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March Newsletter



Honey, We're Home...

Some of you know that Patty and I are Vacation Club members at Walt Disney World. So when we go there to stay at the Boardwalk (our main base since 2000), as we enter the lobby I turn to her and say, "Honey, we're home...". It really does feel that way.

Well, we feel so blessed to share with you that as we walk into our church, we can say the same thing, we are home!

Reaching our community for Christ is our call, and clearly the people of Grace Community embrace that mission. I pray that God will use us in mighty ways to accomplish that.

I also feel that Grace is a place where people find a church home. When people move into this area finding a church family is a priority for many of them. This is a church that makes people really feel welcome. A part of the vision I have always had for a church is that it will be a place where folks are welcomed with unconditional positive regard. Each person who comes through our door is treated as the sacred and special child of God they truly are.

You have made Patty and me feel so welcome. The joy of the Lord is in this place. Spending time together is a significant part of our journey together.

It is such a blessing as a Pastor to know that as God blesses our outreach efforts and people check us out, they will sense that we care about them. They will feel the love of God.

So, thank you for making us feel right at home, thank you for making those who visit us know that they would be welcome here. God loves them and I believe they will be able to see that we do also. It is going to be fun!

I continue to feel so blessed to be your Pastor,

John

A Mission Moment

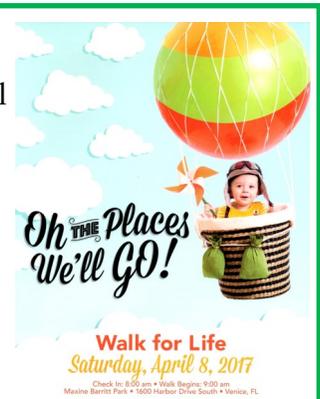
The Missions Dinner/Silent Auction was a HUGE SUCCESS!!!!!! Ron & Cheryl Stanek, our Missions Team Leaders thank their TEAM and all of you that made a move to support Missions. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!

Pregnancy Solutions Walk for Life - April 8th, Maxine Barritt Park

Help us celebrate LIFE as we support one of our Missions, Pregnancy Solutions. Linda Abend and Patty Tuff are working to raise money as they "Walk for Life"

If you would like to walk or donate, please go to

<https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/home/?e=12070>



SETTING AT THE GATE—(THE ELDERS REPORT)

Oh! My! Can you believe March is here, just yesterday we were celebrating Labor Day!!

As is the Elders lot, we Pray a lot about our Leadership roles; when to teach, what to teach, how and to whom. We also, Pray for good and Godly Leaders for the different groups within the church. Last month, we began recognizing some of our volunteers and the things that are being done in this church by so many wonderful people. We feel they are a blessing and wanted to share even more names.

As mentioned in the Missions Moment section of this newsletter, we are very fortunate to have Ron & Cheryl Stanik as Leaders of the Missions Team, Good and Godly people each of them. Then we have Patty Tuff who has stepped forward to rekindle the fires of the Ladies Ministry, the newsletter and web-site. Ken Wright heads up the Men's group along with the Security group. And how about Wally Abend and Ray Forester, these guys that are the "go to boys" when we need a shelf built, a door hung or a wall torn out or built. They along with the other "handy men" of the church can always be counted on to "get'r done". All good and Godly folk!

May we Leaders and you be Blessed with Wisdom,

Your Elder Board

Nada and the Elders have Prayed long and hard for Children to teach and mentor. The Lord answers Prayers in His way and not ours. We feel in a very special way, the Lord has answered ours Prayers for Children to teach!



Think of this, GNC is alive at Englewood Elementary School. Up to 40 Children a week are hearing the Word of God through the incredible volunteers who are indeed being the Hands and Feet for God. The even better news is the amazing number of Children that have been led to the Lord... It's outstanding!

Our Prayers to teach children weekly are being answered! Yes, it is different than what we expected but it is exactly what we Prayed for, Children to nurture!

Let's "bend our knees to the Lord" and Thank HIM for answering our Prayers, even though it was not in the manner we expected. But then does it not say in God's word that He will answer our Prayers in His Way and in His time not ours?

Pastor John and Patty will be celebrating thirty years of marriage in March and before accepting the call to join us, they made plans to go to Hawaii. They will be gone three Sundays in March. We however will continue to share the Word of God and a Mission Focus while they are away:

March 12th - Speakers from Young Life, CEF and Pregnancy Solutions will be joining us. Darrell Decker will officiate over Communion.

March 19th - Basil Mays will share

March 25th - George Norton will share



March 12th - Communion Sunday

March 19th - Pot Luck

March 25th - Men's Breakfast

Events to Invite Friends to...

April 12th - Pastor John will present "David Hume and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ" David Hume was an extreme agnostic philosopher who wrote an essay describing what it would take to prove a miracle. Pastor John will share how the resurrection of Jesus Christ matches every single one of his requirements. 7:00 pm.

April 16th - EASTER Sunrise Service

To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...This is the Mission of GCC.