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# worship TODAY

Sunday, March 7, 2010

## ***Approaching His Throne***

Scripture Reading  
Pastoral Prayer

## ***Offering Our Praises***

Songs of Praise

## ***Receiving His Word***

Series

## ***The Quest for Meaning***

Sermon

## **Avoiding the Vanity of the Rat Race**

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16

**Tony Sanelli, Pastor-Teacher**

## ***Bringing Our Gifts***

Offering

## ***Heeding His Call***

Benediction

Why are you in despair,  
O my soul?  
And why have you become  
disturbed within me?  
Hope in God,  
for I shall yet praise Him,  
the help of my countenance  
and my God.

Psalm 42:11

NASB

# {Welcome to Grace}

## TODAY at GRACE

**8:15 Morning Prayer** Room 101

### **Adult Education**

**-9:00 Hour**

**Essential Truths of Christianity** Room 101

**Philippians** Room 202

**-11:00 Hour**

**Dynamics of Christ Centered Counseling**  
Fellowship Hall

**Getting Acquainted with Grace** Room 101

*This week's class is "Serving." Next week's class is "Membership"*

## **9:00 Hour Only**

**Jr/Sr High Discipleship Class** Fellowship Hall

## **Children's Education**

### **9:00/11:00 Hour**

Infant Nursery (0-18 months) Room 103

Toddler Nursery (18mo - 2.5yrs) Room 102

Tiny Tots Room 106

Preschool-Kindergarten Room 107

1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room 201

4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (11:00 hour only) Room 202

## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

- **Visit the Welcome Table (located in the lobby of the Worship Center)** where you will find INFORMATION about the many ways our church can serve you and your family along with materials to help you in your walk with Christ.
- **If this is your first visit with us** please stop by our Hospitality Room located in the Fellowship Hall where you can grab a cup of coffee and meet some of our pastors.
- **Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.** Use this time to contemplate this morning's message and complete the Welcome Card located in the seatback in front of you and let that be your gift to us this morning.
- **Visit our website at [www.gbcph.org](http://www.gbcph.org) where you can download an mp3** of this morning's message and have access to our searchable database of audio recordings of past messages.

## **OTHER HELPFUL TIPS**

- **Do you have children?** We encourage older children to remain with their parents through the worship service. However, we provide classes for ages newborn through 3rd grade during both hours for those for whom this is a new or difficult practice. For more information on this topic please visit the Welcome Table.

We also provide an audio feed into the lobby should you need to exit with your child.

- **Parking** is available on the north and south sides of the church. There is also another lot available at S. Cody Lane. **There is no parking on South Cody Lane.**
- Tapes & CDs of this morning's message are available in the media room directly after each service.
- **As a courtesy, please mute all communication devices at this time.**
- We provide listening aid devices for the hard of hearing. Please see an usher for assistance.
- Music lyrics are available for those who need it. Please see an usher.

## Hospitality Opportunity

Any families who would be willing to open their home for a speaker to spend the night(s) when GBC hosts a Grace School or NorCal Network event, please contact Bill Lynch, Event Coordinator, at either [solideogloria@astound.net](mailto:solideogloria@astound.net) or 925-381-2208.

## Men's Breakfast

Attention Men! You are invited to our Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 27, at 8am. Pastor Ryan Rippee from Calvary Community Church will be our guest speaker. There is a \$5 suggested donation at the door. Registration begins March 7th online or at the men's ministry table.

## Hospitality Homes

Our next Hospitality Homes will be **April 11**. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and sweet fellowship with your brothers & sisters in the Lord, in a warm home setting! Sign-ups begin soon. More hospitality homes are needed. Please consider being a host home one month. For more info call Louise Botelho at 954-7730.

## 55plus Ministry

A train trip from Martinez to Sacramento is scheduled for Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00am and ending at 5:00pm. Contact Ken Vought for more information at 925-313-9306, or [kvought@att.net](mailto:kvought@att.net) no later than Mon., March 15<sup>th</sup>.

General Fund Report February	
<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
\$77,250	\$61,482
<u>YTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>
\$154,500	\$157,366

## Spring Forward

Mark your calendars now! Next Sunday, March 14, marks the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. So, if you don't want to be one hour late to worship service, set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

*If you're interested in participating in one of these ministries  
please call the church office at 676-1584*

### Community Groups

**Community Groups** serve as the primary vehicle for mutual ministry and edification at GBC. Our group meetings include prayer, fellowship, accountability, mutual care, opportunities for serving, and interactive spiritual nurturing.

**Our Community groups** are small communities of believers meeting throughout the week in Contra Costa and Solano counties.

**If you're interested** in joining a Community Group please indicate your interest on the back of a welcome card and drop it in the offering bag or give it to an usher.

### 55 Plus Ministry

55 Plus meets on the third Thursday of each month from noon to 2pm.

### Women's Discipleship

#### Women's Prayer

A time of prayer for our church and each other. Thursdays, 10am in room 101.

#### Excellent Wife Class

A weekly study on the book by Martha Peace.

### Ministry to Singles

College/Career Ministry - Wednesdays at 7pm  
Chris Kiiskinen 676-1584

Singles Fellowship-Singles meet on a semi-weekly basis for fellowship. Please contact Bob & Denise Humphrey for more info at 946-9216.

### Men's Discipleship

#### Discipleship Training Program (DTP)

A program to mentor men for discipleship based on the principles found in 1 Timothy 2:2.

#### Just As Christ (JAC)

A study designed to equip, edify, and encourage husbands to lead and love their wives "just as Christ."

#### Men's Prayer

A time of prayer for our church and each other. Fridays, 6:30am in room 101.

### Youth Ministry

Jr. High - Thursdays at 7pm  
Michael Sanelli 676-1584

Sr. High - Thursdays at 7pm  
Chris Kiiskinen 676-1584

### Grace School of Theology and Ministry

For more information about classes call 676-1639.

### Sunday Morning Classes

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