

Growing with **grace**



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!



Happy Anniversary, Grace Wesleyan Church!!

FEBRUARY 8th

Each February, Grace Wesleyan will celebrate "Founder's Month". Anyone who has filled out a form to join the church during the past year, will be celebrated with a commitment service on Saturday, February 25th and Sunday, February 26th.



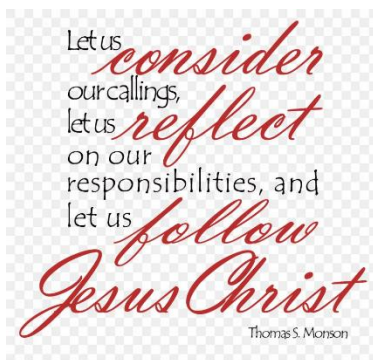
February Birthdays:

- 3rd – Sue Cogswell
- 8th – Jack Maitland
- 9th – Eli Colloca
- 10th – Nancy Dechert
- 11th – David Zubero
- 12th – Raul Romero
- 14th – Freddie Colloca
- 19th – Bob McKinnon



February Anniversaries

- 2nd – Rafael & Charlotte Jaramillo
- 7th – Mark & Pat Burton



February Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
FRANKLYN
FEB 11th & 12th

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEB 22nd – 6pm

MEMBERSHIP COMMITMENT DAY
FEB 25th & 26th

EMMAUS
FEB 11th – Gathering
6pm – Cokesbury UMC

MY HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVES:
FEB 4th (Margate)
FEB 11th (Davie)
FEB 18th (Plantation)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
FEB 6th – Family Life Center
7 PM – "Restless" by Jennie Allen

YOUTH Activities
FEB 3rd – Movie Night
(6 to 8 PM)

April 17, 2023.....?

PASTOR'S MOMENT

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

pastor@gracewesleyan.org

Dear Grace Wesleyan Family,

February is an exciting month in the annual life of our church! On February 8, 2020, Grace Wesleyan met for its very first worship service. Back then it was called the Wesleyan Fellowship Group as we had not officially named our church. However, the hearts of God's people were confident in the move to begin a new worship community here in north Broward County. One year later, on February 6, 2021, I began as your first full-time pastor, and shortly thereafter we adopted the name of Grace Wesleyan. The last two years have brought some challenges, but the rewards and joy of being a part of a new, dedicated, and vibrant body of Christ has far outweighed those challenges.

We have nearly doubled in size in the last two years. The growth has been slow and steady, and we may have not noticed it so much, but if you look around, there are many faces that attend every week (or nearly so!) that were not with us when we started 3 years ago. God has been adding to our numbers weekly! Our Pastor's Bible study has enjoyed a very high percentage of the membership participating. Our Monday evening Men's Accountability Group has been growing lately as well. And, our Wesley study on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings has experienced some significant increase in our understanding of what it meant to be a Christian in the Wesleyan Methodist tradition when things were growing and obviously blessed by God all those years ago.

Good things are happening at Grace Wesleyan, and we are seeking to grow our presence in the local community. Our first move in that direction was held in December when we had our Family Fun Day at Bayview Park. Our next move is to hire an associate pastor to grow our young adult ministry. As part of that effort, we will have a guest, Franklyn, deliver the sermon to us on Saturday and Sunday February 11th & 12th. We hope you are able to join us at one of those services to hear Franklyn bring us the Word of God.

The Grace Wesleyan Women are kicking off their new study *Restless* by Jennie Allen. It is an eight-week study that contains a DVD to lead discussion and a workbook to guide the learning. The study begins on Monday, February 6th at 7:00pm and it is intended that couples can now participate with the men attending the Men's Group and the ladies attending the Women's Group on Monday evenings at 7pm! Other planned events for the ladies are the upcoming Women's Tea in May that will feature a well-known guest speaker (details to follow) and a "scripture picture" painting class on March 4th. Details are in the women's section of this newsletter.

Our music program is evolving, and the band that played for us at the Family Fun Day will be joining us in worship on Saturday evenings soon! Mr. Joe Kohler will become our full-time accompanist on Sunday mornings beginning February 5th, and we are actively seeking persons to be a part of the effort to establish a praise team of singers and other people who are interested in the Sunday morning music program. Joe's contact information is: joekoh@bellsouth.net. Please send him a note if you are interested in being a part of the Sunday music team!

Finally, not only is February our Founder's Month, it is also the month in which we will acknowledge those who have joined our church in the last year. On Saturday and Sunday, February 25th & 26th we will have those who have completed a membership card since last February stand and take the simple pledge to God and membership in Grace Wesleyan we took last year. It is important that we publicly declare our membership in God's community and we also honor those who make the decision to join us as we strive to build a committed body of Christian believers here in Fort Lauderdale. Please make plans to join us in this joyous occasion!

I love being your pastor,

Myron

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GDLT



MINISTRY MINUTE

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

GWW

Grace Wesleyan Women
women@gracewesleyan.org

Mark your calendars for the following events:

FEB 6th – 7pm – the start of our Women’s Bible Study, “Restless” by Jennie Allen – contact Pastor Annette if you would like to attend and to reserve a study book.

MAR 4th – “Paint a Scripture Picture” with Janice Millican – details will be available at Worship Services. There are only be 20 spots for women who would like to participate. Sign-up sheets will be available soon, so get your name on the list quick before all the spots are taken! Snacks and materials will be provided and you take your painting home with you! Cost is only \$10

MAY 20th – Women’s Tea – details will be available soon!

Emmaus

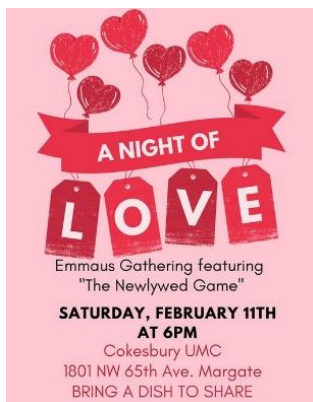
Next Oceanside Emmaus Walks
1st Church of Coral Springs, 8650 W
Sample Rd, Coral Springs, FL 33065
Men’s Walk: April 20th – 23rd
Women’s Walk: April 27th – April 30th

Questions?

Are you interested?

Can you think of a possible pilgrim?

Contact David Zerbee or
Diane D’Angelo-Zerbee



My Helping Hands Food Drives South Florida

The January 21st food drive at the Winn Dixie in Plantation Florida was an awesome day. Collected 39 large boxes of nonperishable food items. Thanks to all that gave today to help feed those in need. Thanks to Ora and Annie store managers and our wonderful volunteers.



Habitat for Humanity

The January Build was a success, with several Grace Wesleyan members participating.

Interested in the March 4th build?

Please contact Art Applegate if you are interested, need information or have questions.
art@steelapple.net



GEMS!

GEMS is still collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes for HOPE South Florida. You may drop off your donations in the large box marked **GEMS** at church Saturday nights or Sunday mornings.

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

Service Opportunities

outreach@gracewesleyan.org

What does Scripture tell us

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
(Acts 20:35, NIV)

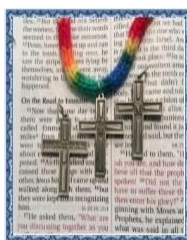
“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
(Romans 5:8, NIV)



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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Habitat for Humanity

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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

February 9th

(normally the 2nd Thursday of
every month)

Women's Bible Study

Monday nights
7:00 PM

Family Life Center

Contact: Pastor Annette Rhodes
women@gracewesleyan.org

Children and Youth Minister

Contact: Mimi Rutherford
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