

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

April 2024

From the Pastor's desk

Fulfilling Promises

In the Old Testament we read in Psalm 138:8, "The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands." In the New Testament, in Philippians 1:6 we read "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." What these two verses tell us very clearly is that the work that God begins, God will finish. It's a promise!

Now I don't know about you, but many times I will promise to do something, start the job, and then get sidetracked. There is an interruption, an immediate need pops up, or one of a million other (okay, a few other) things come up and all of a sudden, the task at hand is unfinished. And sometimes it sits unfinished for a fair amount of time. A day, two days, a week, sometimes it's a month before it gets finished, or maybe never, because interest in doing it was lost. I can think of a thousand (alright, a few) reasons why it happens and what's seemingly more important.

Am I proud of the fact that promises are left undone? No, certainly not. And I really am trying to do more follow-through on getting from A to Z. But, it takes time, dedication and work to get there. Now, going back to our verses – aren't you glad that God doesn't get distracted and ALWAYS follows through on His promises? When He says "I will never leave you or forsake you," Hebrews 13:5b, we can be assured that His promise is golden and He will follow through on that promise. And that makes it exciting, because Jesus also said in John 14:2-3, "In my Father house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." Just think about it. This is another promise that we know He will be faithful in fulfilling when the time does arrive to leave this temporary home for our permanent one in heaven.

What we need to remember are three things... Jesus told us the times we are in would come. He spoke of them in

Matthew 24, in John 16:33, and in other scripture references. By just looking around we can see how dark our world is, and it's getting darker by the day, I might add. Secondly, the scriptures also tell us God's desire as found in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." And finally, we have our marching orders as defined in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." One day God will fulfill all His promises, but until then He has called us to be salt and light, and that's one promise made I definitely want to follow through on. How about you?

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

Up-coming Activities

April 21:	Bake sale: Cake, Cookies, and Collectables sale
May 2:	National Day of Prayer: 12-12:30 pm at the church. Also live stream on Facebook
May 3:	Women's Fellowship Dinner



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



APRIL 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Irene Blanchard	2 Marianne Catlett	3 Hunter Cavin	4 *Melba Waters	5 Connor Cavin	6 *Kerry Blackburn
7 *Roy A. Bates *Haddie McGowan	8 Phil Claudson	9 Roberta Claudson	10 Evie Crawford	11 *Howard Glosser	12 Joshua Crawford	13 Bobbie Crammer
14 Chuck Dailey	15 Midge Dailey	16 MaryAnn Druihet	17 Sharon Endersby	18 Wes Faust	19 *Marilou Kronquist	20 Roy Fielding
21 Tamara Fielding	22 *Roy J. Bates	23 Isaiah Oliver	24 *Josh Hellyer	25 Bob Fredinburg	26 Ella Fredinburg	27 Melanie Glosser
28 Craig Gordon	29 Karen Gordon	30 Diana Green		<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>“God loves the way you bloom.” 100 things God loves about you</p> </div>		

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

Pray for Israel: Pray for the Lord’s comfort & protection over the people of Israel. 2. **Pray** for the safe return of the hostages. 3. **Pray** for the leadership of Israel. 4. **Pray** for the enemies of Israel. 5. **Pray** for the believers in Israel 6. **Pray** for Christians around the world to stand with the nation of Israel.

Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry

Pray for the pastoral search committee

Pray God will send the man and his family needed for our church. **Pray** the committee will be in agreement about the selection of the pastor. **Pray** God’s will be done in selecting our pastor.



Thank You

Chrisitan Education Ministry for supervising the Sunday School ministry.

Missions & Military Ministry for overseeing the support and financial giving to these ministries.

Hospitality Ministry for the hard work that goes into many fun activities for the church.

Evangelism Ministry who help keep us focused on Christ and Christian living.

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

[Corrie Ten Boom](#)

God never sends you into a situation alone. God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now, be confident.

God is with you. Amen

