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# GRACE NOTES

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Baptist Church  
*April 2014*

## Mark Your Calendar

**4.13**

Palm Sunday  
&

Annie Armstrong  
Missions Ingathering

**4.20**

Easter Sunday

**4.26**

Revely Youth Concert

**6.9**

SOLC Fundraiser

Deadline

**6.24**

Honduras Missions Trip

**7.4**

4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PICNIC

## *Pastor's Notes*

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating the miracle of the empty tomb, with the declaration He is Risen...He is Risen Indeed!!! But, before that wonderful Sunday, we have to journey through the final week of Jesus' earthly life. When we consider that over 40% of the Gospel's chapters are dedicated to this final week and that Mark devotes 70% of his chapters to it, it is certainly worthy of special attention.

So, this year we are going to focus the entire week on prayerfully preparing ourselves for Resurrection Sunday. Therefore, the church will be open Monday through Thursday from Noon to 1:00pm for all those who are interested in joining together for a special time of quiet prayer. We may sing a few a cappella hymns together and then settle into a time of quiet prayer for our church, our community, our nation, our world and the lost.

On Wednesday evening at 6:15pm, we will have short service in the sanctuary in place of normal Bible Study time. It will include singing some hymns and a reading and reflection on the events of Holy Week up that point. On Thursday evening at 6:30pm we will have a special Maundy Thursday service that will include music, the Lord's Supper, a sermon, and a ceremonial foot washing. Please invite your friends and family for this special evening of prayer and reflection. As is traditional we will end the evening by leaving the church silently.

On Friday and Saturday, I ask you to pray earnestly on your own and with your families, while we remember the sacrifice of our Lord and the loneliness and separation of his disciples. But on Sunday we will join together again to proclaim the miracle of the empty tomb. We will be having a 30 minute Sunrise Service at 6:30am (outside, weather permitting), and then we will return to church again at our normal time 9:45am for Sunday School and our Easter Sunday worship service at 11:00am...In His Grace!

## PRAYER DEACONS

April 06      Jim Shelor  
April 13      Leon Vaughn  
April 20      Wallace Woodlief  
April 27      Lee Bryant

The deacons and pastor meet on the third Tuesday of each month. If you have concerns, please contact one of the deacons or Pastor Mark prior to their meeting.

## Circle Groups

**Women on Mission** will meet on Tuesday, **April 15th at 7pm.** Please contact Marceia Bartlett for more information.

**Women of Grace** will meet on Thursday, **April 17th at 10am.** Please contact Flo Bell for more information.

## Music Corner

**Band Practice**  
**The Praise Band of Grace** meets Wed. at **7:15pm.** Contact Sue Smith.

**Choir Practice**  
**Voices of Grace** practice **Wed.** at **7:30 pm.** Contact Mark Elkins.

**Isaiah's Bells Practice**  
Practice **Wed.** at **6:15pm.** Contact Marceia Bartlett.

## Matthew 28:5

But the angel answered and said to the women,  
“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

**Deuteronomy 15:11** For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.' Therefore, the Second Sunday of the month is a time we set aside to contribute to our **local food pantry.** Let us give generously to help feed the less fortunate in our community on **April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Ingathering** will be on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for activities on **Holy Week** in preparation for Easter Sunday. Please see the Pastor's Notes section and the calendar to learn more.

**Revely**, a Christian pop/rock band passionate about spreading the love of Jesus Christ through music, will be **performing** at Grace Baptist Church at **7pm** on **Saturday, April 26th.** Admission is **free** and refreshments will be served afterwards. Spread the word to all your friends and youth!!!

Grace Baptist Church is going to have its first officially sponsored **International Missions Trip** in June of 2014. A team will be traveling to Honduras for 9 days to minister to 3 orphanages in the name of Christ. The dates are tentatively **June 24<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>**... see our website for details!

**Springs of Life Camp** needs **1000oz** of **Mixed Vegetables**, **1000oz** of **Cream of Chicken Soup**, and **5 gallons** of **Disinfectant** for another season of Summer Camp. Please help collect these items before **June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Help Us Prepare for Honduras!** Please place all (new) donated items on the Honduras collection table in the sanctuary, we need...

- children's underwear- sizes 2T - 12 years old
- children's flip flops - toddler sizes to adult size 6
- children's vitamins
- small scented candles for orphanage workers

# April 2014

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| 30   | 31  | 1<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am   | 2<br>Fellowship Meal (Prepared)<br>AWANA Youth<br>Isaiah's Bells Choir Practice<br><i>Jerry &amp; Ashley Marshall</i>      | 3<br>Women's Bible Study 6:30pm<br><br><u>Joe Griffin</u>  | 4   | 5   |
| 6<br>5:45pm Youth Group  | 7   | 8<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am   | 9<br>Fellowship Meal (Potluck)<br>AWANA Youth<br>Isaiah's Bells Choir Practice   | 10<br>Women's Bible Study 6:30pm<br><br><u>Daniel Tahtinen</u>   | 11<br><br><i>Lamar &amp; Lena Howell</i><br><br><u>Casey Elkins</u> | 12  |
| 13<br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br><br>Annie Armstrong Ingathering<br><br>Food Pantry | 14<br>Prayer Meeting Noon-1:30pm                | 15<br>Prayer Meeting Noon-1:30pm<br><br>6:30pm Deacon Meeting<br><br>7pm Women on Mission<br><br><u>Karleigh Marshall</u> | 16<br>Prayer Meeting Noon-1:30pm<br>Fellowship Meal (Prepared)<br>AWANA<br>Holy Week Service 6:15-7:15pm<br>Choir Practice | 17<br>10am Women of Grace<br><br>Prayer Meeting Noon-1:30pm<br>Maundy Thursday Service 6:30-7:30pm     | 18<br><br><br><br><br><br><u>Derek Wagner</u><br><u>Nancy Wodod</u> | 19<br><br><br><br><br><br><i>Aspaph &amp; Elvira Sonntag</i><br><br><u>Virginia Burnett</u> |
| 20<br>Sunrise Service 6:30am<br>Sunday School 9:45<br>Worship Service 11:00am  | 21<br><br><br><br><br><br><u>Wendy Buchanan</u> | 22<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am  | 23<br>Fellowship Meal (Subs)<br>Youth<br>Isaiah's Bells Choir Practice<br><br><u>Seth Reynolds</u>                         | 24<br>Women's Bible Study 6:30pm<br><br><br><br><br><br><u>Virgil Burnett</u><br><u>Karen Matthews</u> | 25  | 26<br>7pm Revely Youth Concert  |
| 27   | 28  | 29<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br><br><br><br><br><br><u>Zane Hollandsworth</u>   | 30<br>Fellowship Meal (Prepared)<br>AWANA Youth<br>Isaiah's Bells Choir Practice   | 1  | 2   | 3   |

### CHILDREN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Schedule will be posted on the bulletin board and in the Sunday bulletin soon.

### NURSERY WORKERS' SCHEDULE

**\*Please be in the nursery by 10:45\***

06–Laurie Salser & Austin Menear

13–Ward & Shelly Stone

20–Annetta Lind & Maura Elkins

27–Brenda Vaughn & Casey Elkins

**Note:** Infant & Toddler Nursery is for infants & children up to 4 years of age. Older children can attend Children's Church or Regular Services in the sanctuary with a parent or guardian.



### BIBLE STUDY: A WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday School – 9:45am

Here at Grace Baptist, we have several Sunday School Classes, one for every age group from pre-school to senior adult. You don't need to be a member to attend one, just show up and anyone here will be more than happy to help you find the one for you.

#### Children's Worship – 11:00am

CHILDREN ARE GOD'S GIFT TO US!

We provide nourishing programs and learning experiences for all ages:

**Children's Church** for children K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**The Puppet Ministry** helps the bible come alive for the youngest to the oldest.

#### CHURCH LIBRARY

Our church library has something for everyone, from toddler to senior books, magazines, audio books, video tapes and CD's.

Join us for our 8-week Spring Ladies Book Study on **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am or Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm** (same lesson). We will be reading and discussing "**Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate**," by Jerry Bridges. The book and study guide will be provided by the church, but you may make a donation, if you wish, to help defray costs. Please, see **Pam Elkins** for information and materials.

Volunteers are needed to help with AWANA devotions. Giving a small devotion to the AWANA kids can have a **big** impact for God's kingdom. Please contact Lena Howell for more information.



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| April 02 | -----           |
| April 09 | SOLC Night      |
| April 16 | Egg Decorating  |
| April 23 | <b>NO AWANA</b> |
| April 30 | -----           |

### Matthew 28:6

He is not here;  
**FOR HE IS RISEN,**  
as He said. Come, see the place  
where the Lord lay.

