

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

March 2026

From the Pastor's Desk...

The Storms of Life

Life can be so beautiful, so peaceful, so calm at times. We experience a beautiful sunset just waiting to be taken in by our eyes. Or a cascading waterfall that crashes down into a pool of blue splendor. Ah yes, "life is good" we think, as we settle back to enjoy the bliss of a moment.

Then, just moments later, we can find the tranquility shattered by a phone call, a knock at the door, a bill we open up, or whatever else it might be that brings the calm to a halt, and starts the waters churning around us! What seemed like bliss turns into a situation we no more anticipated than to awaken and find that the sun hasn't.

Ever been there? One time, many years ago, when I was experiencing life as a new Christian, I had a dream and it went something like this...

I saw in my mind's eye a beautiful little flower, basking in the sun, as a gentle breeze played upon its petals. Then, just moments later there came a large black cloud over the little flower. The wind started blowing hard and the rain came crashing down. The poor little flower held on for dear life as it tried to survive the violent storm. And then I awoke. What did the dream mean, I wondered? Then God spoke to my heart this lesson... "The little flower loves the sun, but it needs the rain to grow."

Think about our lives. Aren't they pretty much the same way? We love the times when life is calm, and the waters are smooth. We drift along in our Christian lives, taking life in, and sort of running on auto-pilot. But when life gets stormy, that is when we cling tenaciously to the Lord. Our prayer life ramps up. We dig into His Word to see what He has to say about the storm we are in.

God is in the midst of our storms. Knowing Christ is key to making it through the storms of life. Jesus knows all about storms, as He walked on water to the panicked disciples that were in the boat, in the middle of a turbulent sea, and He calmed the storm. He will do the same for us, if we seek Him. Psalm 9:9-10 tells us, "*The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*"

Now does that mean that all the circumstances of our storm will be taken away? It could happen, but more than likely what will occur instead is a changed perspective for us. Instead of finding that the storm of life has gone away, we will find God is bearing us up in

the storm. Psalm 68:19, "*Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah (or think about this)*"

Life is very unpredictable, but one thing we can count on without fail. When (not "if") the storms of life hit; financial, emotional, marriage, job wise, friendships, health or whatever the storm might be, we can be sure "*If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b.*" The storms of life will come, not to batter and destroy us, but to help us to grow strong in our walk and to grow closer to the Lord.



DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Begins Sunday, March 8, 2026
Set your clocks ahead one hour on
Saturday, March 7, 2026

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



FIR POINT BIBLE CAMP SPRING RETREAT

March 23-25 High School
March 25-27 Middle School
Register with Roy Allen



Women of Grace Tea/Brunch

Saturday, March 14, 10 am --12 pm
There will be a sign-up sheet at the Greeters desk



MARCH 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Cynthia Pruet	2 Erika Robinson	3 *Cathleen Winchell	4 Bea Shelton	5 Amanda Sill	6 Marie Simmons	7 *Irene Blanchard
8 Pete Slade	9 Jessica Speece	10 Pauline Stephens	11 Tony Vaccarino	12 Nicole Vaccarino	13 *Tamara Fielding	14 *Linda Redmond
15 Ron Walch	16 *Richard Murrery	17 Judi Walch	18 Cheryl Young	19 Perry Allen	20 Nina Anselmo	21 Steve Ashton
22 Debbie Ashton	23 *Ed Whetstone	24 *Bill Shelton	25 Mary Ashton	26 Terry Bartlett	27 *Carole Allen	28 *Ernest Kronquist
29 Sarah Bartlett	30 Roy J. Bates	31 Charlotte Bates				

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

“Challenge is good as it causes us to grow”
Is God challenging you to share the WORD with someone? Do you get nervous and your stomach churns thinking about sharing Jesus with someone? God will calm your nerves and give you the words to share so JUST DO IT! There, did you feel God's peace as you share?



You can pray in a pew, in your pajamas, in traffic, in tears, or in total silence. God doesn't need a location. He just needs an invitation.

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



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- March 8: Daylight savings time returns
- March 14: Women of Grace: Tea/Brunch 10-12 am
- March 23-27: Spring Break (District 6)
- March 23-25: High School Retreat: Fir Point
- March 25-27: Middle School Retreat: Fir Point
- March 29: Palm Sunday

God loves living in you.
“God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them.”
I John 4:16