

Grace Notes

March 2023

Holy Bible – Book Divine

I love the Bible. All sixty-six books from Genesis to Revelation. Even the less popular parts like the genealogies with all the tongue twisting names or the Levitical purity laws the more delicate find gross. I love the Bible because every word is from God.

And that means, whenever we open the Bible and read the words contained therein, we hear the voice of God speak to us. As one preacher of the Victorian era liked to say, “The Bible is a talking book. A dead book cannot talk, nor a dumb book speak. But this thrice blessed book of God is immortal in its life and unwithering in its strength. Never a book spoke like this book; its voice, like the voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.”

Amazingly, God speaks to us by his book. The very nature of Scripture reveals this is so. The apostle Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” What powerful words, “All Scripture is breathed out by God.” And this is important to remember if we would maintain a right reverence for the Bible.

Theologian B. B. Warfield makes some helpful comments on the Greek word translated “breathed out by God” in 2 Timothy 3:16. Warfield writes, “The Greek term has nothing to say of *inspiring* or of *inspiration*. It speaks only of a “spiring” or “spiration.” What it says, then, is not that Scripture is “breathed into by God” or it is the product of the Divine “inbreathing” into human authors, but Scripture is breathed out by God. And that means, when Paul declares, all Scripture is the product of Divine breath, he asserts with as much energy as he could employ that Scripture is the creation of a specific Divine operation.”

In other words, when the Bible speaks as it is read, preached, prayed, or sung, God speaks and we hear his voice. That is why I love the Bible. I don’t have to guess who God is. I don’t have to wonder what I should believe about him, or how I can have a relationship with him and live to please him. I don’t have to puzzle over the origins of the universe, the future of the planet, the plans God has for mankind, and so on. All I need do is open the Bible, read his word, and hear his voice instruct me in the way of truth. The Bible is a priceless gift. Nowhere else does God communicate so clearly to man than in his book.

Let us, then, treasure our Bibles as we read, study, and live in obedience to the precious truth God reveals on each page. And let us guard this truth and keep it at the center of our life and worship. For without the word of God to light our way; we perish in darkness. But with his word to lead us into all truth, we have a lamp for our feet and light for our path. No wonder the psalmist can write in Ps. 119:97, “Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.”

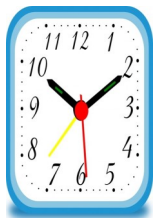
Amen and amen. Thank God for his book! It speaks to every listening ear.

Pastor Jim Gorski Installed

Rev. Jim Gorski was installed as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The service was conducted by Southeast Louisiana Presbytery. Dr. Aquila, D. Min President of New Geneva Theological Seminary preached the sermon. Also taking part in the service was TE Dick Davies out of Grace PCA in Metairie; TE Kelly Dotson from South Baton Rouge PCA and RE Bev. Kennedy from Westminster PCA in Baton Rouge. The Elders of Grace PCA - Mr. Jesse Arnold, Mr. Kit Bonvillian, Mr. Randy Borill and Mr. Cleve Chandler. Mr. Benny Martin was the pianist for the service.

Everyone enjoyed the reception that was held in the Activities Building of the church after service.

Our thanks to all who participated in the service and to our WIC and Robyn Arnold for the organization of the reception. The decorations and the food were all wonderful.



Daylight Savings Time...

Begins Sunday, March 12. Please remember to set your clocks forward an hour Saturday evening!

Time to Update the Directory!

So that we can stay in touch with one another, and help out when a need arises, we will be updating the Church Directory during the month of March.

Please review your information and contact the church office with any updates (add or remove cell numbers, email addresses, etc.). *If all of your information is correct, please place a "check" mark by your name.*

We appreciate your help in keeping us up to date.



Penny Jar Reminder

1 Cor. 1:27 "But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong."

Don't forget to drop your loose change (or donation of any amount!) into one of the penny jars, located in the Foyer and in each Sunday School room.

Thank you for contributing your spare change to the penny jars!

"I will
send down
showers in season;
there will be
showers of
blessings."
Ezekiel 34:26

The Lord's Supper



Grace PCA will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion during the morning worship service, Sunday, March 5, 2023

Everyone should spend time during the week before preparing your hearts and minds to partake in this sacrament.

Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



Bible Study

DATE: EVERY WEDNESDAY

TIME: 10:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book

"Survey of The New Testament"

By

Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.

*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you."*
Jeremiah 29: 12



The Women's Circle has started a new study !

It is by John McArthur "Hard to Believe", Understanding The High Cost and Infinite Value Of Following Jesus.

It is a long title, but what we will be learning about will be what it means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. About how the world has a false view of Christianity, and the truths from the Bible on how we can defend our faith. The watering down of the gospel in today's world.

Please come join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am at Grace for study, prayer, and fellowship.

We welcome everyone, and bringing friends.

If you have any questions, please call
Marsha Allison



Men of the Covenant

Thursday, March 2

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant (first Thursday of each month, except for June through August) .

We enjoy a nice meal around 6:30 p.m. and enjoy some great fellowship. Following the meal at 7:00 we will hear a devotion from the Word of God. Men, please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

*"As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another."
Proverbs 27: 17*

ChristianInquiry

A Blog About Topics and Views of Interest to Christians

www.christianinquiry.com

This is a new blog from Dr. Gaylan McLin containing topics of interest, especially to Christians, and for sharing his views about those topics. Gaylan hopes that this blog will edify the readers and give glory to God.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant:	Thursday, March 2, 7:00 pm
Session Meeting:	Sunday, March 12, 1200 pm
WIC Circle Meeting:	Tuesday, March 14, 10:00 am
Prayer for our Nation:	Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study:	Wednesdays at 10:30 am

The next Session Meeting will be

**Sunday,
March 12th at 12:00 p.m.**

Please contact Jesse Arnold, Kit Bonvillian, Randy Borill, Cleve Chandler, Dana Andries, Don Andries prior to the meeting if you have items to bring to their attention.



meeting



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 <i>10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study</i>	2 <i>7:00 pm Men of the Covenant</i>	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i>	6	7	8 <i>10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study</i>	9	10	11
12 <i>12:00 Session Meeting Daylight Savings</i>	13	14 <i>10:00 am WTC Circle Meeting</i>	15 <i>10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study</i>	16	17 	18
19	20	21	22 <i>10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>10:00 Prayer for Nation 10:30 Bible Study</i>	30	31	



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service • 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

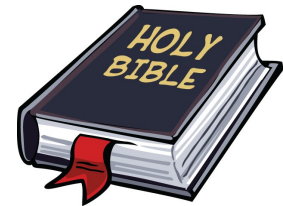
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Psalm 23



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever