

# Grace Church of Central Point

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

GRACE NOTES

VISION 2025

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January 2025

From the Pastor's Desk

## The Year, The Word and You

As 2024 winds to an end, you may be thinking "It's over. A New Year is ahead." And with that I would ask, "How did your year go? How did it end? What accomplishments can you look back on? What Spiritual Growth did you see take place? A year end is always a time for reflection it seems, and the result of that reflection should be encouragement as we go into the New Year. Maybe you didn't accomplish everything on your "to do" list. The good news is, there is plenty of time ahead for those unfinished projects. And as a New Year begins, we also tend to make plans for our lives; where we are going, what we hope to accomplish, and hopefully where we'd like to grow spiritually. And that is really what I want us to think about this month.

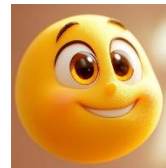
Many have completed reading through the Bible in 2024. For some it was a first-time accomplishment. For others, it was the nth time reading through the Bible. But the interesting thing is, each year that you read it, you glean new information and since none of our lives stand still, we find ourselves in differing situations and the Word tends to speak to us where we are at the moment. But the thought of reading through the Bible again might bring with it thoughts of..." I already did that." "I know what the Word says," or "here come all those Old Testament names again!"

So, how does one, year after year, read through the Bible without it being repetitious, tedious or taxing? Listed below are a few thoughts for reading the Bible again this year with a few suggestions to keep it fresh.

- 1) Read the Word during a different time of day than last year. Maybe you read the Bible in the morning last year, try reading in the evening if you can in 2025.
- 2) Read the Word using a different translation than last year. Last year maybe it was the NIV (New International Version) or NKJV (New King James Version). How about trying the NLT (New Living Translation) or ESV (English Standard Version) in 2025?
- 3) Daily make it a point to try to share something that you read from the Word. It could be a witness to the lost, an encouragement to a brother or sister in Christ, or just help you to not only read but also retain the Word of God.
- 4) Find another person who is reading through the Word (friend, spouse or neighbor) and then as you are both reading, share and discuss with one another what the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.

5) Finally, look at your time reading on a daily basis as an opportunity to have fellowship with God. Don't read to just check off the boxes, read for content, read for lessons to be learned, and read for hope in times of anxiety.

The New Year is a perfect time to read the Word, for the first or the 10<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> time. The Year, the Word and You all go together.



**Peace starts  
with a smile.**



## 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

- Jan. 7: Women's Bible Study – brunch at Punky's  
10:00 am
- Jan. 19: Annual business meeting – after church  
service



## PRAYER NEEDS

Pastoral Search Committee  
The pastor and family who will  
be coming to our church  
Spiritual revival in our country  
Israel and its people  
Members with health needs

*"No one can go back and start a new beginning,  
but anyone can start today and make a new  
ending"*

*Begin the New Year with Christ.*



# JANUARY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day *Tammy Clifford	2 Evie Crawford	3 *Nina Anselmo	4 Bobbie Crammer
5 Chuck Dailey	6 MaryAnn Druihet	7 Tamara Fielding	8 Roy Fielding	9 Ella Fredinburg	10 *Phil Claudson	11 Howard Glosser
12 *Bea Shelton	13 Melanie Glosser	14 Craig Gordon	15 *Joshua Crawford	16 Karen Gordon	17 Michael Gray	18 *Midge Dailey
19 Diana Green	20 MLK Day Inauguration Day Jim Hamilton	21 Jan Hamilton	22 Sue Hamilton	23 Sally Hellyer	24 *Helen Winchell	25 Jim Hibbs
26 Debbie Hibbs	27 Barbara Higginbotham	28 Jim Hinks	29 Danielle Hvall	30 Nancie Jenkins	31 Scott (Ron) Johnston	

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

## The 23rd Psalm

**The Lord is my Shepherd - *That's Relationship!***

**I shall not want - *That's Supply!***

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - *That's Rest!***

**He leadeth me beside the still waters - *That's Refreshment!***

**He restoreth my soul - *That's Healing!***

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - *That's Guidance!***

**For His name sake - *That's Purpose!***

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death - *That's Testing!***

**I will fear no evil - *That's Protection!***

**For Thou art with me - *That's Faithfulness!***

**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - *That's Discipline!***

**Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies - *That's Hope!***

**Thou annointest my head with oil - *That's Consecration!***

**My cup runneth over - *That's Abundance!***

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life - *That's Blessing!***

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *That's Security!***

**Forever - *That's Eternity!***



Watch for the dates for pictures to be taken for the 2025 Church Directory; also, the group photo Sunday

Do you have a "God is Good" testimony you would like to share? Email Sue Hamilton [jshamilton5811@gmail.com](mailto:jshamilton5811@gmail.com)

If you have a prayer request, send it to [prayer@gracechurchcp.org](mailto:prayer@gracechurchcp.org), or call Cathleen Winchell (520) 599-1803 or Melanie Glosser (541) 890-2843



God loves the way you smile "A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit. Proverb 15:13



100 Things God loves about you