



## October Newsletter

### Grace Community Church

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Wow! I am completing my first year as Pastor of Grace Community Church and what a blessing it has been. It is something that after over 30 years I would have one of the most enjoyable years of my ministry now. Much of that is because of this wonderful church family.

God is blessing us in so many ways. We are growing both in numbers and in the excitement of what God is doing. People feel welcomed and loved. There is a sense of the Lord's presence as we gather for worship. I believe we are going to have an amazing year.

"My heart is confident in you, O God. No wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart." Psalm 108:1

The key to all this is that we grow in confidence, not in ourselves but in our God and all that He can do through us.

"I pray that God who is the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

God is the source, He will fill us completely with joy and peace as we trust in Him. We will overflow with confident hope and know the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Could that be true? Could we really experience that together? Absolutely!

Let's continue to be excited. Let's continue to grow in our love for one another as we trust God more and more. Let's dare to be a place where God does "exceedingly, abundantly beyond what we could ask or think."

May it be so, Lord Jesus.

Being your Pastor is the best,

John

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### Foundations Preschool Presents

John Tuff and Friends

Friday, November 17th

7:00 pm

Englewood United Methodist Church

"A fundraiser for Foundations Preschool"

Please join us for this special night



Great Job Ladies!

## SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

Well here we are in the cool Month of October, let us clarify that a bit, and supposed to be cool, right? Here in Southwest Florida it could be a tad warm instead of a bit cool but we will take what the LORD supplies and be happy with what we have, AMEN?

Those of us that were here for IRMA understand what it means when “they” say the LORD GOD saved our Bacon! Do I hear another AMEN! Don’t know about you but it was wonderful to get back home. And then after several days of 24 hours a day work schedule for the visiting Electrical worker crews we got our power restored! What a great thing to see the lights come on when you flip the switch, better yet feel the cold air from the A/C system and be able to fall into your own bed and get a good night’s rest. Do I hear another AMEN? But the really amazing thing was to watch, listen and feel the action of people working together to find housing, food, comfort and the overall caring for one another that happened time and again within our community! People helping people that did not know each other but felt the call to extend the hand of Fellowship in this time of crisis and need!! In answer to all of that I offer one word GOD! Prayerfully and Reverently you will agree! If you doubt it I ask this, who else has the ability to work in the hearts of perfect strangers to achieve the results that were achieved?? (No one I know except the GOD above has that kind of power!)

On to other subjects of our hearts! Have you seen the wonderful and beautiful enhancements that the Ladies and Men’s Ministries have combined to adorn our Sanctuary? OUTSTANDING!! Each of us should seek out the members of each Ministry and offer our Thanks and congratulations’ on a job VERY WELL DONE!!! YES, We should all join in together with a hearty AMEN!!

Please don’t forget that the 29<sup>th</sup> of this Month (October) will be our Quarterly Celebration and as last year we will be presenting the next year’s Budget (2018) for Approval. It may sound a bit out of kilter but really it isn’t. Our next Celebration will be the latter part of January, since the budget ends December 31<sup>st</sup> of every year we would not be able to spend any monies (you know, pay bills) until that meeting. So if we offer a sound Budget and it is approved in October when we get to January 1 and the rent is due we can pay it and any other bills legitimately. We will be giving out the information 2 weeks before the meeting per By-laws for your perusal and have time to answer any questions you might have.

Until next time we will be Setting At the Gate awaiting your visit!

The Elder Board



**Safewalk, 10/31. Want to help? Contact Nada**



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Tuesdays 10:00 am - Bible Study with Pastor John  
Tuesdays 6:00 pm – Prayer  
Wednesdays – Good News Club (Please pray for this outreach)  
10/10 and 10/24 - Women’s Bible Study 7:00  
10/11 – Evening Bible Study Resumes 7:00 pm  
Basil will resume the study on Revelation  
10/14 – Solomon’s Castle - See Ken Wright  
10/28 – Soup, Salad and a Movie

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

