

Growing with **grace**



A monthly newsletter for the Grace Wesleyan Family and Friends!



Happy 4th of July

There have been many patriotic songs written over the years. How many of the songs below do you know? How many can you sing? Test yourselves and see if you can remember the tunes and words...

- “God Bless America”*
- “America The Beautiful”*
- “Yankee Doodle Dandy”*
- “The Star-Spangled Banner”*
- “God Bless the USA”*
- “Battle Hymn of the Republic”*
- “You’re a Grand Old Flag”*

Converge

What is Converge? It will be a time of **Fellowship, Worship, Praise, and Dinner** (based on the Acts 2:42 pattern). It is hosted by the Community Church of Davie, one of our sister Wesleyan churches. Both Grace Wesleyan and Wesleyan Community Church of Coral Springs have been invited. July 16th 5 PM – 7 PM. 6500 SW 47th Street, Davie, FL 33314 (in Bragan Hall)

WELCOME

**Rev. Franklyn Rodriguez, MDiv
his wife, Noelle and their son,
Lucas!**



July Birthdays:

- 23rd – Sue Blalock
- 24th – Peggy Rhodes



July Anniversaries:

- 3rd – Patrick & Donna McCarthy
- 13th – Gary & Kathy Porter
- 25th – Myron & Annette Rhodes

Happenings

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

Converge

Community Church of Davie
JUL 16th - 5 PM – 7 PM

GEMS

Read Ministry page for info on upcoming Back-to-School Backpack event!

Helping Hands Food Drive

Dates

JUL 9th (Davie)
JUL 22nd (Plantation)

Habitat for Humanity

JUL 8th - Faith Build

Church Movie Night

July 28th 7:00pm.

“The Chosen”

Join us as we view and discuss all the Episodes of Seasons 1, 2, and 3 of this series (But not on July 4th)

Youth

No Youth activities planned for July. Watch for information about our “Back-to-School” event in August.

PASTOR'S MOMENT

Greetings, Grace Family!

A message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Myron Rhodes, Jr.
pastor@gracewesleyan.org

It is an exciting time to be a part of Grace Wesleyan Church, Fort Lauderdale!

On this July 1st we celebrate the arrival of our new pastor, Rev. Franklyn Rodriguez and his wife, Noelle, and their 5-year-old son, Lucas!

WELCOME, FRANKLYN, NOELLE, AND LUCAS!

I do hope you will make it a point to introduce yourself to Franklyn and his family as soon as it is possible for you. He is a highly motivated and *EXCITED* disciple of Christ and he will be a huge part of the growing presence of Grace Wesleyan in the Fort Lauderdale community! He is an experienced church planter, and his primary focus for us will be to launch the home church ministry of Grace Wesleyan with an emphasis on gaining new faces and young adults and families! He has already told me of inviting Uber drivers and persons he is meeting in the neighborhoods as he finds his way around our local community...and he has been here only three days!

Yes, indeed...exciting days are here! You will see Franklyn at our regular scheduled events, for sure, but you will likely see the fruits of his efforts sooner than later. God has answered our prayers for a young, traditional, Bible-focused, spirit-led, Godly person to be a part of our ministry team. When we compiled a "wish list" of the attributes the best candidate would have, we had no idea that God had been preparing such a person as Franklyn just for this time and place. Not only that, but he also brings a few things that we did not think to ask for!

As we move into a new season of expanded church pastoral leadership, I ask that all of you add to your daily prayers a specific prayer for Franklyn to be blessed with a double portion of energy, fortitude, and spirit-led desire to seek out and bring God's children into the church to be a part of growing the Kingdom of God in this local community. Many have been praying for a Wesleyan revival of the Christian church in this place. We believe the time is already here and we are the leading edge of that movement in Broward County alongside our sisters and brothers at Wesleyan Community Church (Coral Springs) and Community Church of Davie.

We see evidence of God's blessing in our midst as all three churches are experiencing growth as people seek the Christian church to be a beacon of God's light in a world that increasingly shows darkness. While many churches seek to adopt the mores of the secular world in their messages and outreach, we seek to be true to the message of Jesus Christ to welcome persons into personal relationship with God in Christ. That message of radical transformation from a life of self-centered living to one of self-denial for the purpose of following God's will is what will give people God's grace and blessing. Following God as a disciple of Christ is not easy. It requires that we are willing to let go of our old sinful ways and accept the new life that God has for us. Jesus did indeed invite everyone into life in the Kingdom of God, but he did not let a single person come into that life without a very real transformation. We don't get to hang on to our old ideas of life when we follow Jesus. We become new creations...and GOD decides what that creation will be, not us. We must surrender first.

When we at Grace Wesleyan surrendered our ideas of what church had to be, God began to reveal to us what he planned for us to be. He led us all to a new church home. He brought Annette and I here to be a part of this church family. And now he has brought us a bi-lingual young man who will undoubtedly lead many to our church that will grow us and shape us for years to come. May we always be mindful that it is the Church of Jesus Christ, not our church. Jesus will bring the people. Our job is to love them and welcome them. Our continued blessing and grace are directly tied to our love and obedience to the laws of God, the commands of Jesus, and our loving our entire community as we love ourselves. I pray we can always be getting better at doing all the above!

Grace and peace to you all!

Pastors Myron and Annette Rhodes

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We meet at, but are not affiliated with, the Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church

MINISTRY MINUTE

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

GWW

Grace Wesleyan Women

The Women's Bible Study will start back up on Monday, September 11th with a study on the Women of the Bible.

In addition, we are in the planning stages for our 2nd Fall Women's Retreat! It will be on October 21st.

More information will be made available soon!

Emmaus

The Oceanside Emmaus Gathering for July will be at Faith UMC, 6340 Boynton Beach Blvd, Boynton Beach, FL 33437 on **Saturday, July 8th at 6:00pm.**

The theme is Christmas in July!

Come, bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship!

Movie Night!!



LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

Join us in the Family Life Center on **Friday, July 28th** for our 3rd Movie Night. We will announce the movie soon. Plan to come for the fun, fellowship, popcorn, and an uplifting movie, The fun starts at 7:00pm.

So far, we have enjoyed two movies. In May we watched "Jesus Revolution", then in June we saw the movie, "Pardoned by Grace." Both are great movies, with a Christian message based on true stories.

**Watch for info on the July selection!
See you at the movie!**

GEMS!

HAPPY SUMMER GEMS™: Calling all GEMS™ as we **begin collecting backpacks and school supplies** for the children of HOPE SOUTH FLORIDA. As in past years, you can help in several ways: **if you want to do the shopping here is a list of what is needed:** pens, pencils(#2), pencil pouches, crayons, colored markers (not colored pencils), highlighters (yellow), folders with pockets, serial notebooks(wide lines), packages of notebook filler paper, and erasers. **Best price on backpacks is "5 BELOW store on Commercial. If you want us to do the shopping,** send a check to our treasurer Sharon Merritt made payable to *Grace Wesleyan Church* (with GEMS on the memo line) **3200 Port Royale N, Apt # 808, Fort Lauderdale FL 33308-7804.**

We will gather in the Family Life Center of Shepherd Of The Coast Church--address: 1901 East Commercial Blvd Fort Lauderdale FL **after the Sunday service August 13th to assemble.** School starts Monday August 21st. For those that purchase supplies, they can be brought to Grace Church any service Saturday evening or Sunday morning and placed in the GEMS™ green box.

Questions: Barb Timmerman 954-566-9524

My Helping Hands Food Drives South Florida

Help is always welcome and appreciated!

Check out the last page of this Newsletter for pictures from the most recent food drives. You'll notice people of all ages stepping up to lend a hand and receiving the rewards of serving others! How about you?

Habitat for Humanity

The next Faith Build opportunity for our church will be on **July 8th!** **Volunteers are welcome and needed!** Contact Art or Kathleen Applegate for information or to sign-up...art@steelapple.net

You may be thinking....

"I don't have tools." Not a problem
"I'm not an expert painter, or builder." It's okay, we can still use your help and will gladly teach you and provide the tools.

Contact us and we will give you the details, then come join us in the opportunity to help others create a home for themselves and their family!

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

Memory Verse

**“You, my brothers,
were called to be free.
But do not use your
freedom to indulge the
sinful nature; rather,
serve one another in
love. The entire law is
summed up in a single
command: Love your
neighbor as yourself.”
(Galatians 5:13-14,
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 Zerbee for more information.

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Be sure to wear your Emmaus Cross on the 1st weekend of each month

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

Paused until Tuesday, Sept 5th

Viewing "The Chosen"

Tuesdays at 7pm, upstairs

Prayer Meeting

last Tuesday each month in place of Bible Study

Wesley Study

Resumes Sept 7th
1st and 3rd Thursday
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Women's Bible Study

Monday nights
7:00 PM

Paused until September 11th

Contact: Pastor Annette Rhodes
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Children and Youth Minister

Contact: Mimi Rutherford
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**Executive Council Meetings
July 13th
(normally the 2nd Thursday of every
month)**

Pictures from the June and July 1st Food Drives

Margate - July 1st



Plantation - June



Davie - June 10th



Margate - June 3rd

