

# Grace Church of Central Point

100 Oak Street  
Central Point OR 97502

A praying, family-centered congregation that loves Jesus!



GRACE NOTES

Vision 2024: Being light in a dark world.

March 2024

## From the Pastor's desk

### The Value of Nothing

It seems we have traveled very quickly from December, when we celebrated the birth of Christ, to March, and the time we celebrate our Lord's resurrection! This was even true during Jesus life, as He constantly, from the start of His ministry until it's culmination on Calvary (or so everyone thought), was pointing His journey toward Calvary. For example, we read the following in Matthew 16:21...

"From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

He was ready and focused on His destination; Jerusalem. Once there He knew He would face rejection, humiliation, scourging, suffering, and finally death. And when that time finally came for Him to be on the cross crucified between two thieves, the sinless Son of God said, as His next to His last statement from the cross... "It is finished." And it was done - not He was done, but it was done. The penalty for our sin had been placed upon Him on the cross. Once He had fulfilled all that the Prophets had spoken of, He could then say "it is finished."

The sacrifice was perfect. Nothing could or should be added to it. Nothing could be taken away. The way it occurred was exactly the way that God intended for it to be carried out. And now, "it is finished."

When we think about the sacrifice that was made by the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (John 1:29) it reminds us that there is nothing we can do to improve upon what is perfect already. In fact, there is also nothing we can do to cause God to love us any more or any less than He does already. And that we have to recognize is the value of nothing.

If there indeed was anything we could do to improve the work Jesus did on Calvary's cross then...

- 1) Jesus sacrifice would be incomplete and we would still be in our sin.
- 2) Jesus would not have been God incarnate, because God would have gotten it right and complete with nothing to add, change, or remove.

3) We would have a part in our salvation (which we know is NOT the case), and we would be putting the cart before the horse with our works... "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:8-10)

So, as we consider all this, we can see the tremendous value in nothing, and be thankful that nothing is all that we can add to our salvation. No, when Christ said "it is finished" it was, and that is the value of nothing and His resurrection proved it.



**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**  
Sunday, March 10.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.

## ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

<b>Sunday: Morning prayer</b>	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

## Thank You

*Worship team* for selecting music which creates a worshipful atmosphere for the service.

*The Deacons* for the spiritual leadership of Grace Church.

*The Trustees* for handling the finances of Grace Church.

When you make God your priority, everything else falls into place.



# MARCH 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
					Tricia Sullivan	Ron Walch
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cathleen Winchell*	Judi Walch	Melba Waters	Annita Wheeler	Irene Blanchard*	Nancy Whetstone	Matt Winchell
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Cheryl Young	Mary Arquette	Steve Ashton	Tamara Fielding*	Debbie Ashton	Mary Ashton	Terry Bartlett
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sarah Bartlett	Roy J. Bates	Charlotte Bates	Pastor Howard	Roy A. Bates	Nance Bates	Ed Whetstone*
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Bill Shelton*	Kerry Blackburn	Bonnie Blackburn	Carole Allen*	Ernest Kronquist*	Bob Blanchard	Franklin Line* Gale Mattern*
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Irene Blanchard						

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

### *Home with the Lord*

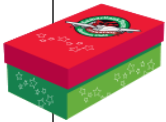
You may have lost a loved one,  
but heaven gained another saint.

*Walter Pose - February 2024*

*Maxine Bartlett - February 2024*

### Upcoming Activities

April 21: Cake, Cookies, and Collectables sale after the morning service. Proceeds will go toward the Operation Christmas Child shoebox program for 2024.



### MARCH ACTIVITIES

March 9: Celebration of life for Maxine Bartlett

11:00 am at the church

March 25-29: Spring break for schools

March 25-28: Fir Point Spring Youth Retreat

7th -12th Grade. See Roy A. Bates about registration.

March 29: Good Friday: Tenebrae Service 6:30 pm

March 30: Work day: 1-4 pm at the church.

Bring a project to work on for the Operation Shoebox or made in Oregon sale in Sept.

March 31: Easter Sunday

Easter sunrise service – 6:00 am at the Glossers 4070 Willow Springs Rd. CP

Continental breakfast will be served.

Easter Program during church service

Baptism service after the morning service

*When you carry the Bible, Satan gets a headache...*

*When you open it, he collapses...*

*When he sees you reading it, he faints...*

*When he sees that you are living what you read, he flees*

