

Growing with grace



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!

Seasons change and so must we!

We traditionally think of September as the beginning of the Fall season. In fact, the first day of Fall is welcomed on September 22nd each year! Changing leaves, cooler temperatures, firesides, and shorter days all tend to bring a bit of nostalgia. Inside we start to feel the wonder of the holidays approaching. Some of us even begin making preparations for the celebrations around those holidays. Others of us get caught up in activities associated with this time of year; football, hunting, or hiking through the colorful countryside. We may gather with family out-of-doors to enjoy the more pleasant weather. Some of us, however, see it as the time of year when things slow down, and as the leaves fall, we sense an end to life, a turning inward. It appears that all nature is slowly falling asleep, going underground in a sort of death. It is. The explosion of Spring's rebirth and growth, and the fun of Summer may make us feel sad and lonely as we long for the excitement of those days. However, Scripture tells us this is all part of God's plan, (*Ecc. 3:1-8*). As long as the earth continues, his plan remains (*Gen 8:22*). Likewise, we too must die to our old life in order to experience a fruitful new life! (*John 12:24*)

So, may we embrace this time of year as a reminder of the work the Holy Spirit is doing within our hearts. It is a time of preparation. It is a time to turn inward, focus on the things of God, be willing to put to death our old nature and live to experience a new birth in Christ!



Fun Facts about Fall...

- Only America calls it Fall...
- Pumpkin spice has nothing to do with pumpkins!
- More People fall in love in Fall
- There are more than 7,500 varieties of apples.
- There's a Candy Corn Day
- You can see the biggest full moon in Fall
- Bobbing for apples was a courting ritual!



September Birthdays:

- 26th Holly Moody
- 27th Rafael Jaramillo



September Anniversaries

- 1st Sherry & David Beckey
- 13th Laura & Jim Dusek

September Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Helping Hands Food Drive and GEMS!

There is a donation box for each in our worship center each weekend.

Dates for Food Drives:

- SEP 17th (Plantation)
- SAT, SEP 24th (Davie)
- SUN, SEP 25th (Davie)
- 12noon – 4pm

YOUTH Activities

- SEP 16th – Dodgeball!
- OCT (TBA) Weird Science!
- Fall Festival (TBA)
- NOV 4th - Gratitude Scavenger Hunt
- DEC 16th – Christmas Carol charades & Movie

Habitat for Humanity Build

- Date
- Next build date OCT 15th.

Attention Ladies!!

Read the Ministry Minute page for information on our upcoming Retreat!!!

PASTOR'S MOMENT

A message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Myron Rhodes, Jr.

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Happy September, Grace Wesleyan Family!

We made it through the summer, and schools have started up again for another year! For some of us, it is a time when vacations are over, kids and grandkids are back into their usual school routines, and it is often when many of us take a look at what things in the life of the church we are going to engage with. *Will you join a Bible study this fall?* Our pastor's Bible study on Tuesday evening has proven to be fun, informative, and a great way to learn about scripture in ways that are making all of those in attendance better at understanding how scripture matters to Christians NOW. *Will you become more engaged in one of our church's ministries?* The Helping Hands Food Pantry is partnering with Hope South Florida (two of our primary ministries!) to help those facing food insecurity in our local community. They need people to gather, sort, and deliver the food that comes into our church. The hungry in our area are in ever greater need these days. They need our help!

We started a men's group last year, and a women's ministry is kicking off with a one-day retreat in October. There is also a specific study in which some members of our church are seeking to know how the evangelical movement started by John Wesley became blessed by God and ended up being the most successful movement in modern times. Whatever you think you might be interested in, we probably have something for you. I invite you to take a look at your life and see what it is you can get involved with to enhance your walk with Christ, learn more about your faith heritage, and truly become the hands, feet, and heart of Christ to a world we know needs him more than ever. Where can *you* become more involved?

Normally we associate "new beginnings" with New Year's resolutions or Spring, but in the normal calendar of our lives, it is fall...post-Labor Day...when we most often begin new regimens; we start a class, we join a service work. We look for things to keep busy with after the summer with family vacations, outdoor activities that wind down, or to perhaps fill the time voids that result when the youth in our lives return to their routines. What will be *your* "new beginning" this fall? I hope you seriously consider one and then make it happen!

In the coming weeks, we will be moving forward with getting out of our "church walls" and meeting our neighbors. We are going to introduce our church to the community in a very personal way. We will not be going out to preach Jesus. We are going to invite people to come to our church so that perhaps they will meet Christ in our midst. God through the Holy Spirit will move the hearts of people we meet, not us. It is God who leads people to faith. We are simply going to let them know that there is a new place for them to worship, meet Christians, and hear the Word of God as found in Holy Scripture preached and taught. If we love Jesus (I believe we do), and if we love our church (I believe we do), then it is up to us to let people know our church is here and that the heart of and for Jesus can be found in it!

It is that heart...a heart for Christ and a heart for his church...that leads us to spread the gospel as best we can. For us at Grace Wesleyan, that means that we go tell people we are here. Our efforts this fall will culminate in a special event we will have in December (we are in the planning stages of an outdoor event for families). God knows we seek to add families with youth and kids to our congregation, and he will do so as we step out in faith to invite them into our midst.

God has been doing mighty work here at Grace Wesleyan. He has been working in our hearts, in our minds, and our midst. May he be with us and in us as we go outside the church walls and welcome our community to the Body of Christ at Grace Wesleyan. Amen!

I love being your pastor!

Myron

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MINISTRY MINUTE

Grace Wesleyan in Action – Being the Hands, Feet, and HEART of CHRIST to those in need.

GWWM

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Grace Wesleyan Women's Ministry!

Many of you have been wondering when Grace Wesleyan will have something specifically for the women in our church. Well, wonder no more....

We are excited to announce the kickoff of our Grace Wesleyan Women's Ministry! We are doing this with a one-day Retreat;

Café Chocolat!!

The Theme of the Retreat is the extravagance, abundance and sweetness of God's Grace!

We hope you will join us for a great time in the Word of God where we will experience love, fun, fellowship, and food with a delicious lunch and snacks!

When: Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00am – 4:30pm (registration begins at 8:30am)

Where: Shepherd of the Coast Family Life Center (our normal meeting space)

Cost: \$25.00 (covers all participant materials, lunch, and snacks)

Information Sheets and Sign-up Forms will be available on the Welcome tables each week.

We want to make this available for women outside our church group, women you know, so please feel free to invite friends, family, and/or neighbors to come with you! Let us know if you need additional sign-up sheets!!!

P.S. Don't let the \$25.00 fee be the reason you decide not to attend, there will be a few Scholarships available. Contact Annette to discuss.

Watch for information on other events where you can enjoy the fellowship of other women through, fun, Bible-based studies, and service-oriented events!!

GEMS! UPDATE

From Pery Canon at HOPE South Florida regarding the School Backpack drive facilitated by GEMS!

The 70 backpacks and school supplies received were distributed to:

- BSO Homeless Family Outreach
- Mount Olivet Church (located off Sistrunk Blvd) for their, "Back to school" event.
- North Side Elementary School (located next to HOPE South Florida).

Barbara & Doug Timmerman (GEMS!) delivering backpacks to HOPE South Florida



Teachers at North Side Elementary School receiving back packs from HOPE South Florida!

Come and experience the joy of helping others by being the heart, hands, and feet of Christ to those in need!

Service Opportunities

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What does Scripture tell us

Memory Verse

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”
(1Peter 4:10, NRSV)

Reminder:

When you are purchasing things via Amazon to help some of our worthy ministries, don't forget to **SMILE!** Amazon smile that is... (use the link below)

https://smile.amazon.com/charity/my-impact?encoding=UTF8&ref=nav_cs_smile



Emmaus

Have you attended a Walk to Emmaus? Are you interested in knowing more about attending an Emmaus Weekend? Please contact... someone you see wearing an Emmaus cross (shown below) or our community directors; David & Diane Zerbe for more information.

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If you have attended an Emmaus walk, please be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross the 1st weekend of each month.

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GEMS!

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What's going on in your corner?

Studies Available

Men's Accountability group
Monday nights
7:00pm

Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday nights,
7:00pm-8:00pm
(In person or via Zoom)

Prayer Meeting

last Tuesday each month in place of
Bible Study

Wesley Study

1st and 3rd Thursday
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Meetings

Executive Council
2nd Thursday of every month
September 8th

Grace Wesleyan Women

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October 22nd – One Day Women's Retreat
TBA – “Restless” Women's Bible Study
by Jennie Allen

Children and Youth Minister

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We have opened our planned activities to the new Principal of the Shepherd of the Coast School, so their children can plug into our ministry fun and fellowship events!