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Upcoming Events

- Jan 10 Start Wed. Family Night
- Jan. 21 Communion
- Jan. 28 January Jumble (pastors and families Open House)

Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org

Results from Congregational Meeting:

- Approved budget for 2018
- All Elder and Deacon candidates were approved for 3 year terms

Current Active Elders:

- Scott Simmons (Chair)
- Chuck Biermaas
- Nate Biermaas
- Bob Evans
- Chip Harper
- Rich Hartzell
- Mark Kessler
- Richard McIntyre
- Mike Norquist
- Mike Plourde

Current Active Deacons:

- David Lawton (Chair)
- Steve Bach
- Dan McLean
- Vince Urbano
- Mike Wiegand
- Clayton Wilt
- Joe Worrell



Grace News - January 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Wallingford, PA



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Knowing and Following Jesus

Pastor Mark

As our family has been following Pastor Aaron's Advent Readings, we have noticed a recurring question on many Old Testament passages. It is a question that Aaron asked in many of his sermons in Exodus, and the Gospel Project has addressed in each lesson - How do we see Jesus in this passage? God's plan for humanity, which began in Genesis with creation, and will culminate with a New Heaven and Earth free from sin and death and pain, has always centered around God's Son and the salvation He would bring.

So it is only fitting that we follow these Old Testament studies, as well as our recent study of Ephesians and the victorious life God brings for His people, with a closer look at the one who is in the center of it all, Jesus Christ Himself.

Pastor Aaron plans to focus his upcoming sermons on the life of Christ, looking at his early ministry in January, then at the road of suffering that leads to his death during the Lenten season, at the

victory over death and sin with His Easter resurrection, and then at His teaching on what the Kingdom of God looks like and what it means to truly follow Jesus. The children, teen and adults in Gospel Project will also be looking more in depth at the Gospels and the life of Christ this year.

Jesus said that He is the way, the truth, the life. Hebrews notes that Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith, and that it is only through Him that we can run this race of life. Our desire as a church is that we would preach Christ alone, and him crucified. Our prayer is that Christ might dwell in each heart by faith, that we might know the heights and depth and breadth and width of the love of Christ, and that we might understand the incredible greatness of His resurrection power that lives in all who believe. We ask you to pray with us, and join with us, as we seek to know and follow Jesus, and to ask God who you might bring with you on this journey, that they too might meet Jesus!

Special Sundays

Mid-January

Commissioning
Kelsey Yori

January 21

Communion

January 28

Baptism and
Membership

Coming

In February

Special
Classes for
Adults and Teens
On Women
Serving as
Deacons

The Gospel Project

*Children, Youth
and Adults study
the Same
Passages*

More at
**Gracebfc.org/
Gospelproject**



Sundays 10:45 am

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

Sunday Bible Classes

The Gospel Project

The Rescue Begins – For January and February we will be looking at the early life of Christ, following many of the same themes as the sermon. Then looking more in depth at Christ's ministry leading up to his crucifixion, and the events following the resurrection.

Various Teachers – Room 206

This We Believe

Discussion of some of the key foundational truths of the Christian faith. A great place to start for those who are new to Grace as well as those who may be simply exploring what it is that Christians believe.

Led by Pastor Tim – Room 205

Ladies Class

Time for sharing and prayer followed by Bible study, also using **The Gospel Project: The Rescue Begins**

Dawn Gambrill – Room 104

Consider the Sermon

Weekly discussion on topics related to that days sermon.

Led by David Bronkema – Room 103

Date	Children	Youth and Adults
January 7	19.5 Jesus was Baptized	7.6 The Son of God is Tempted
January 14	19.6 Jesus was Tempted	7.7 Jesus Calls the First Disciples
January 21	21.1 Jesus Met Nicodemus	Teens at Sno-Glo / Adults: 7.8 Nicodemus & 7.12 Zacchaeus
January 28	21.2 Jesus and John the Baptist	7.10 Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
February 4	21.3 Jesus Met Samaritan Woman	Special Class: Women Deacons, Pt. 1

Read the Bible in 2018!

Several Daily Devotionals and Bible reading plans are available in the LOBBY

Links to Bible reading plans, devotionals and downloadable apps are

at **gracebfc.org** (select Resources, Bible Reading Plans)

or see Pastor Mark for additional resources

Table Talk Magazine

Someone has graciously given the church several copies of the January edition of Table Talk Magazine, the devotional guide from the ministries of the late

R.C. Sproul. They are **in the lobby and free while supplies last**.

If you would like to get future issues see Pastor Mark

New Year Memories

by Pastor Richard Taylor

I am a regular reader of several news magazines. Most of them do a “year in review” edition and show all the major news events of the year. I don’t usually read these issues because I already know what happened. What’s the point of reading about what I already read about?

Having said that, I see the value in remembering what happened to me in the past year. While the New Year gives birth to hopes, expectations and resolutions, it is also a great time to remember and review what happened in your life. Out of our memory rises gratitude and appreciation for what God has done. A walk through your memories of the past year will bring to mind many events in which you see the good hand of God.

It is one thing to thank God for what happened this morning but another to thank Him for what happened during the past year. The older and longer memories bring us not simply to be thankful but to see again that God is faithful. Reminders of God’s faithfulness are really good. They explain why God continues with us when we are so unfaithful. “If we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot deny Himself.” (2 Timothy 2:13) They are the reason why we don’t have to be overwhelmed by dread of new year possibilities. “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 10:23)

Greet the new year and celebrate. Make your resolutions and press on. And, remember the old year and all that God has done in it. “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life.” (Deuteronomy 4:9) Remember not to forget and celebrate the faithfulness of God through our Lord Jesus.

Visualize The BIBLE!

**the BIBLE
PROJECT**

Read through

The entire
BIBLE

In roughly
Chronological
Order

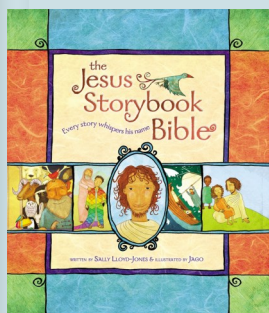
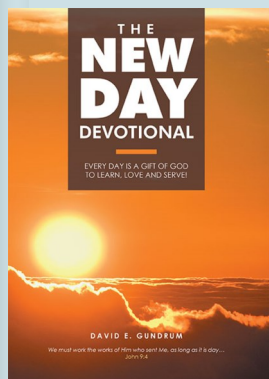
View a 6-min
Video summary
For each book
Of the Bible

Pray through
The Psalms
2.5 times

Goto:
**Thebibleproject
.com**

Or download
**The Bible
Project App**
For iPhone or
Android

Devotional Guides



Connect with Others in 2018!

Young Adults

Thursdays 7-9pm at Biermaas' Home. Enjoy close fellowship with other young adults and a time in the Word together each week. *Contact Nate or Katie Biermaas, nbiermaas@gmail.com, (610) 368-2031*



Women's Groups

Ladies Fitness and Fellowship - Mondays 6:30-7:45pm at Grace BFC (room 103) No children. *Contact Debbie Wilt, dwilt@tca-pa.org 610-874-5648*

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study - Prayer and Bible Study Wednesdays 9:30am-12pm at Grace BFC (room 104). *Contact Sandy Weaver 610-494-2799*

Mom Matters (MOPS) - 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 9:15-11:15 at Grace BFC (room 104). *Contact Audra Bach, gbfmops@yahoo.com, (215) 287-6756*



Small Groups Bible Studies

Evans Small Group Bible Study - Inter-generational Bible Study most Mondays 7:30pm at Evan's Home. For schedule contact *Bob or Corrie Evans, evansbcm@verizon.net, 610-494-6570*

New Groups Forming—contact Pastor Mark if you want to be part of help to lead a new small group this Spring! (*mbickel@gracebfc.org*)



Young at Heart

2nd Tuesday Noon-2:00pm at Grace BFC (room 103-104) Lunch together followed by a speaker. Designed for those age 50 and older. *Contact Jack and Joyce Bromley or Pastor Mark . Next Meeting January 9 with guest Jake Susek!*



Service and Support Groups

In addition to plugging into a small group for your own growth in the Lord, we offer a number of support groups and places to serve others. See our annual ministry guide or our upcoming February Grace News for a more complete list of service and outreach opportunities.



Wednesday Family Night 7:00 - 8:15 pm

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

New course on Wednesday: Foundations of Apologetics

Designed to introduce a comprehensive range of apologetic arguments and strategies, *Foundations of Apologetics* features lectures by RZIM's team of apologists including Ravi Zacharias, Michael Ramsden, John Lennox, Stuart McAllister, Alister McGrath, Amy Orr-Ewing, L.T. Jeyachandran, and Joe Boot. Students of this rigorous curriculum will become adept at recognizing the many worldviews influencing our culture and equipped to challenge the assumptions of these worldviews. It is our prayer you will find the studies foster not only knowledge but also cultivate the skills to communicate that knowledge in a way that is winsome and effective. We will be watching and discussing a video series available on RightNow media. Pastor Taylor and Pastor Bickel will lead the discussions.



Starting anew this January



Brochures in the Information
Hallway to invite friends!

Special Wednesdays

January 10

Start of Winter/
Spring Groups

RightNow Media

Our Wed.
Apologetics
class, as well as
other classes in
the church, use
RightNow Media.

If you miss a
class or want to
view the series
on your own you

can get free
access by
contacting

Pastor Mark.

There are
thousands of
adult and teen
teaching series,
as well as many
quality kids
programs,
available free to
you and your
friends.

January Jumble

You are all invited for an informal afternoon visit with the Susek, Cowen and Bickel families in their homes on Sunday, January 28. Each of the three homes will be open from 4-9pm. They will each have food and places to relax and socialize. The women have also put together a fun game for all, with prizes! You can come and go as you please throughout the evening and go to whichever homes you wish in any order you desire. No reservations needed, just show up and enjoy an evening with others from the church family.

Sunday, January 28
4:00 - 9:00 pm

Missions Opportunities

- Pray for Kelsey Yori as she serves in Dominican Republic from January 30 - February 7
- Are you thinking about serving the Lord in a special way in 2018? Your family at Grace Church wants to help you in the process. Consider these church sponsored opportunities or tell us what you are thinking about. There are opportunities for individuals, high school, adults, couples and families. God can use people of all ages, interests and skills.

CAMP PROMISE, MONTANA

VICTORY VALLEY CAMP

PINEBROOK BIBLE CONFERENCE

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY

HANDI*CAMP, CANADA

LOCAL WORK TEAMS

HOST A CEF BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB

PHILADELPHIA OUTREACH

HELP OUR CHURCH PLANTS

OTHER?

For more information contact Debbie Wilt! (dwilt@tca-pa.org)

GRACE FAMILY

Recent Birth:

Rich and PJ Hartzell announce the birth of their new granddaughter, **Noella Maria**, who was due on Christmas Day. She arrived 3 weeks early on December 2 and weighed 6 lbs 2 oz. Her first-time parents are Chad and Jessica Hartzell. Thank you for all your prayers over the past 9 weeks while Jess battled problems with high blood pressure. Also, we praise the Lord for our first granddaughter, **Paityn Ryder**, born July 22 to Ben and Jadian Hartzell.

Recent Engagements:

- Kimberly Yori to Josh Lanser
- Grant Lindemuth to Michaela Ferris

Recently Married:

- Chis Jordan to Megan Rucidlo

Search for Part-Time Director of Children's Ministry

Pray for the search committee as they begin interviewing candidates in the new year.



Upcoming Youth Events

January 19-21, 2018

Sno Glo

Please be Praying for all the youth and leaders who will be attending Sno Glo. This year they will be studying the book of James. Pray for the Word of God to take root deeply, for the leaders to have meaningful conversations with the teens, and for practical, life changing applications as they return.

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



Winter Blast

All elementary school children are invited to join us for Winter Blast at Victory Valley Camp.

This is always a great weekend away to have fun in God's Creation as well as learn more about God from His Word. Possible Dates for this year are January 19-21, January 26-28, February 2-4 February 9-11.

Contact Christy Rydel to help select a date and work out details, including scholarships. To find out more about the weekend go to VictoryValleyCamp.org

Children's Ministry Contact: Pastor Mark
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