



## Grace Bible Fellowship

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of this week's events,  
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## Web Version of Grace News

To protect people's privacy private  
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and anniversaries have been removed  
from the online version of Grace  
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er for any group feel free to contact  
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From time to time articles may be al-  
tered or removed due to the sensitive  
nature of the material.

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## Upcoming Events

- Mar. 11 Communion and  
Fellowship Meal
- Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday Meal
- Mar. 30 Good Friday Service
- Ap. 1 Easter Sunrise and  
Worship Services
- Ap. 15 Grace Link Groups
- Ap. 27-29 Youth Spring Retreat
- Jun. 24 Church Picnic

**Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org**

## There's a new day d-Awning!

Perhaps you've taken note of the  
new awning erected over the out-  
side door between the carport and  
the gym. As discussed at the De-  
cember congregational meeting,  
the Property and Maintenance  
Committee has begun a project  
which will ultimately result in new  
traffic patterns around the  
church. This first phase establishes  
a suitable entrance for our handi-  
capped members and guests. Be-  
neath the awning, we will be in-  
stalling a wheelchair ramp to grant  
easy access in getting from the  
parking lot into the church. In the  
spring, all of our handicap parking  
spaces will be moved to the area  
just outside this door for our  
guests' convenience. If you have  
any questions, please see Mike  
Norquist.



## Grace News - March 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Wallingford, PA

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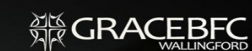
## Welcome New Members!



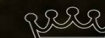
**Bill and Sarah Batdorf, Prunella Jwill,  
Walt and Fran Reichel**



SUNDAY 9AM



KNOWING and FOLLOWING  
**JESUS**





## Special Sundays

**March 11**  
Fellowship  
Meal

**April 15**  
Grace Link  
Groups

## The Gospel Project

*Children, Youth  
and Adults study  
the Same  
Passages*

More at  
[Gracebfc.org/  
Gospelproject](http://Gracebfc.org/Gospelproject)

## Special Wednesdays

**March 28**  
No Classes  
Join us for  
Maundy  
Thursday  
and  
Good Friday



**Sundays 10:45 am**

- Gospel Project - 206
- This We Believe - 205
- Ladies Class - 104
- Consider the Sermon - 103

**Sunday Bible Classes**

Date	Children	Youth and Adults
March 4	25.2 Jesus Cleansed the Temple	9.2 Jesus in Jerusalem
March 11	Fellowship Meal (no classes)	
March 18	25.3 The Last Supper	9.3 The Last Supper
March 25	26.1/ 26.2 Jesus Arrested/ Crucified	9.4/ 9.5 The Savior is Arrested/ The Savior is Crucified
April 1 <i>Easter</i>	26.3 Jesus' Resurrection	9.6 The Savior is Raised



**Wednesday Family Night**  
**7:00 - 8:15 pm**

- Apologetics
- Bible Training Center
- DivorceCare
- GriefShare
- Youth
- Wacky Wednesday

## Support Local Ministries



### CEF Banquet

### Child Evangelism Fellowship

Thursday March 22 6:00pm

*Drexelbrook Banquet Facility*

*Guest speaker is David Akers, former Philadelphia Eagle.*

*FREE to attend. See PJ or Rich Hartzell for tickets.*



You're Cordially Invited To:  
**Celebrate Compassion**  
A gala event to benefit the work  
of Compassion Corps  
**Saturday, April 22nd, 6-9pm**

**COMPASSION | CORPS**

### Compassion Auction

### Compassion Corps

Saturday March 24 6:00pm

The Ballroom at the Westside  
Mingle, shop and enjoy some great  
appetizers and desserts. Bid on a wide  
variety of silent auction items and partici-  
pate in a fun, live Auction for North Africa .  
Contact PJ Hartzell for FREE tickets.

## Summer Missions Teams



### CAMP PROMISE Montana: June 24 to July 7, 2018

Bible Camp for Special Needs Children and Adults. They need counselors to work one on one with those who are physically and/or mentally challenged as well as cooks, maintenance and other camp helpers.

### Handi-Camp Canada: July 28 to August 4, 2018

Bible Camp for Special Needs Children/Young Adults. They need counselors to work one on one with those who are physically and/or mentally challenged (may need to lift camper).

### Other Summer Opportunities

**Victory Valley Camp** and **Pinebrook Bible Conference** are always looking for counselors, kitchen help, groundkeepers, and other positions for youth and adults, as a missionary for the entire summer or as volunteer for a few days. CEF offers a summer training program for teens. Grace typically sends a **work team** to a local ministry in August.

**Russia Note:** We will not be sending a team to Russia this year.

**Contact:** for more information on summer missions trips, or to apply, see **Debbie Wilt**







## Operation Christmas Child

For the month of March we will continue to **collect Hygiene items**. Please check the chart on the Missions Board to see what items are still needed.

We have a few **sewing projects** planned for this year. Several ladies have already volunteered to help with these projects. You can help by **donating your left over fabric scraps**, it only takes a small amount of material to make a marble bag, pencil case or tote bag, and every little bit helps. We also need **100% cotton flannel material**. Those old flannel sheets or flannel shirts could be repurposed for feminine hygiene kits.

All donations can be placed in the **orange bin in the coat room** by the sanctuary. Thank you for your donations and please continue to pray for this ministry.

**Contact: Sue Yavor or Janet Letsche**

## Emily Bronkema Dancing for Christ In Honduras and Mexico

Emily is going on a Missions trip with Christian Ballet Co. to Honduras and Mexico March 12 to March 26 with her college.

They will be spreading the gospel through dance in Honduras and Mexico. "Deliver Us" is the story of Israel out of Egypt and ends with a crucifixion scene. After the performance they go into the audience to meet with people and talk with them. They will also be staying with host families where they can share about Christ.

Emily will have many opportunities to use her Spanish. She took Spanish in High School and went to Costa Rico. Although she only took one class in college, Emily has been reading the Bible in Spanish and watching Spanish movies and is working on memorizing the Roman Road in Spanish. A friend mentioned that God has a plan for her to minister in a Spanish speaking country. She has been praying about going to Honduras and now the opportunity to go has come.

### **How We Can Pray:**

- \* Emily needs \$1300 by March 1 of which she has raised close to half
- \* Pray for trip safety. There is a lot of political unrest but the areas they are going to should be fine.
- \* Pray that the Lord will work through the language barriers. The music that they are dancing to is in Spanish.

## **Fake News**

**by Pastor Richard Taylor**

"The news media prints fake news as it suits their political views." "Politicians are all liars." "The Russians cyber-hacked our election results." "The Russians had no involvement in our elections." So who do you believe? Can you believe anyone? How can you spot fake news? People lie. You know that is true. And, you know God forbids lying. You would be an unusual person if you never told a lie or used a half-truth but, if you are a follower of Jesus, lying is not characteristic of you. So you are sensitive to hearing how lies get tossed around.

What about the other side of the equation? "...Love believes all things..." (1 Corinthians 13:7) Do you believe what people tell you? Does this imply that you are to believe whatever anyone tells you? What if the person you are talking to has a history of lying to you? Does this teach that being naïve and gullible is a good thing?

The rapid fire, staccato statements of 1 Corinthians 13:7 show that "believes all things" is not a stand-alone statement. Bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things come in one breath. In this setting, the issue is relationships of love. Put these statements together and you hear that loving relationships are consistent, stable, and reliable. These relationships are the special relationships between husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters in Christ, and best friends. Those relationships don't exist without trust.

God is not telling you to believe everything you hear in the news or to forget that politicians often give only that part of the truth that supports their position. God is not calling you to believe obvious lies. But He is telling you that you must trust the people you really love.

Maybe you don't lie and don't listen to lies but do you trust the ones you love? They need to know it.

## Fellowship Meal

Join us **Sunday March 11**. after worship\* for our Spring Fellowship Meal. Ham will be served along with numerous sides and, of course, a plethora of desserts. Sign up in the lobby this week. See Jaye Norquist.



\* Note: This year the **worship service will be at the normal 9am time**, with Fellowship Meal to follow. (meal will take the place of Bible Classes)

**Daylight Savings Time:** Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night!

## **HOLY WEEK**

Palm Sunday • Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday • Resurrection Sunday

*Remembering the events that brought us life*

### **Thursday (3/29 at 6:30 PM) - Communion Meal**

Reliving Jesus' last meal with His disciples and their conversations about a new kind of community.  
*Please bring a simple meal to share with those at your table. Drinks/desserts provided.*

### **Friday (3/30 at 7:00 PM) - Service of Tenebrae**

Remembering the world's darkest moment, when the weight of sin & death were placed on God's innocent Son.

### **Sunday (4/1 at 6:00 AM) - Sunrise Service**

Join us just before dawn in the outside church courtyard, to celebrate our risen Savior as the sun rises.

### **Sunday (4/1 at 9:00 AM) - Resurrection Celebration**

Celebrating the death of death in the victory of God's Son...and its powerful implications for God's people.



## Meet Nate Biermaas — Our Newest Elder

For those of you that didn't know the tall, skinny guy who was installed as an elder at Grace on February 11th, a warm hello to you! My name is Nathan Biermaas and I wanted to tell you a little bit about me, my family, and my call to becoming an elder. I had the amazing blessing of being born into a loving home with Christian parents (Linda and Charles Biermaas) who raised me to know the Lord and brought me to Grace ever since I was a newborn. Their examples of self-sacrificial love, strong work ethic, and constant care even at this point in my life are defining qualities for me. My older brother, Tim, also grew up at Grace and now attends Gateway Community Church with his wife Amie and their three children, Lily, Isaac, and Adelyn. It's always great to get together with their family and laugh seemingly non-stop.

Five years ago, the Lord led me to marry my best friend, Katie Biermaas (Yori). Her compassion, kindness, and acts of service are just some of the many reasons she makes a great wife...not to mention, her pheno-menal cooking. Many of you have met our new little bundle of joy, Lucas, whom the Lord graciously gave to us this past November. His little toothless smile is contagious, and while parenthood certainly has its challenges, Katie and I are definitely enjoying this new chapter that the Lord has opened in our lives. I couldn't have married into a better family and I am extremely thankful for the rich relationships that the Lord has given me with Katie's family as well, many of which you will find scattered around here at Grace on Sunday mornings. It's great to have a mini family reunion on any given Sunday morning.



Here at Grace, I play guitar for one of the worship teams and occasionally teach some of the adult Sunday school classes. My wife and I have been hosting a Bible study in our home on Thursdays for the last 5 years and enjoy inviting others over on a weekly basis to have some time in God's Word together. The Lord has been amazingly faithful and patient in calling me to the position of elder and I look forward to leaning on His strength and sustenance as I take on this new role in our church. I have enjoyed seeing Him cultivate a desire to teach His Word and show compassion to others in my own heart and I am confident that He will continue to grow me in these areas as I seek Him. I would greatly appreciate your prayers as I look to shepherd those who are placed under my care and enjoy deep and lasting relationships with God's people.

I Corinthians 10:31: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.



## Upcoming Youth Events

### March

Saturday, March 17 HS Laser Tag 6-9:30 pm  
Friday, March 23 MS Lock In 9 pm

See Youth Ministry page on church website  
Youth Contact: gbfcyouth1@gmail.com



## Search for a Children's Director

The committee recently conducted some interviews and is seeking confirmation for the Lord's direction as to who He would have to serve as our Children's Director.

Children's Ministry Contact: Pastor Mark  
mbickel@gracebfc.org

## GRACE FAMILY

### God's Blessing of a New Child

Trevor and Ashley Morse had their second child on February 2, 2018. Oliver Patrick was 8 lbs. 9 oz. and 21 inches long. He joins big brother Benji who will be 4 in May.

## Philippines Disaster Relief Update

God's people at Grace Bible Fellowship Church responded with an outpouring of love and compassion for the Philippine people half a world away as you opened your hearts and your wallets to assist them after the devastating floods in December. Much work needs to be accomplished and things move slowly in this culture. Many people lost everything, food, clothing and household items, and some people lost their entire home. Your financial support has provided the needed resources to replace necessities like clothing, bedding, food, school uniforms and school supplies. Flood waters have receded leaving mud and other debris to be removed. Houses and buildings made of concrete can be cleaned but wooden homes and structures cannot be salvaged and must be torn down and rebuilt. Your generous gifts will be used over the coming months to assist in this process of rebuilding and restoring lives. Our prayer is that doors will be opened to share the gospel with those who have been impacted by the floods. Your generous support is not only meeting tangible physical needs but is providing for the flood gates of God's love to be opened and shared. - Jenn Lindemuth



- Thank you for giving to help people have bedding ~ malongs (a tube sheet), tsinelas (flip-flops), clothes, etc.

