

Grace Church of Central Point

100 Oak Street
Central Point OR 97502

A praying, family-centered congregation that loves Jesus!



GRACE NOTES

Vision 2024: Being light in a dark world

August 2024

From the Pastor's Desk...

In the Good Old Summertime

There's no mistaking it is summertime as the thermometer has been on 'cook thoroughly' for the past few weeks. And, if you've been out on the highway, you know that traffic has increased and out of state license plates are noted, all evidence that people are traveling on vacation. That means there is a very good possibility that you may be going someplace this summer and encountering people you don't know, who need to know Jesus.

It could be at the coast, a motel, a picnic area, a national park, a highway rest stop, a plane flight, a theme park or anywhere else where people go during the summer. To be more specific to our region, it could be Harris beach, Brookings or Bandon, TouVelle park, or Crater Lake. The point is, in all of these places you have the opportunity to live in such a way that people see something different in you; it's the opportunity to live out Christ in your day to day walk.

Standing in line waiting at a theme park - let your light shine! Speak of the joy it is to have Christ in your life. Ask a question that will be a discussion starter then bring in your love of Jesus and ask if they have ever experienced His love in their life. It's very interesting the response you may get. Many people grew up going to church, but then outgrew it. "Life sort of got in the way," they might say, "and I stopped going, but I have been thinking about going back." And your life and testimony may be the catalyst to get them moving in that direction.

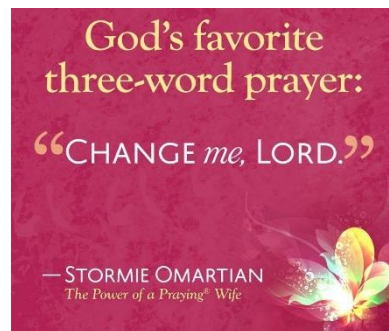
You might ask, "why would I share with a stranger?" Why not? On the one hand you might find someone that is looking for the answers to life and has thought about reading the Bible or going to church, but just hasn't quite gotten there. On the other hand, you might find that the family camping next to you in the campground is a Christian family, and as a result you have the opportunity to spend a few days with them in the evening sitting around a campfire, sharing fellowship in the word of God or singing and praising God, which is then a witness to the other campers around you.

Many times, people will join in song, and afterwards share that the song was one they learned when they used to attend Sunday school eons ago, and they realized how much they missed that.

One thing the hot weather this summer has done for us is create a thirst - nothing like a nice cold glass of ice water or ice tea on a hot summer day. In the same way, we are to create a thirst in people for Jesus. In Matthew 5 and verse 13a we read "You are the salt of the earth," in these words spoken by Jesus we are told clearly what we are to do. What a wonderful opportunity we have to create a thirst and to share Christ wherever we are, in the good old summertime!

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



. Please continue to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as they prayerfully continue the search for a senior pastor for our church.

Continue to pray for Israel.

Pray for safety of those seeking national government positions in November.



2024 AUGUST



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 *Debbie Hibbs	2 Mary Ashton	3 *Sally Hellyer
4 Sarah Bartlett	5 Roy J. Bates	6 Charlotte Bates	7 Roy A. Bates	8 Nance Bates	9 Kerry Blackburn	10 Bonnie Blackburn
11 Bob Blanchard	12 Irene Blanchard	13 *Terry Bartlett	14 Cleo Caswell	15 *Ron Johnston	16 Marianne Catlett	17 Hunter & Connor Cavin
18 Phil Claudson	19 Roberta Claudson	20 *Matt Winchell	21 Tammy Clifford	22 Evie Crawford	23 Joshua Crawford	24 Bobbie Crammer
25 Chuck Dailey	26 *Steve Ashton	27 Midge Dailey	28 MaryAnn Druihet	29 Wes Faust	30 Roy Fielding	31 Tamara Fielding

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 mission organizations or missionaries. Pray for them as many people are being helped through these organizations and come to know the Lord.

Interlink Ministries: Mike Taulier, coordinator

Interlink Ministries provides services which enable others to pursue their God given vision for ministry. This includes churches, other Christian organizations, individuals, long and short term independent missionaries and indigenous and national Christian workers.

Youth 71Five Ministries Youth 71Five Ministries provides many opportunities for loving, caring, Christ-following adults to engage in the lives of lost and hurting kids in an inner-city neighborhood. We aim to bring hope through relationships; providing a safe place to belong and sharing the message of the Gospel. Their logo 71:5 is from Psalms.

Joni and Friends

Since 1979 Joni and Friends has been serving people with disabilities with practical help and the saving love of Jesus. They hand deliver wheelchairs and Bibles to people with disabilities, have retreats for families living with disability where they find rest, hope and community in the body of Christ, have internship programs to equip students for leadership in disability ministry.

“There is only one door to salvation, and that is Christ; there is one way, and that is Christ; one truth, and that is Christ; one life, and that is Christ.”

Charles Spurgeon

God loves to answer your call

There’s never a busy signal. No endless unanswered ringing. No voicemail. Not with God. When you call, God answers. *Every, Single, Time.* Who else can promise that? More importantly, who else can deliver that?

God promises that when you call out to Him, He will answer. It may not be the answer you expect – it may not even be the answer you had hoped for--but it will always be the answer that is best for you. You can count on it. And you can count on Him because He always takes your call. (Tama Fortner “100 things God loves about you”)