

Grace Church of Central Point

100 Oak Street
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A praying, family-centered congregation that loves Jesus!

GRACE NOTES

Vision 2024: Being light in a dark world

October 2024

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Election is on Our Doorstep

In just a little over a month from now, all of us will have the opportunity to make a difference for America, and to the republic which stands. And by 'us' I am speaking specifically of Christians in America voting. But do we? Apparently the answer is "many do not" as statistics show that roughly 40 million Christians will fail to vote in an election. Forty million! Do they have reasons why they don't vote? Certainly, such as...

Christians shouldn't be involved in politics.

My one vote isn't going to make a big difference.

It's too complicated and I don't understand the issues or the candidates.

God is in control so what difference does it make if I vote or not?

These are certainly all reasons for not voting (not necessarily 'good reasons') but reasons none the less. So, why should Christians vote in an election and more importantly how?

Three reasons to vote

1) God establishes each and every government, whether good or bad (Romans 13:1-7). Voting shows that we are in agreement with that truth and care deeply about the people God is establishing into His government.

2) When we don't vote, it is just as if we cast a vote for the non-desired candidate.

3) By voting for the candidate of your choice, you are putting forth how you want to shape our nation for the future.

How to vote

1) Bathe your vote in prayer. Remember the people you are voting for will be the ones you will be praying for in the future (I Timothy 2:1-2).

2) Pick up one of the voter's guides the church has available, which show each candidate's stand on various Christian issues and spend time researching where your candidates stand in regard to these issues.

3) Register by **October 15** and then **Vote!!!**

Pray with me that the number of non-voting Christians in this election decrease greatly, and pray for results that will bring our nation to being "one nation, under God" more than in 'just name only.'

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

October 13 Talent Night 6 pm
November 1-3 Fir Point Fall Retreat
(7th – 12th grade)



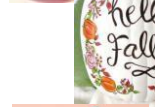
TALENT NIGHT

October 13; 6 pm
Come enjoy the fun, share your talent with others.



Thank You

Thank you to all the gardeners who shared the abundance from your gardens. The fresh from the garden items were delicious.



Widows of Grace

Paint a ceramic pumpkin to use in your Thanksgiving décor
Come to Sue Hamilton's home
Wed. October 23 from 1:30-4:00 pm
1132 Buck Point Street, CP
PLEASE RSVP so I will have enough supplies for all.
Call or text: (541) 941-1051

Continue to pray
for the Pastoral
Search Committee
and
The nation of
Israel

When God takes
something from
your grasp. He's
not punishing
you, but merely
opening your
hands to receive
something better.

OCTOBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Nita Lamb	2 *Karen Gordon	3 *Nicole Vaccarino	4 John Leuthold	5 *Nancie Jenkins
6 *MaryAnne Druihet	7 Carol Leuthold	8 Franklin Line	9 Jane Line	10 Russell Logan	11 Frieda Logan	12 Gale Mattern
13 *Kathi Peery	14 Columbus Day Bob McLean	15 Carol McLean	16 Lana Morley	17 *Sue Hamilton	18 Richard Murray	19 *Cliff Peery
20 Brian Myrick	21 Diane Nunez	22 Isaiah Oliver	23 Gary Pence	24 Kim Pence	25 Ethel Pose	26 Terry Pruett
27 *Craig Gordon	28 *Joann Murray	29 Cynthia Pruett	30 Teri Ramirez	31 Halloween *Danielle Hvall		

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

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

ADD THEM TO YOUR PRAYER LIST

Grace Church helps support ten local mission organizations or missionaries. Pray for them as many people are being helped through these organizations and come to know the Lord.

Friends of the Poor: Grace House Grace House Ministries is a local non-profit, faith-based recovery program. They minister to both men and women struggling with addiction in our community. Grace House for men, The Mercy House for women Our homes give them a safe place to recover, an introduction to who God is, and what He has done for them.

Reaching through Teaching and Training RTT was founded in 2005. Local pastors in Uganda were wanting to go to seminary, but they were turned down because they didn't have the qualifications or finances. RTT provides biblical teaching and training to the rural local church leaders. Pastors from other countries go to East Africa and South Sudan to train these pastors.

Terry Pruett is one of the pastors who goes to help train the local pastors.

Home with the Lord

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

Bob Fredinburg September 1, 2024
Sharon Endersby September 2024

God Is Good

I have 3 sisters (all over 77) and finding a birthday present for them is sometimes difficult. The other day God placed the thought in my mind to pack a Shoebox on line from Samaritan's Purse for each one of them. I did. As I was laughing joyously about God giving me the money, I could feel God laughing joyously with me because He had already sent me the money before I knew I was going to give shoeboxes. It came as an unexpected refund from a company. God is so good to me.

Sue Hamilton Do you have a "God is Good" story you would like to share? Send me an e-mail: jshamilton5811@gmail.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP FILL A SHOEBOX? We are still in need of erasers and tooth brushes to be donated so we can finish filling the shoeboxes. Last year our church filled 84 shoeboxes to be sent to children around the world.

Elf on a shelf? Psh. What Jesus wants is Ewe in a pew!

