

Grace Church of Central Point

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A praying, Christ-centered church that loves Jesus!



GRACE NOTES

January 2026

From the Pastor's Desk...

Where It All Starts

As we begin a new year (can you believe it?) the inevitable subject of starting again will no doubt come up. It falls into the area of our dreams, plans and opportunities that we had last year, and now, with the year over, we're about to start the dreaming, planning and search for opportunities once again.

But, as you do so, I want to remind you that you are not the initiator of all these. I John 4:19 reads *"We love because he first loved us."* This verse tells us that we love, because we first knew and experienced the love of God. This was a love without boundaries, and in which God spared nothing, Romans 5:8, *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Notice, it was God first, then man responded.

The same is true when we come to faith. We read in Hebrews 12:2, *"looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."* Again, who is the founder and perfecter of our faith? God is.

It's safe to say that everything we do, from serving in the church to witnessing to a stranger, all begins with God. Who opens up the opportunity to serve in the local church? God does. Who places the lost person in our path? God does. What about our lives and the works that we do? Philippians 1:6, *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."* Yes, that is all God's doing as well.

So why is it so important to remember this? Because it helps us not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think (Romans 12:3). In fact, the most important reminder we can have about who is the initiator of everything in our life is 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."* If that doesn't say it all, I don't know what will. Jesus says *"Apart from me you can do nothing."* Not a lot, not a little, not a tiny amount - but n-o-t-h-i-n-g!

I think as we go into this new year this is important to remember. Our dreams, our plans, and opportunities we will have this year, are all from a good and benevolent God, James 1:17, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."* Remember throughout the year as good things happen in your life, give God the credit because He is where it all starts.

ACTIVITIES AT GRACE

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| 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

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| Jan 10 | Hospitality meeting. 10 am |
| Jan. 24 | Trustee meeting at noon |

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

What is God qualifying you to do for Him in 2026?

*Always pray. It's the most powerful tool
against worry, doubt and fear. Amen*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Search Committee
Israel
Pastor Paul and the people in Myanmar
Those of our congregation with health needs
Pastor Howard and Melanie
Those who are surviving in disaster areas and the organizations helping them
Sunday School teachers and worship leaders
Our country's leaders





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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | New Year's Day *Tammy Clifford | | |
| 4 Evie Crawford | 5 Hugh Crawford | 6 Shannon Crawford | 7 Joshua Crawford | 8 Bobbie Crammer | 9 Chuck Dailey | 10 *Phil Claudson |
| 11 MaryAnn Druihet | 12 *Bea Shelton | 13 Roy Fielding | 14 Tamara Fielding | 15 *Joshua Crawford | 16 Martin Luther King Day Ella Fredinburg | 17 Howard Glosser |
| 18 *Midge Dailey | 19 Melanie Glosser | 20 Craig Gordon | 21 Karen Gordon | 22 Michael Gray | 23 Diana Green | 24 *Helen Winchell |
| 25 Jim Hamilton | 26 Jan Hamilton | 27 Sue Hamilton | 28 *Wyatt Wilson | 29 Sally Hellyer | 30 Jim Hibbs | 31 Debbie Hibbs |

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



Jackson and Josephine County volunteers for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child (the Shoebox Ministry) packed and sent 7,274 shoeboxes from our two counties. Thank you for your donation of time, money, gifts and school supplies to help fill these boxes. 7274 children will receive a shoebox gift because of your willingness to help fill the shoeboxes.

What is faith?

Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That is FAITH.



We all say Good Morning to others
Do you know the new meaning of
"GOOD MORNING"?

G Get up.
O Open your heart.
O Open your mind.
D Dedicate your day to God.

M Meditate on God's Word.
O Optimize your faith and hope.
R Rebuke all evils.
N Never doubt God's Love.
I Inspire someone.
N Nothing should scare you.
G Go out with joy.

So, I say GOOD MORNING
and have a blessed day!