates God’s redemption of Israel from slavery in Egypt.  When the angel of death passed over Egypt, the families of Israel were spared by painting the blood of a lamb on their doorposts.  Come and join us Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 am as we celebrate God’s redemption.    **Good Friday Service**  Come join us Friday, April 14th at 6:30pm to remember the crucifixion of Christ with a traditional service of darkness.  **Easter Services**  Come Sunday, April 16th at 7:00am for a sunrise service in the atrium, looking out over the mountains, followed by a waffle bar breakfast. Or come at 9:30am for an Easter Celebration followed by our annual potluck and egg hunt.    **New Sermon Series**  We are jumping back into the Gospel of John throughout the rest of Lent as we travel with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb!  **High School Discipleship**  High School Discipleship is working on finding the best meeting night and location for everyone. Stay tuned!!!  **Bible Walkers**  Bible Walkers meets every other Thursday at 6:00pm for an in depth walk through the Bible. Their next gathering is Thursday, March 30th. For more information contact the church. | | **Women’s Bible Study**  Women’s Bible Studymeets every Tuesday at 8:30 in the morning at the church. Come and join them! Contact the church for more information.    **Cuba Dinner-Tickets now on sale!**  Join us for a Dinner and Silent Auction to support our mission work in Cuba. We will be enjoying good food and fun at 4 Eagle Ranch on Monday, April 24th at 5:00pm. You can buy tickets at church this Sunday. Tickets are 50$ per person or 400$ for a table. Entertainment will be by Bert Fonte. New this year is a “Live” auction event. |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**   * **Sunday Morning Discipleship –** Every Sunday – 11:00am * **Middle School Confirmation –** The Thorn Trip – Friday, March 24 – 1:00pm * **Women’s Bible Study –** Tuesday, March 28 – 8:30am * **Seder set up –** Wednesday, March 29 – 6:30pm * **Financial Peace University –** Wednesday, March 29 – 6:00pm * **Seder Service ­**– Sunday, April 2 – 9:30am * **Middle School Confirmation ­**– Wednesday, April 5 – 6:30pm * **Financial Peace University –** Wednesday, April 5 – 6:00pm * **Good Friday Worship** – Friday, April 14 – 6:30pm * **Easter Worship** – Sunday, April 16 – 7:00am & 9:30am * **Clothing Sale Fundraiser** – Saturday, April 22 – 9am-4pm * **Cuba Dinner –** April 24th – 5:00pm * **Cuba Mission Trip** – May 4-12 | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Prayer Praises & Requests**   * Sue Parker’s brother-in-law passed away unexpectedly. * Heather Kelley’s Dad is struggling with leukemia. * Dave Willemssen has lung cancer and gone through his second chemo treatment. * Jan Kleinhardt’s brother has cancer. * Dan Schaub’s daughter who has cancer. * Terrianne Richards who has cancer. * Max, Marilyn Karn’s brother, struggling with dementia and Parkinson’s disease. * Sharon Sumner who has Lou Gehrig’s disease. * Thanksgiving for birthdays for: Ann Portell, Julie Nelson, Sherri Helmering, Gabby Hernandez, Lisa Tew. | | | | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Serving in God’s House This Sunday**  Elder: Scott Bluhm  Ushers: Shelly & Dan  Reader: Janet Kleinhardt  Sunday School: Janie Cliver & Missy Sharpe | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | [http://gracioussavior.org/marketTheme/version19/img/facebook.png](https://facebook.com/) | |