

Grace Church of Central Point

100 Oak Street

A praying, Christ-centered church that loves Jesus!



GRACE NOTES

VISION 2025: Planting God's Word in our hearts

December 2025

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Season for Giving

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were in the heat of summer with backyard barbecues and Fourth of July fireworks. And now, here we are coming into the season of giving. Now when I say that, I'm guessing your first thought will be about shopping, crowds, parking challenges and other aspects of say going to the mall. But, when I talk about the season of giving, I'm not referring to packages, shopping or anything close to that. What I'm actually referring to is what each of us has (time, treasure or talent) that we can give to someone else this Christmas season. First off, when we give, we do it with no expectation of being repaid. It is a gift to others. Second, when we give it is not a burden, but instead a labor of love. We have the opportunity to do for others, not because we have to, but because we truly want to. And third, let your giving be with a generous heart. In Matthew 25:34-40 we find a passage concerning giving to others, and it sums it up in verse 40 where we read, "And the King will answer them; 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" The verse is a great reminder that when we give to others, we are actually doing it as unto Christ.

Now, what kind of giving can we do? Good question. Let me list here just five items as a start, and then give you the chance to be creative and see what you can come up with for the list.

Giving

1. Pick up the phone and call a shut-in to encourage them. The interesting thing usually is, they end up being more of an encouragement to you.
2. Volunteer where an opportunity presents itself. How could you help at church? What about helping with the Gospel Mission and their annual giveaway?
3. This one does require shopping. Go out and buy a coat and donate it to a local coat drive or a toy and donate it to a local toy drive.
4. Identify a needy family and help them with their Christmas meal.
5. Identify a skill set you have that will benefit someone else, and then give of your talents to accomplish helping them (think repair, fix, replace?).

But most important of all, especially at Christmas time, look for opportunities to give the Good News of Christmas; the Good News of Jesus Christ. There could be no greater gift given to anyone, than helping them move from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light.

I hope this has given you some ideas on how and what to give. And whatever you end up doing, I wish you each a Blessed Christmas time.



A little child, A shining star,
A stable rude, The door ajar.
Yet in that place, So crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all The world was born.

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

Dec 6	Caroling at Alderwood	11:15 am
Dec 7	Annual budget/Election meeting after the church service	
Dec. 14	Christmas Program during church service	
Dec. 19	Christmas Caroling	5:30 pm
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service	5:30 pm

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Search Committee
Israel
Pastor Paul and the people in Myanmar
Those of our congregation with health needs
Pastor Howard and Melanie
Sunday School teachers and worship leaders
Our country's leaders





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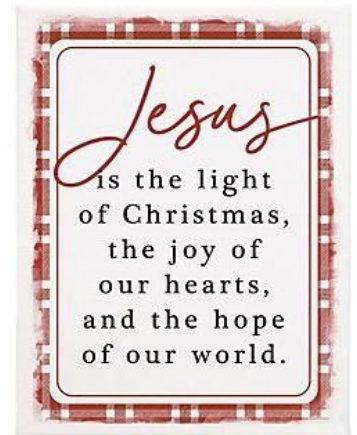
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Joshua Petsche	2 *Charolette Bates	3 Cheryl Young	4 Leisha Young	5 Perry Allen	6 Carole Allen
7 Nina Anselmo	8 Steve Ashton	9 *Jan Hamilton	10 *Samuel Reinke	11 Debbie Ashton	12 Mary Ashton	13 Terry Barlett
14 Sarah Bartlett	15 Roy J. Bates	16 Roy A. Bates	17 Nance Bates	18 *Gary Pence *Tony Vaccarino	19 *Marie Simmons	20 Kerry Blackburn
21 *Bob Blanchard	22 Bonnie Blackburn	23 Irene Blanchard	24 Cleo Caswell	25  Marianne Catlett	26 *Jessica Speece *Stephanie Speece	27 Connor Cavin
28 Hunter Cavin	29 *Cynthia Pruett	30 *Michael Gray	31 Phil Claudson			

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



THANK YOU

128 shoes boxes were filled for The Samaritan's Purse shoebox program. 128 children will receive a shoebox from Grace Church filled with gifts along with The Greatest Gift Gospel story booklet. The children will hear of God's love so they might come to know Him through Operation Christmas Child. Thank you each one for helping Grace Church send these gift boxes to children around the world.



For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given; And the government will
be upon His shoulder. And His name will be
called Wonderful, Counselor Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6**

*Sharing with you the Glory, the Wonder, the Miracle of this Holy Season.
Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.*