

Grace Church of Central Point
100 Oak Street
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A praying, family-centered congregation that loves Jesus!

GRACE NOTES

VISION 2025: Planting God's Word in our hearts

April 2025

From the Pastor's Desk...

History Got It Right

While reading in the Gospel of John last week, a particular passage caught my eye. Let me summarize John 19:16-18 first. John tells us that Pilate delivered Jesus over to be crucified. Jesus carried his own cross to the place of the skull, or Golgotha, and there he was crucified between two others. And then we come to verse:

¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

Now in reading this passage of scripture there were three things that struck me as interesting. First, in verse 19 it says that Pilate wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. Now this was done to signify the charge or charges that were being brought against the person who was being crucified on the cross. Pilate wrote "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

We also see in verse 20 that it was written in three languages; Aramaic, Latin and Greek. This would be so all people could read the charges. And then we see in verse 21 that the chief priests of the Jews challenged what Pilate had written. They said "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

In this action they took, it is clear that they were wanting to say, instead of Jesus being who He said He was, that was only a "claim" He was making. They disputed it. They wanted to take away the greater that He was, and make Him lesser than His greatness.

Wisely however, Pilate's reply to them is clear. Pilate said "What I have written I have written." He was saying "this is the fact as I see it, and no, I have no intention of changing it for you or anyone else."

So this is why I say "history got it right." Pilate stated clearly, succinctly, and in three languages as well, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." So what does this mean to us? It's a reminder that even in His death, the personage of Jesus, along with His title, would not and could not be questioned. This was the One who would shortly die on that cross, be buried, and raised to life after three days. And then go on to ascend to heaven, be seated at the right hand of the Father and ever make intercession for us.

Because history got it right, there can be no question when we are sharing the good news with others; that Jesus is King of the Jews. It was stated clearly, concisely, authoritatively, and in three languages. The Jewish people missed their King, but Pilate stated it clearly and history got it right.

But think about this: even in the change the chief priests desired, the truth would still have been told. Think about the inscription they wanted, "This man said 'I am King of the Jews.'" Yes, He was and is, and always will be, the great "I am." Even if changed, history still would have gotten it right!

ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

Sunday: Morning prayer	9:30 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
Men's Bible Study	5:30 pm
Wednesday: Mid-week prayer meeting	6:30 pm
Thursday: Women's Bible Study	6:30 pm

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 18: Tenebrae service
April 20: Sunrise Service
April 20: Easter Program (during Sunday service)
May 16: Women's Fellowship Dinner



*No matter what You
Face in life...
Don't let go of God's Hand*

**Tenebrae service
Friday, April 18
6:30 pm**

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 20 – arrive at 6 am, services begins at 6:15,
sunrise at 6:23
At Howard and Melanie Glosser's
4070 Willow Springs Rd
Central Point.





APRIL 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Evie Collins	2 Joshua Petsche	3 Cheryl Young	4 *Melba Waters	5 Leisha Young
6 *Kerry Blackburn	7 *Roy A. Bates	8 Perry Allen	9 Carole Allen	10 Nina Anselmo	11 *Howard Glosser	12 Steve Ashton
13 Debbie Ashton	14 Mary Ashton	15 Tax Day Terry Bartlett	16 Sarah Bartlett	17 Charlotte Bates	18 Good Friday Nance Bates	19 *Marilou Kronquist
20 Easter Sunday Bonnie Blackburn	21 Easter Monday Bob Blanchard	22 *Roy J. Bates	23 Irene Blanchard	24 *Josh Hellyer	25 Cleo Caswell	26 Marianne Catlett
27 Hunter Cavin Connor Cavin	28 Phil Claudson	29 *Hugh Crawford	30			

Please pray for one another each day – those with a birthday are shown with an *

The plan of God is to send the Word of God, about the Son of God, to redeem a people of God, to the glory of God.

Doug Vaughan, Gideons International

PRAYER NEEDS

Pastoral search committee

God's man and family who will be our senior pastor

Healing touch for those who are ill or have had surgery

Israel

Pastor Howard and his family

DID YOU KNOW?

Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox ministry in 2023 filled and sent over 11 million gift shoe boxes to children around the world. Southern Oregon area sent over 8 thousand shoeboxes. These boxes include clothes, toys, school supplies, hygiene items and a study booklet to teach the children about Jesus. 232 million shoeboxes have been sent in the past 30 years

DID YOU KNOW?

For \$31 you can build on line and send a shoebox to a child somewhere around the world. This includes items for the child, a study booklet and postage.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 1.9 million volunteers for the Shoebox ministry.

DID YOU KNOW?

The study booklet, The Greatest Gift, is published in 107 languages.

DID YOU KNOW?

20 million children have accepted the Lord since the inception of the Shoebox Ministry.

Website: samaritanpurse.org



**IF GOD ANSWERS YOUR PRAYERS,
HE IS INCREASING YOUR FAITH.**

**IF GOD DELAYS, HE IS
INCREASING YOUR PATIENCE.**

**IF GOD DOESN'T ANSWER, HE HAS
SOMETHING BETTER FOR YOU.**