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WORDS OF GRACE

Monthly Newsletter

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JUST A THOUGHT... FROM AN ELDER

This month, Mike "Del" DelPonte shares some thoughts about being an intergenerational church... and why it is important.

HIS GARDEN - THE FINAL DEVOTIONAL

Over the last year Robin Fuhrman has shared a variety of devotionals speaking about the Father's Garden. This month she shares the "final chapter" in the series. See pg. 4-5

THE MISSION FIELD - GET INVOLVED!

How is God calling you to "step out" on the Mission field? It may be easier than you think. Take a look at pg. 6 to learn more about a few Local & International opportunities.

MAY HIGHLIGHTS...

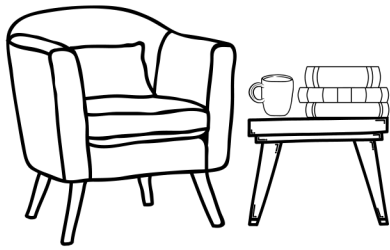
- May 1 Elders Meeting at 6:30pm
- May 4 National Day of Prayer, 6:00pm at Veterans Park
- May 6 While We're Waiting Meeting, 1:00pm
- May 7 Worship Service with Communion
Congregational Meeting following service
- May 14 Mother's Day, No AWANA or Youth tonight
- May 15 Deacon's Meeting at 6:30pm
- May 18 Missions Team meets at 6:30pm
- May 21 Grad Recognition Sunday
Last night of AWANA until Fall
- May 26-29 Memorial Weekend Campout at Green Lake
- May 27 Men's "No Regrets" meet at Rolling Meadows for B-fast
- May 28 No Youth Group Tonight!
- May 29 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

PLEASE NOTE: WEEKLY STAFF MEETINGS ARE USUALLY MONDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30AM

"We must remember that
the shortest distance
between our problems and
their solutions is the
distance between our knees
and the floor."

- Dr. Charles Stanley





Just A Thought...

FROM ONE OF OUR ELDERS

Much has been made in the last several decades about the importance of being a “*multigenerational*” church. Indeed, many churches are very proud and actively advertise how multigenerational they are. My question is this: Is being multigenerational enough?

I don’t wish to create a semantic argument, but I would say that we should strive to be an **intergenerational church**, rather than a multigenerational one. “Multigenerational” is mostly accidental. Generations coexist within a congregation because of shared geography and family structures. Multigenerational churches often result in *generational segments with limited interaction*. This can be dangerous for older adults because it often fails to address social isolation.

Conversely, an *intergenerational church* is **intentional and interactive**. According to Liz Perraud, the executive director of *GenOn Ministries*, intergenerational ministry is rooted in core values of intentionality, irrationality and equality. It is a deliberate work to build relationships across age groups with shared identity and calling.

“Intergenerational ministry develops disciples and energizes churches by bringing together any combination of at least two generations in planned and purposeful settings; empowering multiple generations to mutually invest in each other and in their faith community; intentionally encouraging ... relationships among multiple generations.” (definition from GenOn Ministries, [Intergenerational Ministry: Why and How?](#)).

To break it down a little more, intergenerational differs from multigenerational in that, while a church might have multiple generations present in worship services, if they interact only on a surface level, that is all they will be: multigenerational. Being multigenerational does not imply interaction in any way. It requires another step to be intergenerational. **You must be multigenerational to be intergenerational, but you can be multigenerational and not intergenerational**

So what does that look like?

First, and probably most important is *leadership*. Does every adult generation have a voice in the leadership? Yes, I hear the old refrain of needing experience and maturity, or the comments that the younger generation (especially men) just aren’t interested. But what have we done to value their input and leadership gifts? How often do we follow the example of Paul and Timothy? Paul referred to Timothy along the way as “son” (Phil 2:22), his “child” (1 Tim. 1:2) his “brother” (2 Cor. 1:1) and his “co-worker” (1 Thess. 3:2).

All the while, Paul allowed Timothy to use his gifts, guiding him and allowing him to lead. Sending him to Thessalonica and Corinth where he urged the Corinthians to give Timothy respect due to one “*doing the work of the Lord, just as I am.*” (1 Cor. 16:10) Paul also shows intergenerational leadership when he advises Timothy “*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*” (1 Tim. 4:12) That sounds a lot like a young leader to me.

This takes work and intentionality by the current leadership. Perhaps we should be asking ourselves, “Who is our Timothy?” By including Timothy in leadership, Paul insured the continuation of his ministry - and isn’t that what we want? Strong continuing leadership for Grace long after we have gone home?

To be clear, yes, I am talking about Elders and Deacons, but not exclusively. The goal would be that all areas of ministry, from worship to missions, have intergenerational leadership and participation.

This would extend to Life Groups, which will take some time to accomplish. As I write this, I am in a Life Group that is primarily people in their 20’s. My prayer is that, as we grow and divide, communities will be created that become more and more intergenerational in nature. Will this happen over night? Probably not. It will take work and intentionality, but I believe that it will be worth it.

So, where are we, Grace? I would agree that we do have some elements of an intergenerational congregation. But, I would also say we “have a ways to go”. You may wonder why I want to make the distinction. I believe that it is in the inter-relatedness of the generations that we find the most biblical definition of ‘community’. My goal here is just to provoke some thoughts, raise some questions, and start a conversation. So, *get uncomfortable*. Start looking at your ministry, invite some people in, and give them a voice - young and old.

And since we love some discussion questions!

1. How do we give ownership to people of all generations?
2. How do we model intergenerational living in a culture of ageism and ableism?
3. How do we value the gifts, struggles, and needs of people of all ages?

Peace,

Del

NEWS & NOTES



Join us on Sunday, May 7th immediately following the service for a brief **Congregational Meeting**. We will be voting on the Budget for the next fiscal year and hearing a few quick updates. Please plan to join us!



Church League Softball is right around the corner. This co-ed league is open to ages 16 & up. Practices are TBD (likely Sunday afternoons leading up to the start of the season). Games begin in May and take place

on Monday Nights. Please contact Rachel Titel cmc@gracechurchfdl.net or Joe Venhuizen joevenhuizen@gmail.com with any questions.

STUFF THE CRIB FUNDRAISING EVENT | MAY 1-15, 2023



Support area families by helping Charis restock their Baby Boutique! Each time a mom or dad comes for a class session with their mentor, they earn points to shop in the Baby Boutique, which is filled with new baby clothes, equipment, etc. Free diapers and wipes are also given with each visit. The "Stuff The Crib" fundraiser runs from **Monday, May 1st to Monday, May 15th**. Pick up a flyer with needed items from the Connection Center or download the PDF from our website www.gracechurchfdl.org or the weekly Grace email. You can also shop for items via Charis' Amazon & Target registries. See the weekly Grace e-blast for those links. The deadline to return donations is Monday, May 15th. **THANK YOU** for helping support Charis as they seek to impact families in the FDL community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, May 21st is Graduation Sunday here at Grace. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates & pray for them as they step into the next part of their journey!



It's almost that time! The Memorial Day Campout will be here before we know it. This year the dates are Friday, May 26-Monday, May 29th. Even if you aren't camping you are welcome to join us for lots of fun activities throughout the weekend. Saturday morning is the famous Princeton Flea market. Sunday afternoon bring a picnic lunch & lawn chairs and join the campers at the campsites. You're welcome to connect with the Ritzema's & join their group at for lunch. The afternoon is spent playing horseshoes, tennis, lawn games, biking, visiting with friends, even swimming for those brave enough to face the cold water. In the evening, make plans to stick around for bonfires and s'mores at the various campsites. Come out and enjoy this fun weekend of fellowship & fun with the Grace Family!



TEACHERS & HELPERS NEEDED! It may seem early but we're planning and looking ahead to our 2023-2024 program year. We have a need for a teacher and some helpers for our Sunday Morning Children's Discipleship Classes. There is also a big need for some folks to serve as substitute teachers. If teaching and working with kiddos is something you are interested in, please speak to Jean Titel: titelcrew@gmail.com or the Grace Office (920) 922-7211 or office@gracechurchfdl.net. We'd love to help you get "plugged in" and involved with this fun & life-giving ministry to the next generation!



HERE'S WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH



SUNDAY, MAY 7- Youth Meeting at Grace | 6:30-8:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - Mother's Day | NO YOUTH MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 21 - Youth Meeting at Grace | 6:30-8:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 28 - Memorial Day Weekend | NO YOUTH



Youth meetings are moving to Wednesdays for the summer! The official summer schedule begins on June 7th and runs till August 30th. Stay tuned for more details...

Ladies! Plan to join this brand new study opportunity! Robin Fuhrman & Linda Drendel will be leading a group using the "S.O.A.P." study method (see Linda's article from the April Words of Grace!) This group will meet Thursdays at 6:30pm from May 18-June 22 at Grace. Watch for more information coming soon...



**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



**Join us for the National Day of Prayer!
Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 6:00-7:00pm at
Veterans Park in Fond du Lac.**

We will gather for a time of worship & prayer with other believers from around the city! Together we will seek our Father's face and pray for our community, nation & world. Prayer walk to follow. All are welcome!

MEMORIAL DAY

Remember and Honor

**The Grace Office will be closed on Monday,
May 29th in honor of Memorial Day!**



The 28th Semi-Annual Free Rummage at Lighthouse Christian Church is just around the corner. This event is intended to help us bless each other. Everything is free. Donations are needed and can be dropped off on Thursday, May 18, from 8am-12pm. If you bring donations PLEASE plan to help set them out on the appropriate tables when you arrive. Church Family is invited to come "shop" on Thursday, May 18, from 2-6pm. The rummage is open to the general public on Friday, May 19, 8am-1pm. Volunteers & donations are more than welcome & helps to keep this project functioning. Contact Bonnie Buxton with any questions: bonitabuxton@yahoo.com

AWANA SCHEDULE

May 7 - Sundae-Sunday (Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share)

May 14 - Mother's Day (NO AWANA)

May 21 - Last night of AWANA till the Fall!





Monthly Reflection

His Garden - A Place of Fragrance & Delight by Robin Fuhrman

We began our journey looking at the original Garden. We saw that it was a place of beauty, order, and purpose; created by the hand of God and inhabited by those He placed there. Unfortunately, a deceiver brought doubt and confusion... leading to disobedience... which changed everything. Not only were the man and woman removed from the garden, but they were kept from reentering it by Cherubim with flaming swords. (Gen. 3:16-24) However, God's redemptive plan included a Garden transformation. Instead of allowing mankind back into His original garden, God would redeem us through the Cross of Christ, making us to be new and fertile ground... a garden.

Through the course of the year, we have met the Gardener. We have seen His garden - a protected place - in process, season by season becoming a fertile developed land, growing into fruitfulness. It is what we are to be. Now, God would come into us, His garden - A meeting place for intimate communion. His desire is for us!!

"I came into my garden, my sister, my bride..."
Song of Solomon 1:1

Garden - His cultivated and protected place
My Sister - of full blood, Kinswoman, one who is grafted in; adopted
My Bride - of promise, covenant; intimately connected

In this final look at the garden, we turn to the book of The Song of Solomon. If you are not familiar with this Old Testament book, it is the story of a King coming for His bride.

"You have captivated my heart, My sister, My bride; you have captivated My heart with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace. How beautiful is your love, My sister, My bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than any spice! Your lips drip nectar, My bride; honey and milk are under your tongue; the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon. A garden locked is my sister, my bride, a spring locked, a fountain sealed. Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna and nard, nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all choice spices, a garden fountain, a well of living water, and flowing streams from Lebanon."

Song of Solomon 4:9-15

To understand this poetic expression, we will look further into the scriptures: ***Behold, you are beautiful my love; behold you are beautiful; your eyes are doves.***

Song of Solomon 1:15 (spoken by the King)

A dove can only see one thing at a time. It must turn its head in order to look at another. Our King, Jesus, is captivated when we don't have wandering eyes, but instead, we turn our head to fix our eyes on Him.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9

When we adhere to the instruction of those God has placed to nurture us, it is an ornament, a jewel of grace and beauty to those who look upon us...especially our King.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psalms 19:9-10

So put away all malice, and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter: 2:1-3

The Word of God is our pure milk. By it we grow up into salvation. As His bride, the purity of our reverence for God is seen as we live out His nature and character, declaring His truth - the Gospel - with both our words and actions. Our words are sweetened when we put aside speaking hatred, bitterness, hypocrisy, envy, and slander, we not only ignite desire in our King, but cause others to desire Him as well.

Let us rejoice and exult and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready: it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure - for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Revelation 19:7-9

...the fragrance of your garments is like the fragrance of Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:11b

Lebanon is known for its white snow-capped mountains. Scripture tells us that in Christ our sins become whiter than snow, as He purifies us by His blood. We are clothed in the beauty of the righteousness of our King. Living in obedience to His ways, we prepare our wedding garment - A garment that is radiant, is clean and pure - like a vine cleansed by pruning.

Your shoots are an orchard of pomegranates with all choicest fruits, henna with nard, nard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense, myrrh and aloes, with all choice spices...

Song of Solomon 4:13-14

Here we see that the garden, His Bride, is laden with fruit. If we were to study the tabernacle in the wilderness, we would discover that much of the fruit listed here are ingredients in the anointing oil and the incense used by the priests, to anoint their garments and worship in the presence of God.

But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you have all knowledge.

1 John 2:20

(An anointing to know and handle the Word of Truth)

Read Revelation 5:8. No wonder our King is enthralled with the fragrance and purity of our garments; a fragrance that rises as incense before the very throne of God - as we worship - as we pray. Nard or Spikenard, one of the fruits listed, was used for expensive perfume, costing a full year's wages. To preserve the perfume, it was kept in alabaster boxes. Sound familiar?

In God's Garden (in *us*!) is the very oil or fragrance Mary used to anoint the feet of Jesus for burial. And We are the Body of Christ, anointed for burial, in order to die to ourselves that we might become like Him.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

Continuing in the Song of Solomon 5:1 AMP: ***I have come into my garden, my sister, my (promised) Bride. I have gathered my myrrh with my balsam and spice. I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey. I have drunk my wine and milk. Eat, O friends (you can never make my lover disloyal to Me) Drink, yes drink abundantly of love, O precious one (for now I know you are Mine, irrevocably mine!)***

In a garden, fruit is grown to be used... eaten. If not picked, it will rot on the tree or even fall to the ground, getting wormy. Here we see that the gardener, the King, comes into His garden to partake of its loveliness. And because of the abundant fruitfulness, He brings friends with Him, inviting them to partake as well.

By definition, a friend is not only one who shares common interests or an intimate companion, but also a chance or occasional acquaintance.

God does not call only those who love Him to eat of the fruit produced in our lives, but even those who don't know Him at all, saying... O Taste and See that the LORD is Good!

Many years ago, while touring the Little Farmer with my preschooler's class, I learned something extremely important about picking apples - and the skill needed at harvest time! The buds for next year's fruit are on the branch when the apples are picked in the fall. Therefore, it requires a gentle hand. Rather than yanking an apple off the branch, you need to hold it while gently twisting, so as not to break off the tender buds for next year's harvest. (A very important thing to teach a 4yr old!)

Not everyone picks with a gentle hand! When our King lovingly brings someone into His garden who lacks love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control, they may not only pick that piece of fruit, but possibly break off the tender buds for the next harvest! (Have you ever felt like your growth was stunted? Or like you needed to start the process over in a particular area in your life?) And so, we must continue to grow.

Thinking of the herbs and spices... What is needed for them to release their fragrance and flavor? They are dried and crushed. And in order to drink the fruit of the vine, pressure and even heat are required in the fermenting process, as fine wine is produced. I would venture to say that all of us have felt crushed, even stomped on at times. When there is fruitfulness in our lives, our King knows it is a safe place to bring those who are in need.

The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Psalms 34:18

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities...

Isaiah 53:5

Jesus prayed to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane

Not My will - but Your will.

He was buried in a Garden Tomb and

He revealed Himself to Mary Magdalene

in that very same Garden.

May He reveal Himself to others in His Garden

OUR LIVES.

OH THAT THEY WOULD CRY OUT AS MARY,

"I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!"

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Galatians 5:1-2 NASB

As His Garden - Let us say together: ***Awake, O north wind*** (cold and harsh), ***And come wind of the south*** (warm and gentle). ***Blow on My garden, that its fragrance may spread everywhere. Let my Beloved come into His garden and taste of its choice fruits.*** Song of Solomon 4:16 NIV (Parentheses mine)

WHEN HIS DESIRE HAS BECOME THE DESIRE OF OUR OWN HEARTS, HE FINDS GREAT DELIGHT IN US!

Jesus is caught up, captivated with the beauty of His Bride! Individually, we are uniquely fashioned, cultivated by His own hand, to distinct purpose and fragrance. Some of us are soft and sweet, others more earthy and bold, or even invasive and pungent. Collectively, *we are the Bride*, a beautifully blended bouquet of color, texture, and fragrance. We desire to please Him, not because we have to earn His love, but because of His great love and desire for us. We are learning that we can trust Him through whatever He leads us. Our yes to Him opens the door (the garden gate!) to intimacy and devotion. Oh, what beauty He is bringing forth in us, *His chosen, protected, and cultivated ones!*

Oh Lord, our eyes are on You. You have captivated us with your desire for us. We choose to yield to Your loving hand. Continue to tend the gardens of our hearts, bringing forth the fruit of Your Spirit... a feast for All!



Global Missions & LOCAL OUTREACH

WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO IN 2023 & 2024?

Is God calling you to step out in faith? The mission field is closer than you think. Maybe for you that means speaking to a coworker today over lunch, encouraging a friend to join you at Life Group this week, or simply delivering a home-cooked meal to a hurting friend.

Or maybe He is calling you to step out even further? While not everyone is called to travel to the far reaches of the earth there are many ways to get plugged in and involved with what God is doing in Fond du Lac, the United States, and even internationally.

Today we are challenging you to consider some of our upcoming Missions Opportunities. Take a look at the details below, pray and see what God says. You may be surprised by what He tells you.

CAMP OF THE WOODS WORK TRIP—JUNE 17-23, 2023

Once again we are heading to Ontario, Canada, to partner with Camp of the Woods as they prepare for their 2023 Summer Season. Registration deadline is Monday, May 8th. The estimated cost of the trip is \$350, and a \$25 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration. Please contact Pastor Brad for more information. rutherford@gracechurchfdl.net or call (920) 313-0456.

NICE, FRANCE MISSIONS TRIP— OCTOBER 2023

A team of eight is headed to Nice, France, to partner with missionaries Steve & Faye. While there, we will work at the church's coffee shop, converse with those seeking to improve their English, and share the love of Jesus with all we meet. This trip is currently full but a waiting list has been created. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,500-\$2,000. Please contact Pastor Grant for more information baumgart@gracechurchfdl.net or call (920) 948-6373.

SOUTH AFRICA MISSIONS TRIP— SPRING 2024

Planning is underway for a missions trip to Cape Town, South Africa in Spring of 2024 to partner with missionaries Regan & Mellie and their family. This trip will include a variety of opportunities to share the gospel and encourage people in desperate need of hope. Please contact Pastor Brad to get on the list if you are interested in learning more about this trip: rutherford@gracechurchfdl.net or call (920) 313-0456.

**HELP US REACH KIDS IN OUR CITY
WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS!**

MAPLEWOOD commons outreach

We are excited to announce that we are looking at bringing back our ministry to the Maplewood Commons Apartments. In the past, our gatherings there were highly successful in building relationships and presenting Jesus to the kids living there. As we've done before, we plan to share a meal together, tell bible stories, do activities or crafts, and play games with the children. Jamie Trewin is currently the coordinator for this ministry. Details are still coming together, but our goal right now is to get a team of volunteers together to assist Jamie. If this is something that interests you please contact Jamie at geofran4448@gmail.com. We cannot wait to see how God changes lives and brings HOPE through these fun-filled gatherings.



The Anchor Holds

by Jack Witte

"But you, O Lord are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." Psalm 86:15

As I think on the above verse, one thing comes to mind. *I AM GLAD OUR GOD IS A PATIENT GOD.*

Looking back over the many years I have walked with Him, I see a Father leading a young child, ever helping and instructing me as I aged in the Lord. Still, even though I find myself daily leaving the path He has so carefully orchestrated for me to follow, drawn away from Him by the things of this world, He still is there patiently waiting for me to come home. I guess you might say I am just like the prodigal son we read about in Luke 15... I think we all are.

How many times has my Heavenly Father stood off in the distance, waiting and watching while I squandered away the many blessings He has given me? And like the prodigal son, I too realized that the things that I am doing are wrong and separate me from God's love, and then I find my way back to Him and His goodness and grace.

If you are reading this and feel that God could never forgive you for what you have done, let me assure you that your thinking is *totally wrong*. The **only thing** that can separate us from experiencing the love of our Heavenly Father is for us to refuse it. To believe that our sin is unforgivable.

Don't spend another moment doubting God's love and forgiveness. Look ahead, up the road, and see our Heavenly Father anxiously waiting for you to come home.

"Yes, I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor evil spirits ...nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, nor nothing else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38

That is God's promise. Hurry home my friend, He is waiting! Your Anchor will hold ... in spite of your storms!

Look for the Fingerprints of God!

They're everywhere! As I look over the landscape of my life, I can't help but recognize God's fingerprints over every part of it. The Bible tells us, *"O Lord, You are our Father, we are the clay and You are the potter... all of us are the work of Your hand."* Isaiah 64:8

God lovingly and carefully designed each of us to be exactly as we are. We are perfect in His eyes. I see God's fingerprints over my entire life, even in my early years when I didn't know Him, nor gave little thought about Him. However, I see *His fingerprints* on that sunny Sunday morning in September, 1976, when for the first time I began to recognize Him and realize that I was a creation of His hand. I see *His fingerprints* in those difficult times of my life, when I needed His touch to keep me going - times of financial difficulty, times of illness, times of loneliness when we lost the ones we loved... Indeed, *God's fingerprints were there.*

If you look closely, you will find that God's fingerprints cover *your entire life too*. Even if you don't know Him, His touch has been on your life. Listen carefully to these words from the Book of Job, *"Ask the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you... and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hand is the life of everything and the breath of all mankind."* Job 12:8-10

So let me finish with these words from a very wise man, namely Albert Einstein, "You can live as if nothing is a miracle, or you can live as if everything is a miracle." You, my friend, are a miracle, and I pray that you will come to know the God who created you, for ***you are a work of His hand.***

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



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CORPORATE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday mornings at 8:45am
Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm
Wednesday AM Men's prayer at 6:00am.

*All meet at
Grace Church
building*

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Offering & Attendance

3/5/2023	\$8,751	163
3/12/2023	\$6,094	131
3/19/2023	\$9,571	190
3/26/2023	\$12,675	178

March Weekly Ave: \$9,272.75 168

**Weekly average needed to meet budget
\$9,576**

Year to Date Givings	\$363,964
Year to Date Expenses	\$373,837
Year-to-date Shortfall	-\$9,873

Y-T-D amounts reflect March month-end totals

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit information for the
June *Words of Grace*
to the church office by **May 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