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| |  | | --- | | Grace Notes – December 19, 2014 |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Grace Notes** | | **Gracious Savior Church**  **Sunday Worship - 9:00am**  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**  Whenever I meet with a couple preparing for a wedding, they often tell me (about a week before the wedding) that if they could just elope, they absolutely would do it. Weddings are a little crazy.  Christmas is a little crazy too. I imagine some of you are just ready for Christmas to be here and get back to normal again.  The first Christmas was even crazier. Relocating while pregnant, walking 85 miles to your new temporary home, giving birth in a smelly barn – that is a crazy first Christmas. I imagine there were times when Mary and Joseph just wished it would all be over. But God saw them through that first Christmas – even when the ruler of the land tried to kill their baby.  He will see you through too. He will see you through heartaches that are heavier this time of year, jobs that are more stressful, calendars that are more full, and checking accounts that are less full. Not only will God see you through, He will – as He did for Mary – give you moments to ponder and to cherish His gift of Jesus for you.  Merry Christmas!  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/>  We have a new website where you can get updates on events at Gracious Savior, listen to previous sermons, and share what God is doing through His Church. Check it out at: [www.gracioussavior.org](http://www.gracioussavior.org) and tell us what you think. | |  |  | **Mission Trip 2015**  We have 6 people going to Cuba in April 2015. Please keep Marc Attoma, Matthew Burnett, Moises Hernandez, Topper Hagerman, Nate Hall, and Pastor Jason in your prayers as they prepare for this important missionary journey. | |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Children’s Ministry**  Workshop Christmas Party  Sunday, December 21 the kids will be celebrating Christmas together during the normal Workshop time. Kids, bring a snack to share and a gift for Adler. We will be putting together a gift to mail to Adler. We can only send flat items that will fit in an envelope. If it is not flat, it won’t get to him. Here is a list of items that you can bring:  Assembled puzzles in zip lock bags, sealed with tape or glue to remain assembled in the mail  Band-Aids  Baseball and football cards  Bookmarks  Calendars, smaller than 8-1/2" x 11"  Construction paper  Greeting cards, including musical cards  Laminated flowers and leaves  Magazine pages only, less than 1/4" thick  Origami  Colored and uncolored pages from coloring books (may not send crayons, pencils or pens)  Pages from watercolor paint books (may not send paint brushes)  Paper dolls  Photos of you and your family  Postcards  Scrapbook paper  Scripture cards  Small posters  Stamps  Stickers | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Middle School Confirmation**  Middle School Confirmation will be taking a Christmas break. We will meet again on Wednesday, January 7th from 6:30-8:00pm. Invite your friends! Get your Word on with Pastor Jason and your fun with Janie! | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  | | --- | | **High School Discipleship**  We are taking a little Christmas break. See you again on Wednesday, January 7th from 6:30-8:00pm  **Senior Buddies**  Bev Christiansan is serving Seniors in the valley every week. God is touching lives through the Senior Buddies! | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **Bible Walkers Community Group**  Have you ever wondered what was in the Bible, but felt intimidated by the size and scope of the Bible? This is the group for you. We are walking through the entire Bible and hitting the highlights so that you can have a really good grasp of God’s Word. We meet every other Wednesday evening at 6pm and share a meal together. Contact Will and Kelly Rhoades for more info ([wkrhodes@icloud.com](mailto:wkrhodes@icloud.com))  **Friday Morning Women’s Group**  We will continue our Beth Moore study of the Fruit of the Spirit. We meet every Friday at 10:30am at the church. We are going through the lessons and the homework together. Jump in whenever you can! Every lesson is a blessing.  **Sunday Morning Bible Study**  We are following up our study of the Intertestimental time period and examining the history of the Early Christian Church. How did the Church get started? How did we get from twelve disciples to millions all over the earth? Come and hear the trying and inspiring beginnings of the Christian Church.  **Eagle Women’s Bible Study** | |  |  | | --- | | **Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer** Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help you know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.  We meet every other Monday night at 6:30pm in Eagle.    If you have any questions, please call me at 970-471-9341….    Loving the word of God,  Gisele |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**   * **Sunday Bible Study** – Every Sunday – 10:30am * **Eagle Women’s Bible Study** – Monday, Jan. 5 – 6:30pm * **Middle School Confirmation** – Wednesday, Jan. 7 – 6:30pm * **High School Confirmation** – Wednesday, Jan. 7 -6:30pm * **Bible Walkers** – Wednesday, Jan. 7 — 6:30pm * **Morning Women’s Bible Study** – Friday, Jan. 9 - 10:00am | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Prayer Praises & Requests**   * Thanksgiving for the healthy birth of Wayne Bajza! Mom Kirstie and Dad Joey are doing very well. * Matthew Burnett’s cousin, Becky, during treatment for breast cancer. * Michael Mosier, 6yr old boy with a brain tumor. * Kris Krohn’s brother, Jesse, is in hospice care. Pray for courage and faith. * American Pastor Saeed Abedini who has been imprisoned in Iran for two years. <http://www.christianpost.com/news/prayer-vigils-mark-2-years-since-pastor-saeed-abedinis-imprisonment-supporters-vow-never-to-forget-him-126616/> * Sharon Sumner diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease. * Pray for the ministry of East-West Missions. You can find ways to lift up this ministry at: http://www.eastwest.org/get-involved/pray * Thanksgiving for all birthdays. | | | | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Serving in God’s House This Sunday**  Elder: Mike Thul  Ushers: Jim & Janice  Reader: Charlie  Sunday School: Missy Sharpe, Kelly Karas | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | [http://gracioussavior.org/marketTheme/version19/img/facebook.png](https://facebook.com/) | |