

Grace Church of Central Point

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A praying, Christ-centered church that loves Jesus!



GRACE NOTES

Vision: Share the Word with the world

July 2026

From the Pastor's Desk...

Introducing "I AM"

As I was reading through the Gospel of John recently, I was moved by the many "I AM" statements found in the book. These consist of the following seven "I AM" titles: 1) I AM the Bread of Life (6:35), 2) I AM the Light of the World (8:12), 3) I AM the Door (10:9), 4) I AM the Good Shepherd (10:11), 5) I AM the Resurrection and the Life (11:25), 6) I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6), 7) I AM the True Vine (15:1).

In each of the above descriptive titles, Jesus is identifying himself as the One who has no beginning and no end, but also as the One who can meet the needs of every single person on this earth. Let's think for a moment about each of these descriptive titles and the need that is met through Jesus being Who He is.

Bread of Life – Just as food is necessary for the body, the spiritual food that Jesus offers is absolutely necessary for spiritual growth in our lives. I remember hearing or reading somewhere that witnessing is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find the Bread of Life. How true that is. We are all beggars, needy in our lives, and the Bread of Life meets our needs daily.

Light of the World – It doesn't take much to conclude that we live in a dark world, and it seems to be getting darker by the minute. Men draw to that darkness naturally in their fallen nature. Jesus even told us that in John 3:19, "And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil." So clearly, a need in our world today is for light, and Jesus is that Light!

Door – A door is something you go through, to get from one area to another. Now if we think of our world, there is good and there is evil. How does one go from the evil to the good? By the Door. This also ties back to title number 6 above, "the Way." Good intentions, pulling ourselves up by our boot straps, or reading self help books is not going to take us permanently from evil to good. We MUST pass through the Door, through Jesus, for entry.

Good Shepherd – Sheep need a shepherd. David wrote that in Psalm 23 verse one, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." A shepherd provides for his flock. The Lord, the Good Shepherd, provides for his flock, meeting our greatest need; salvation. The shepherd also guides and directs his flock, so too Jesus as the Good Shepherd guides and directs us through the Word and indwelt Holy Spirit.

Resurrection and the Life – Isn't it interesting that it speaks of Resurrection followed by the word "life." But, what we are speaking of is the resurrection (all people will be resurrected) but the important point is the "life" that follows the resurrection. Unbelievers resurrected to the Great White Throne judgment, but believers to eternal life with Jesus.

The Way, the Truth, and the Life – There is no disputing what this title means; there is one way, and only one way to salvation, and that is through Christ. While there are many religions, and many ways purported to lead to salvation, Christianity (not a religion but a relationship) refers to the truth of the Word of God, and what the Living Word said; one way, no discussion, period.

True Vine – Jesus spoke of the need to be attached to the True Vine. In the Christian life no one is able to do anything on their own. In fact the importance of this attachment to the True Vine is clearly stated in John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, *for apart from me you can do nothing*" (italics mine).

So, all the above was shared to draw to this conclusion: We have a vision for 2026, to share the Word with the world. One way we can do this effectively is to introduce people to "I AM." Their greatest need will be met in meeting Jesus!

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
Sunday, July 12: Mid-year Business meeting	



Tiny Little Church groups meet Sunday afternoons, July 12-Aug 30. The study is "Waiting for God."

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

God's spirit to sweep over our country and change lives

Safety for those fighting in the Middle East

Missionary of the Month



						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 If you hold a Bible in your hand, you hold hope. If you hold a Bible in your heart, hope holds you.	29	30	1 Cathleen Winchell	2 Joshua Petsche	3 Evie Collins	4 Our country and leaders Independence Day
5 Helen Winchell	6 Perry Allen	7 *Pete Slade	8 *Ella Fredinburg	9 Carole Allen	10 Nina Anselmo	11 Steve Ashton
12 Debbie Ashton	13 *Jim Hamilton	14 Mary Ashton	15 Terry Bartlett	16 Sarah Bartlett	17 Roy J. Bates	18 *Judi Walch
19 Charlotte Bates	20 Roy A. Bates	21 Nance Bates	22 Bob Blanchard	23 *Amanda Sill	24 Irene Blanchard	25 Cleo Caswell
26 Marianne Catlett	27 Connor Cavin	28 *Cheryl Young	29 *Kim Pence	30 Hunter Cavin	31 Phil Claudson	1

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

Grace Church's VISION 2026 Share the WORD with the world

Grace church started in 1967 in Gold Hill and relocated to Central Point in 1971. There have been 55 years of sharing the WORD with our world here in Central Point. How are we doing? Have you shared God with anyone in the past month? God is waiting "that none should perish", but we have to do our part by telling others about God's love for them.

FIR POINT BIBLE CAMP
SUMMER CAMP



July 6-10: High School
July 13-17: 7th & 8th grades
July 20-24: 5th & 6th grades
July 27-30: 3rd & 4th grades
Register with Roy A. Bates

Fir Point Family
Camp Weekend
July 31-Aug.2

"I saw God today"

While helping clean my sister's house I found one of her journals. I call it "I saw God today." Each day she listed several things that made her think of God. She started the journal with this verse:

"Be still and know that I am God." Psalms 46:10a
Here are some things she wrote down when she saw God.
"I saw God today in the lilacs out my window – only God can make lilacs."

"I heard God today in the testimonies of Matt and Karen as they were baptized."

"I saw God today in the wind – the movement of the leaves on the trees."

"I saw God today in the rain giving water to the dry lawn."

"I saw God in the helpful attitude of the clerk in Fred Meyer."

"I saw God in the energy I had to mow the front lawn."

"I saw God today in our small group as the ladies opened up to each other and God worked some healing."

Do you see God every day? Why not start your own journal. Write down the ways you see and hear from God every day. You will be amazed where you see God.