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| |  | | --- | | Grace Notes – february 6, 2015 |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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**  Have you ever been disappointed? Perhaps you saved for a really big vacation and the trip was not nearly as special as you hoped it would be? I spoke with my daughter’s friend who volunteered for the World Cup this past Wednesday – the day the races were postponed. She said, “It was horrible. There were a bunch of grumpy Europeans walking around.” Postponed races certainly were not on their agenda when they booked their trip to our valley. It’s easy to see why they were disappointed.  Sometimes people are disappointed with their life. It isn’t what they expected or planned. Life changed – relationships deteriorated – and life got hard. When reviewing their history, it’s easy to see why they are struggling and disappointed in life.  I think the primary factor triggering disappointment is the belief that things will not get better. This is reality and reality bites.  The cross changes everything. By His suffering, Jesus endures everything that we have every endured and redeems our own trials. By His resurrection, Jesus provides true hope and an eternal perspective.  Hebrews 11:13-16 puts it this way, “All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country (home) of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”  Sometimes things do get better. Sometimes we continue to struggle. In all situations God is working for your character and is on your side. The cross is proof. The empty tomb reminds us that hardships are temporary and that the final chapter is good and perfect. Or in the words of The Five Stairsteps:  Some day, We'll walk in the rays of a beautiful sun Some day When the world is much brighter Ooh-oo child Things are gonna be easier Ooh-oo child Things'll get be brighter  Yearning for Home,  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**  SAVE THE DATE: Cuba Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will be on Sunday, March 29th at the Timber Hearth in Cordillera. We are accepting items to auction off at the dinner. Please donate (or ask a friend/business associate) to donate one item or purchase a table to share this wonderful evening with your friends. Tickets are $60/person. | |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Children’s Ministry**  **This week in the Workshop** -Talk about your church with your kids. What makes your church unique? Do you meet in a traditional church building structure, or do you meet in a more temporary place? The tabernacle was built as a temporary structure used to worship God and to house His presence. God’s presence would lead the nation of Israel, and they would follow. Whenever His presence would stop, the tabernacle would be set up for worship. The tabernacle in the Old Testament was the physical place where God’s Spirit dwelled as the Israelites journeyed to the land God had promised Abraham. The tabernacle gives us a clear picture of God’s desire to dwell with His people and to be worshiped by them. The word tabernacle means “to dwell.” To show in the New Testament God’s desire for dwelling with His people has not ended, He sent Jesus to tabernacle (dwell) with people on earth.  **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 is gathering on Wednesday, February 11th from 6:30-8:00pm. Invite your friends! Get your Word on with Pastor Jason and your fun with Janie! | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  | | --- | | **Ash Wednesday Service**  Come to a special Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm. It is an important service as we begin our journey to Good Friday and Easter.  **Habitat for Humanity Build Day**  Help Mie build her home! We’ll be working indoors on February 28th at 9am at 138 Nighthawk Circle in Gypsum. Sign up sheet is in the Atrium.  **High School Discipleship**  Come and explore Romans 12 every other Wednesday night at church from 6:30-8:00pm. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, February 11th.  **City Market Community Rewards**  Last year so many of you signed up for City Market Community Rewards that Gracious Savior received close to $1,000! Thank you!  City Market is requiring everyone to choose their non-profit group to support every year. So if you could please re-enroll Gracious Savior as your group to support, that would be great.  Go to: [www.citymarket.com](http://www.citymarket.com) . Click on the “Community” tab to re-enroll. You don’t need to re-enroll in the City Market Rewards Program. You just need to re-enroll Gracious Savior as your Community Organization. Thanks! | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | **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**  Starting January 18th we will Kick-Off our Discipling Leaders initiative. The Discipling Leaders program will have three core components: Doctrine (Head), Formation (Heart), and Service (Hands). Attend the class after worship on Sunday, January 18th for more info.  **Eagle Women’s Bible Study** | |  |  | | --- | | **Our Eagle women's bible study group will be starting a new study on Monday January 19th called Jonah by Priscilla Shirer.**  **Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer** Interruptions. They're aggravating. Sometimes infuriating. They make us want to tell people what we think of them. But how we handle interruptions actually tell us more about ourselves. The prophet Jonah's existence was interrupted by a call of God that would require a complete change of life. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire city.  We meet every other Monday night at 6:30pm in Eagle.    If you have any questions, please call me at 970-409-0905….    Loving the word of God,  Gisele |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**   * **Sunday Bible Study** – Every Sunday – 10:30am * **Morning Women’s Bible Study** – Friday, Feb. 13 - 10:00am * **Middle School Confirmation** – Wednesday, Feb. 11 – 6:30pm * **High School Confirmation** – Wednesday, Feb. 11 -6:30pm * **Eagle Women’s Bible Study** – Monday, Feb. 16 – 6:30pm * **Ash Wednesday Service** – Wednesday, Feb. 18-6:30pm * **Bible Walkers** – Wednesday, Feb. 25 — 6:30pm * **Habitat for Humanity Build Day** – Saturday, Feb. 28 – 9:00am * **Cuba Mission Trip Dinner/Auction**- Sunday, March 29-5:30pm * **Women of Faith** - August 7-8 | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Prayer Praises & Requests**   * Prayers for safety for everyone associated with the World Cup. * Matthew Burnett’s cousin, Becky, during treatment for breast cancer. Matthew’s friend is in a coma after a bad ski accident. * Dale Foster is undergoing radiation treatment. * Woman going through a challenging time. * Lisa Tew continuing to recover from foot surgery. * Michael Mosier, 6yr old boy with a brain tumor. * 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 including: Heather Haynes and Ross Goldberg. | | | | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Serving in God’s House This Sunday**  Elder: John Prewitt  Ushers: Judy & Moe  Reader: Marilyn Karn  Sunday School: Missy Sharpe, Kelly Karas, Jen Zaiko | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | [http://gracioussavior.org/marketTheme/version19/img/facebook.png](https://facebook.com/) | |