



GRACE

HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:



The theme this winter certainly seems to be centered on the subject of snow for our area. It's interesting to note the different opinions floating around concerning the subject of snow. Those opinions seem to range from a strong dislike to a strong love for the white stuff. Children enjoy snow days! Parents are beginning to dread snow days or maybe they're way beyond "beginning to dread." Summer vacation for our students seems to be getting shorter as each snow event comes and goes.

While there are plenty of negatives and yes, even positives with snow, I doubt few can disagree with the beauty of a new fallen snow. The snow we have seen fall this year has provided some beautiful snapshots of God's creation in a blanket of white. There is something about walking outside when snow is falling and experiencing the beauty and the silence. There is something about seeing the dormancy of God's creation in the wintertime change from a picture of dark colors to a brilliant picture of white.

God's Word uses the word, "snow," several times, yet the most exciting use is when it is used to paint a picture of our condition when we experience God's forgiveness. Psalm 51:7 says, "Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." And Isaiah 1:18 addresses this as well, "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, 'Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white

as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool."

Think about this for a moment. This snow we now see is covering up a creation that is waiting for spring and until those warmer times come, all appears to be dead. Don't miss the fact that the snow is only covering up what appears to be dead. God's Word tells us we were dead in our trespasses, in our sins. The passage noted in Isaiah says those sins are "as scarlet." When we accept Christ as our Savior, our sins are not covered up or covered over. No, our sins are forgiven and we are cleansed! Our sins are now "as white as snow!"

The next time it snows and it messes up your schedule, or causes another snow day for the kids, or creates another couple of hours of shoveling, STOP! Stop for a moment and thank God for the price that was paid in full on a hill called Golgotha, thank Him for the precious blood that was shed for you, thank Him for the words shouted on that hillside that day – "It is finished!" and finally thank Him that your sins are as white as the snow before you.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit (call first), pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory

Wilma Davidson
Julie Lindsey
Gerry Gladfelter

Carol Sarver
Russ Hearnton
Rita Brewer

Abortion would be a thing of the past—
if only Christians would pray

Building Together

MARCH 2019

"....then they said, 'Let us arise and build.' So they put their hands to the good work." Nehemiah 2:18

PARENTS – TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN/TEENS WHO ARE EARNING POINTS TO ATTEND HIGH POINT CAMP THIS SUMMER

Junior camp for grades 3-7 is July 15 - 19

Teen camp for grades 7-12 is July 22 - 27

Early registration is now until March 30—register Tier 3
Parents are responsible for registering their child on line at:

hpcamp.org

Print an extra copy of the registration and amount paid and put in Julie Shaeffer's mailbox

Reminder: GBC reimburses parents based on the *early registration fee*

Orders Due Sunday, March 10, to Purchase Subs or Pretzel Sandwiches to support future mission trips/projects.

**Pick Up Sandwiches Ordered
Wednesday, March 20**

Our country would be given back to God, —
if only Christians would pray



**Quarterly Church
Business Meeting**

Sunday, March 10 6:30 p.m.

Grace Baptist Church
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Sunday: 8:15 Contemporary Worship
9:30 Sunday School
10:45 Traditional Worship
6:30 Against the Flow Youth
6:30 Evening Worship Service
Wednesday: 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer for Adults /
Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jon Barrett
Assistant Pastor

Churches would be full every time the doors
are open—
if only Christians would pray

**7th ANNUAL MEN'S
RESURRECTION BREAKFAST**

Saturday, March 2, at 9:00 a.m.

**Dr. Tommy Mitchell From Answers in Genesis
Speaking on "Ready to Return"**

Free Will Offering Will Be Taken



Dr. Tommy Mitchell will be Speaking as Follows:

Free Will Offerings Will Be Taken
Answers in Genesis books, DVDs, etc. will be available for
you to purchase

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:15 a.m. Genesis and the Authority of Scripture
9:30 a.m. Are You Intimidated? (Jr. High – Adult)
10:45 a.m. Genesis and the Authority of Scripture
6:00 p.m. Why Can't a Day Mean a Day?
7:30 p.m. Noah's Ark and the Global Flood

Monday, March 4, 2019

9:00 a.m. Were There Dinosaurs on Noah's Ark?
(Grades K-6 and parents—
Homeschoolers, Christian Schools)
10:30 a.m. After Their Kind (Grades 7-12 and
parents—Homeschoolers, Christian
Schools)
6:30 p.m. Dinosaurs and the Gospel
8:00 p.m. Worshipping the Creator God

There would be salvations every week—
if only Christian would pray

Sunday, March 17

During both Morning
Services



Montrose Marriage Retreat – Revealed!

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Ephesians 5:25

Ten couples from Grace Baptist gathered at Montrose Bible Conference for a weekend to study marriage, review the scriptural guidance on love, and accept the challenge to identify 1-2 things to do differently to lift up and love our mates. Several other churches joined us so we met new people and learned together...there was one young couple who had been married 3 months and were just starting their journey, and another couple celebrating 68 years of marriage while at the retreat!

Craig Peters, Associate Pastor of Maranatha Bible Church in Akron, Ohio, and Executive Director of Equip Ministries International, was our guest speaker. Accompanied by his wife Ann, Craig shared humor, perspective, and relevant scripture, keeping the sessions lively and directly applicable. We learned things TO DO, and things to NOT DO. We reflected that our marriage – second only to our relationship to the Lord - is the most important treasure on earth to love, and we must tend to it by protecting, trusting, hoping, and enduring. We immediately practiced and applied our learning.

The music worship was wonderful...Mike and Denise Warner (and friends and family) sing their hearts out – their talents and love for the Lord are evident. Worshipping with this group is a promise of the holy and joyful sound we will make together one day at God’s throne! You can hear Denise on 100.3 WRGN out of Wilkes-Barre (or livestream) on Saturday and Sunday evenings – she is excellent!

An additional gift is the richness of fellowship of others with whom we worship, get to know and share more closely, play games and watch movies. Oh yes, and eat. And eat. And eat.

If you overhear one of these 10 couples talking at church, and one spouse says to the other ‘Guess where we are?!’ don’t worry. They actually know where they are. They don’t need directions. They are sharing a memory.



Join us next year as we gobble up the Word and winter fun to strengthen our marriage and our church!!

Pastor Steve and Jayne, thank you for being a good example to us all.

Young and old would readily volunteer
to do the work of the church—
if only Christians would pray

ARE YOU AN OASIS?

Someone commented in the Study of Ruth Sunday School class recently "the book of Ruth is an oasis of love in a desert of sin". The story of Ruth, Boaz and Naomi took place during Israel's time of Judges. Judges 21:25 states, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

Sound familiar? Do you sing "Me, Me, Me ..." throughout the day or, "We, We, We...", meaning you and Christ walking together ?

Isaiah 2:5 mentions walking in the light of the Lord, as do many other pieces of scripture. If you are walking with God, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit and others (inside or outside the Faith) can see that, then you are an Oasis in this world of sin. Keep smiling, because Jesus loves YOU !

**YOUR
PRAYER CAN
MAKE THE
DIFFERENCE**

