

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

September 2024

From the Pastor's Desk...

Where Do They Start Reading the Bible?

While we have the Bible bookmarks available for reading through the Bible, where does a person who is not a Christian yet is seeking to know more about Jesus and salvation, start in reading the Bible? While it would seem logical to say "start at the beginning, in Genesis" I can tell you what happened when I tried reading the Bible many years ago and started at Genesis. I got through Genesis, and then Exodus, and then got bogged down in Leviticus and somewhere in Numbers I just stopped reading. So clearly, that didn't work for me, and I'm sure there are scores of others who got bogged down in the same manner and stopped reading the Bible altogether.

So, after years of learning and experience I'd like to share one of the most effective ways for a seeker (one who is looking to know more about Jesus) to effectively start reading the Bible. I would suggest they start in the book of John, the fourth book in the New Testament. The book of John was written for a specific purpose and it is found in John 20:30-31, "30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." Therein is the key and reason for a seeker to read John - that Jesus would reveal Himself to the person in a mighty way. In fact, once this has been recommended to someone as a reading suggestion, I suggest you pray for that person, that they will have the Holy Spirit open their eyes and heart to exactly who Jesus is and the difference He can make in their life.

As people read through John, going from the beginning with Jesus in heaven, to his birth through the incarnation, and then his first miracle at the wedding in Cana - event by event the Holy Spirit can and will open the eyes of the person reading to exactly who Jesus claimed to be; the sinless Son of God. And then as they continue through with miracle after miracle, they will see the power and majesty associated with Jesus. And finally, there is the cross and the sacrifice Jesus made for the sin of the world followed by the resurrection! Each chapter and each verse is slowly revealing the facets of Jesus, taking Him from being a teacher to being who He is revealed to be, the Christ, the Son of God, along with showing the need for each to know Him in a personal way.

What starts out as simply reading the Bible, the book of John, becomes a journey through His story. This revelation will engage, challenge, and hopefully bring a person to repentance and then a commitment to a lifelong walk with Jesus. This accomplishes the goal for the reader as well as the goal John had in writing the book; "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

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

Sept. 3	School begins (District 6)
Sept. 8	Rally Sunday Potluck (Share summer stories)
Sept. 14	Made in Oregon Street Fair
Sept. 15	Miniature Golf



Made in Oregon Street Fair Saturday, September 14

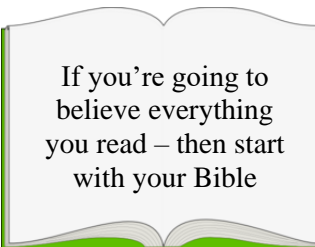
Grace Church will have a booth at the Street Fair. Proceeds will go to help fill and mail the Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. If you have homemade items and you would like to help fill our booth, please see Bobbie Crammer (541) 301-1207

The Bible is meant to be BREAD
For daily use,
Not CAKE for special occasions.



TALENT NIGHT

October 13; 6 pm
Come enjoy the fun, share your talent with others.



Miniature Golf
Sept. 15
4:00 pm

Cost to be announced
You are challenged to come and hit a hole-in-one



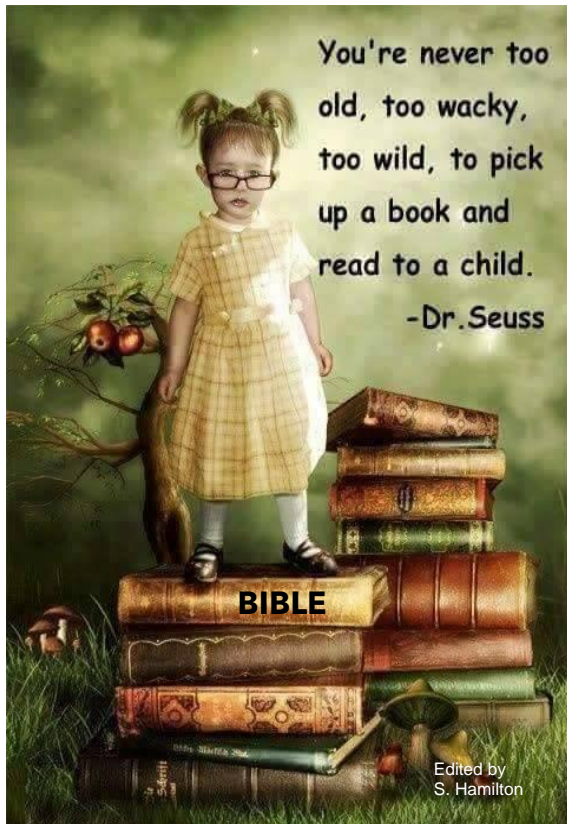


SEPTEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Bob Fredinburg	2 Labor Day *Chuck Dailey	3 Ella Fredinburg	4 *Evie Crawford	5 Howard Glosser	6 Melanie Glosser	7 *RonWalch *Annita Wheeler
8 Craig Gordon	9 Karen Gordon	10 Michael Gray	11 Diana Green	12 Jim Hamilton	13 Jan Hamilton	14 Sue Hamilton
15 Sally Hellyer	16 Josh Hellyer	17 Jim Hibbs	18 *Pauline Stephens	19 Debbie Hibbs	20 Jim Hinks	21 *Diane Nunez
22 Danielle Hvall	23 Nancie Jenkins	24 Scott Johnston	25 *Bonnie Blackburn	26 Jackie Jones	27 Ernest Kronquist	28 Marilou Kronquist
29 *Barbara Higginbotham	30 Rusty Lamb					

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



Do not, DO NOT, worry about tomorrow, GOD is already there!

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

ADD THEM TO YOUR PRAYER LIST

Grace Church helps support ten local mission organizations or missionaries. Pray for them as many people are being helped through these organizations and come to know the Lord.

Church Venture NW Church Venture NW strives to help every church take bold next steps to strengthen, revitalize, and plant new churches in the Pacific NW. They assist churches in finding interim pastors. They currently serve 249 churches in the PNW.

Child Evangelism Fellowship CEF has Good News Clubs which take place in neighborhoods, schools and community centers sharing the gospel with school children. Young people are trained to conduct 5-Day clubs through the summer months, sharing the gospel with boys and girls. Christian Youth in Action has high school and college students come together to reach the boys and girls of your community.

Medford Gospel Mission The Mission shares God's love with people needing help. They walk alongside people and show them how to utilize their assets and add them to the micro-community at the Medford Gospel Mission. The Outfit Outlet helps supply people in need with clothing. The Mission expects people to stay clean and sober, work on personal challenges, and start participating in their workforce development practicums. Every weekday evening The Main Ingredient, invites the community to their restaurant-style dining hall to share in a delicious meal prepared in their full-service kitchen.