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Greetings, Grace Church!

A time to rejoice, and a time to mourn

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15). This is counsel to us from the Holy Spirit through the pen of the apostle Paul. This statement falls in a section of Paul’s letter to the Romans where he is laying out some distinctive characteristics of a Christian. For a Christian, there are occasions where it is fitting to joyfully celebrate blessing. There are also occasions where it is fitting to personally enter into the pain and sorrow of others around us. The LORD JESUS did both in His earthly life and ministry. He could participate in a wedding celebration in Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-12), and he could weep over the death of a friend, or over the blinding hard-heartedness of a city (John 11:28-36, Luke 19:41-44). Grace Church, Jesus has called us to be salt and light in Delta County. Let’s gladly enter into the joy of those who rejoice, and let’s readily enter into the sorrow of those who grieve. Christian love does both.

Wednesday evening this week for Youth Groups

Our student ministry is making a schedule change this week. As part of a community-wide desire to support Noah, Lukas, and Sophia Weaver after the tragic highway accident involving their parents, Jerry and Tara, our students are planning to participate in a powder puff volleyball benefit at Gladstone High School on Wednesday evening. The students will meet by the concession stand at Gladstone High School at 5:55pm, and then walk in together. After the game, Sr. High students are invited to McDonalds for a time to connect. By the way, Pastor Jordan would also say if there is anyone in the church who would like to come alongside our students and be present for this benefit, you are invited to join our students at 5:55pm by the concession stand.

MEN’s Bible Study this Saturday Morning beginning at 7:30 AM in Room 201

Dean Mullins is facilitating a Bible study for men on the first and third Saturdays of the month. This Saturday the guys are meeting again in Room 201 (just off the gym and next to the kitchen). The guys are studying Psalm 119:105-136 this Saturday.

Women’s Day Retreat on Saturday, February 25!

“Christ’s Presence is Our Desire” will be held at Julie Hanson’s home on the river in Cornell. Joyce Ducote has a special message for the women and Angie Breault plans to lead in some meaningful times of worship where the women respond to the LORD. You can sign up online, or in the lobby on Sunday morning at the church following the worship service.

Video Greeting from Missionary Partners, Brad and Maddie Fox

This past Sunday morning we watched a 2 ½ minute video greeting from our missionary partners, Brad and Maddie Fox, and their daughters, Ruth and Naomi. It is really good. They identified Acts 26:17b-18 as a charge God has given them in their ministry in a village on the

Arctic Circle. They also shared two prayer requests. You can access that video on our web site. grace906.com/missions



Pastors Jon, Jordan, and Tim away at a national Converge Conference this week

This week from Tuesday to Friday, three of us on the pastoral team are planning to participate in a national conference, “Unleash,” sponsored by our movement of churches in Converge. The conference is at Converge headquarters in Orlando. Please be praying for rich fellowship, meaningful networking, refreshment, challenge, and impact.

Life Together in Community (a study in I Thessalonians) kicks off on February 5!

For nine weeks leading up to Easter, we are planning a teaching series in the New Testament book, First Thessalonians. This is a loaded book written to a church that held an unusually special place in the heart of Paul the apostle. There was a special kind of love shared mutually between Paul and this fellowship. The teaching series begins this Sunday. There are a number of different themes in this letter to the church in Thessalonica (the city remains as a seacoast city that is a part of Greece today). These themes are related to what it means to live in Christian community with one another. We are titling this whole teaching series, “**Life together in Community**” – healthy and vital New Testament community. This Sunday I open the series by teaching from I Thessalonians 1:1-10, in a message that I’ve titled, “Changed to the Core.”

The LORD is near! Hope in Him!

In Jesus,
Pastor Tim
Romans 15:13

Pastor Tim Haugen, Lead Pastor
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