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WORDS OF GRACE

Monthly Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR GRANT

As we enter this new year, Pastor Grant shares some thoughts and calls us to pause and reflect on one of the Hebrew words for worship: "*Barauch*". (See pg.2)

MEN... DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS!

The annual Men's "No Regrets" Conference is scheduled for February 5, 2022. Join other men in-person at Lighthouse Church. You can find more details on page 3.

YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE!!

Through your generosity, you spread Christmas joy to lots of people - from our active military personnel, here and abroad, and teen moms and their kids! (pg.5)

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS...

- Jan 2 Worship with Communion
 No Kid's Discipleship Classes
 No AWANA or YOUTH Group tonight
- Jan 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (Holiday)
 Elders Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan 5 Choir resumes, 6:30pm
- Jan 13 Missions Team meeting
- Jan 16 Congregational Meeting
 FDL Right-to-Life Prayer Service
 @ Grace Christian Church, 2pm
- Jan 17 Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm
- Jan 23 Congregational Meeting

*"Wherever you are,
be all there.
Live to the hilt
every situation you
believe to be the
will of God."*

- Jim Elliot



A NOTE FROM PASTOR GRANT



Hello Grace Family,

As we enter this New Year, I felt it would be appropriate for us to pause and consider one of the many Hebrew words we find in the Bible for worship. The word is: **Barauch**

Barauch is translated "to kneel or bow as an act of adoration." In other words, we kneel or bow as an expression of our fervent and devoted love for the Father. When we kneel or bow, we are humbling ourselves.

Remember: *"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore submit to God..."* James 4:6, 7

The Apostle Peter reminds us that *"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:5-7

To **humble myself** is to cast all my cares upon the Father. To submit all my concerns to Him. To trust that He will work out all things for good. **Barauch** then, is to express an attitude of love, submission and trust through the act of kneeling or bowing.

King David exemplified **Barauch** when he wanted to build the temple. In 1 Chronicles 28 & 29 King David makes the following statements: *"I had it in my heart", "had made preparations to build it", "I have prepared with all my might" and "I have set my affection on"*. These statements express his love towards the Father. However, when God told him, *"you shall not build a house for My name"*, David submitted and gave the plans to Solomon whom God had chosen for this work.

Next, David showed his absolute trust in God when he spoke to Solomon and said *"Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God - my God -will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord."* 1 Chronicles 28:20

Then *"David blessed (barauch) the Lord before all the assembly..."* and ended his prayer by saying, *"now bless (barauch) the Lord your God. So all the assembly blessed (barauch) the Lord God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated themselves before the Lord and the king."* 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Our loving Father's desire for us is to grow and mature to the point that we are continually giving place to Him in every area of our life. This coming year we can live a lifestyle of **Barauch**. When we kneel or bow we are expressing our love, submission and trust to the Father. While we cannot live life on our knees, we can demonstrate a lifestyle of **Barauch** through love for one another (John 13:34), by being submissive to one another (1 Peter 5:5), and by having a steadfast heart, trusting in the Lord (Psalm 112:7; Proverbs 3:5, 6). Just as we see the relationship between David and Solomon, we should also realize that we can work together to achieve the goals that the Lord has set before us: *"your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."* Joel 2:28b

Blessings for a New Year of mutual cooperation.

PASTOR GRANT

NEWS & NOTES

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Join us in reading the bible in a year with the "Read Scripture" plan from the "Bible Project". Download the free app for your mobile device, or use a hard copy of the reading plan. This journey will take us through the scriptures chronologically, and includes a reading from Psalms each day. Captivating and informative videos enhance your reading, available through YouTube. Hardcopies of the reading plan can be downloaded from our website www.gracechurchfdl.org or picked up at the Office.

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK OR MAKE BAKED GOODS?

The Meals Ministry is always looking to add folks to their contact list. This ministry is a great way to come alongside those who have had a medical procedure, extended illness, or added a new addition. When a need comes up the coordinator contacts folks from the list to help fill the need & provide meals. **Contact the Office to be added to the list!**



8:15 am-1:15 pm (EARLY BIRD SESSION 7:00-7:45 am)
at Lighthouse Christian Church

401 S. National Ave., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

MORNING DONUTS & COFFEE • LUNCH INCLUDED

Doors open at 6:30 am. This year's theme is: PRESS ON | Philippians 3:12-14

Sponsored by the East Central Wisconsin Men's Ministries

This year's door prize is a Broil King 4 Burner Gas Grill. **In-person tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Info Booth.** Tickets are also available the day of but are \$35 at the door. **18 & UNDER are FREE!** Tickets are also available to purchase at Reach Out Books in FDL or on www.eventbrite.com.



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GRAY



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DUMMITT



DR. LARRY
OSBOURNE



STEVE
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Unable to make it to the event? Virtual viewing options are also available! Please visit www.noregretsconference.org to read more about hosting a viewing for your small group or watching individually from your home.



Say cheese... It's time to update the picture directory!

The time has come to update the Grace picture directory and we NEED YOUR HELP. We're asking that everyone

participate (even if you've done so before) so that we can be sure we have the most updated information printed and available. Pick up a paper form or fill it out online by going to our website www.gracechurchfdl.org/registration. If you've never purchased a directory they are available for \$15 from the Grace Office (to help cover the cost of the binder & materials). Any updates that are printed are available at no cost to you!

Need an updated picture taken for the directory? Sign up to have your picture taken after a worship service. Dates & times are listed at the Info Booth. Sign up today or call the office during office hours.

Consider Online Giving of EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) for your 2022 Offering and donations! Details below

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

- Visit the church website www.gracechurchfdl.org
- Click on the "GIVE" at the top of the bar
- Click on the "GIVE ONLINE" button, then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and schedule your recurring contributions.



Please notify the office if you will not be using assigned envelopes or if you need a box of envelopes!

We are looking to add a few more folks to the Communion Prep team. The job description includes preparing the elements beforehand. The schedule is a rotating one so the it will depend on how many volunteers we have. Please contact the Office for more information!



Coming soon to a computer near you...

PLEASE NOTE: All of the Grace Staff emails will be switching and will no longer end in .org. This means we need you to update your email contacts with the new emails. Take a few minutes to review them. We'd hate to miss any important communication from you.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN TO JOIN US for the annual Pro-Life Prayer Service Sunday, January 16, 2022, from 2:00-3:00 at Grace Christian Church, 1596 4th St, Fond du Lac, 54937

Wondering what to do in the case of INCLEMENT WEATHER?



Find out about any church-related cancellations by listening to KFIZ (1450 AM), going to www.kfiz.com or by checking the YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR OUR TEXTING SERVICE! Text the word "grace" to 86677 for weather cancellations and other important updates!

JAN. AWANA SCHEDULE

Jan. 2 - HAPPY NEW YEAR (NO AWANA)

Jan. 9 - LOL Night

(Tell us your favorite appropriate joke)

Jan. 16 - AWANA Leader Appreciation Night

(Come dressed as your leader!)

Jan. 23 - Luau Night

Jan. 30 - Pajama Night (Wear your PJ's,
NO SLIPPERS PLEASE)





Monthly Reflection

If you look closely at the Women of Purpose Logo, you will notice the tagline, **Together with Purpose**.

These words were chosen by our women's leadership team to put emphasis on working **together** and working with a **purpose** in mind.

Women of Grace have been meeting **Together** this past year in Bible Study and Prayer, as well as doing Ministry within our church family and in our community. We also are regularly connecting throughout the year in **Purpose Groups**. Ultimately, we meet with one **Purpose** - to bring honor and glory to our Savior. We seek to equip one another for ministry through encouragement, study, and prayer.

For many of us, January is a time when we make of resolutions for many areas within our lives. Perhaps you might consider making a resolution to "**Join in**", which is our theme for January. By that, we mean, when you see God at work, **Join in**. Lose yourself to bring glory to the King. After all, this life is not really about us, it's about Him. **Join in** with us to pray for spiritual eyes to see what Jesus sees. Instead of sitting on the bench as a spectator, refuse to just be a fan-**instead, join in**. The rewards are immeasurable and the ripple effect is endless.

As Women of Grace, let's continue **Together with Purpose** as we venture into this new year. It is our prayer that we all resolve to join God where He is calling us this January and throughout 2022.

Carol Bauer

Missions Highlight: LOCAL & WORLDWIDE

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

On December 8th, thirty packages were shipped out to our men and women in service. Along with the packages went 103 letters from the Grace family. I would like to thank all of you for your monetary gifts and other donated items. God truly used His people this Christmas to bring a glimpse of love, support, and hope for our men and women serving, both domestically and abroad. Thank you so very much! A big thank you goes out to all the Sunday school classes, youth group & AWANA for also writing letters. We would also like to thank RE/Max Heritage for helping gather gifts and letters to send with these packages. This year we were able to adopt a unit from Kuwait. May you all feel blessed by being a blessing to someone else during this holiday season!

2 Corinthians 9:7 says: **"God loves a cheerful giver."**

A huge thank you to all those who baked cookies or made candy. We sent 9 dozen cookies this year. We are continuing to collect monetary donations for our Adopt-a-Soldier program. If you know of someone serving or has changed their address, please contact the church office or Bonnie Springborn (project coordinator) at bonnbonn1@charter.net

Thanks again -- you have been a blessing to so many. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie.

The Evangelism Committee & Bonnie Springborn



Thank You God for Everything!

Thank you, God, for everything—
The big things and the small —
For every good gift comes from God,
The Giver of them all
And all too often we accept
Without any thanks or praise
The gifts God sends as blessings
Each day in many ways.
And so at this time
We offer up a prayer
To thank You, God, for giving us
A lot more than our share.
First, thank you for the little things
That often come our way—
The things we take for granted
And don't mention when we pray—
The unexpected courtesy,
The thoughtful, kindly deed,
A hand reached out to help us
In the time of sudden need.
Oh, make us more aware, dear God,
Of little daily graces
That come to us with sweet surprise
from never-dreamed-of places.
Then thank you for the miracles
We are much too blind to see,
And give us new awareness
of our many gifts from Thee.
And help us to remember
That the key of life and living
Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks
And each day a day of thanksgiving.

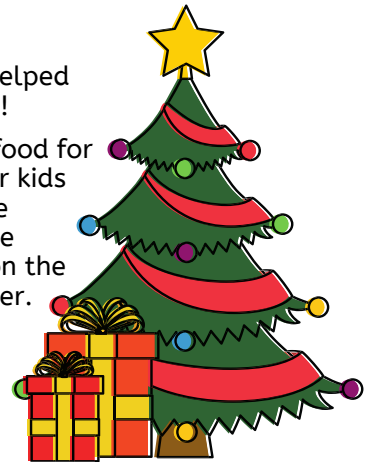
Together we made a difference!

Dear Grace Family,

Thank you to all who helped support the Giving Tree!

We provided gifts and food for 26 teen moms and their kids from the YFC Parent life program. All items were packed and delivered on the 14th & 15th of December.

Blessings,
Jamie Trewin
Giving Tree Coordinator



The Anchor Holds

by Jack Witte

***"Patience with others is LOVE ... patience with self is HOPE ...
patience with God is FAITH."***

Adel Bestavros

Peter Marshall once prayed ... "Teach us, O lord, the discipline of patience ... for to wait is often harder than to work."

According to the dictionary, *patience* is "the calm endurance of hardship, provocation, pain, delay, etc." That "etc." can include many different hardships, struggles, problems, and weaknesses and each of us have our very own.

I must confess ... I am not a very patient person, and my impatience shows when I am on the golf course waiting for the slow group ahead of me. Or when I am in line at the grocery store or out in traffic. I am sure many share my dilemma. Yet my impatience helps me to recognize just how patient God is with me. As children of the Almighty Father, we are to do what is right, even when we recognize that our choices are wrong. We are slow to grow spiritually as the world and all its distractions have a greater effect on our decision making, rather than God's Word. But our God is a perfect example of patience and He does not give up on any of us. He gives us the presence of His Holy Spirit to show us when we are outside His will, and the direction to help us be the children He desires us to be. Being mindful of my impatience helps me to arm myself with God's Word when situations arise. Read these words from Psalm 37:7, "*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him ... do not fret ...*" From Romans 12:12 (NRV) we read ... "*When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient and when you pray ... be faithful.*"

One more thought, and an important one. We need to be *patient with God*. When you are facing challenges, remember God is forever at work in your life. TRUST HIM! Trust Him when the hardest thing for you to do is to trust Him at all. God knows what the situation is that you are facing, and He has a plan that is perfect and if you remain patient, He will show you the way out of whatever trial you're facing. Wait patiently when He doesn't answer your prayers and it seems like He doesn't hear, and the delays are trying and upsetting. BE PATIENT! He knows exactly what to do and when to do it. You'll see ... He will not fail you.

" I can only imagine..."

It's a beautiful song by Mercy Me. (Check out the YouTube! <https://youtu.be/DU0MwNpRq6M>) As I think about the words of this song, it causes me to think ... What will heaven be like? Gone will be our earthly bodies, as will the cancer that has plagued many of us. Gone too will be the pain, the physical handicaps, as will be every type of suffering. There will be no checkbooks, or bills to pay, or financial planning. Gone will be our past and all of the trials and suffering we experienced. *All this will be replaced by our eternal future with Jesus Christ our King.* Time will not be measured by minutes, hours, days, weeks, or years ... for we are there for all eternity. Gone too will be death and the fear many have of it. None of us know what it will be like to step from life into death, but we need not fear! We know the King, so there is no need to face death with dread. Will our loved ones be the first we see? Will we recognize who is there - and who isn't - and will we feel sadness for not seeing those we had hoped we'd see? Are the streets really paved with gold, and what will our mansions be like? What do angels look like, and will I meet the one who has guided me home to heaven? Will I see John, Peter, Moses, David and Mary? What will it be like to see Jesus for the first time? As the song says, "Will I stand in His presence, or to my knees will I fall?"

Today, none of us who claim Jesus as Lord have any idea, nor can we begin to imagine what the glory of God and His heavenly reward for us will be like. Sometimes, with sadness, my thoughts turn to my friends and loved ones, those who continue to ignore Christ's invitation, and choose instead to live their lives without Him. WHAT WILL HEAVEN BE LIKE ... and WHAT ABOUT HELL ... what will hell be like? Thank you, Jesus for the assurance we have that we will never experience the likes of it. What is hell like? ... I can't even begin to imagine what it would be like.

Salvation! Heavenly Father, we shout with joy, knowing that Your Son, Jesus, paid the full price for our admittance, dying on the cross for all mankind. We lift up those who don't know this feeling of joy and assurance, and we pray today will be the day they experience it.

Your Anchor will hold ... in spite of your storms!

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
 8:30 Prayer in Fireside Rm
 9:30am Worship
 10:45am Coffee Fellowship &
 Adult Discipleship Class

January 2022

SUNDAY EVENINGS
 5:00-6:30pm AWANA
 6:30-8:00pm Combined
 YOUTH GROUP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 COMMUNION	3 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Elders Mtg	4 9:00am Women's Study 6:30pm Prayer Mtg	5 6:30am Men's Prayer Noon- P&E Zoom 6:30pm Choir practice 8:00pm Volleyball	6 8:00am Men @ GRACE 10:00am LR Bible Study	7 7:30am P&E Zoom	8 7:30am Men's Group
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CORPORATE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday mornings at 8:45am
Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm
Wednesday AM Men's prayer at 6:30am.

*All meet at
Grace Church
building*

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Offering & Attendance

11/7/2021	\$16,852	250
11/14/2021	\$5,606	165
11/21/2021	\$15,425	155
11/24/2021		75
11/28/2021	\$8,708	170

November Weekly Ave: \$11,647 185

**Weekly average needed to meet budget
\$10,142**

Year to Date Givings \$209,658
Year to Date Expenses \$192,209

Totals reflect November month-end totals

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit information for the
February Words of Grace
to the church office by **January 15th.**
You can contact the office at (920) 922-7211 or
office@gracechurchfdl.net

Office Hours are:
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm
Friday 8:00am-11:30am