

# GRACE NOTES

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## PASTOR'S NOTES MARK ELKINS

Although it may not feel like it yet, winter is finally beginning to wind down. The days are getting longer, the daffodils are beginning to poke out of the soil, and it's almost time for the dreaded "Daylight Saving Time". But there is one more sign that winter is almost over that every baseball fan waits for each year: Spring Training!

In Arizona and Florida, hundreds of veterans and wide-eyed rookies are taking to the field to prepare themselves for a new season of hoping that this is the big one. Spring Training is a time of physical conditioning, position drills, and practice games, in order to make them better players and stronger teammates.

In the same way, March opens up Grace Baptist's Spring Training. We have a lot planned for this year: A record setting Easter Celebration, a fun-filled AWANA Grand Prix, Evangelistic Festival Outreaches, and another exciting and fruitful Vacation

Bible School! And all of that begins with our Spring Training.

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having another Grace Family Foundations Class, for anyone with questions about who we are and what we believe. On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>, directly following our Service, we are going to have a special Leadership Training to continue to improve our already wonderful Children's Ministry. And starting Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are going to begin a new Sermon Series from 1 Timothy chapter 4 entitled "Spring Training: 12 Essential Spiritual Disciplines".

It is my prayer that God will use our month of Spring Training to build on our recent focus on the essence of True Worship to prepare us for another exciting and God-honoring year. So, please join us all this month, as both our veterans and our wide-eyed rookies of the faith prepare ourselves for another season of hope!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mar 10**

Daylight Saving Time Begins

**Mar 16**

Grace Family Foundations Class

**Mar 24**

Children's Ministry Training Meeting

**Mar 31**

Children's Choir Easter Practice Begins

**Apr 14**

Palm Sunday  
Easter Egg Hunt

**Apr 21**

Easter Sunday

# STUDENT CORNER

Hello, March! This month is a special month for me. Pat and I were married in March, as were my Mom and Dad. Pat's birthday is in March. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> granddaughter was born in March. Flowers start popping up this month. So, what a great month to celebrate life.

As believers, we are called to serve the church in collaboration with clergy. We are so very fortunate to have such a grounded spiritual leader as our Pastor. Thank you Mark, for all you do. Your insight and guidance are a blessing to us all.

On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Leadership training in the Fellowship Hall, directly after our Sunday Worship Service. Lunch will be provided. We will discuss the dynamics of a healthy team and how to build on that. This will energize us and help to develop us, for not only children's ministry, but any ministry that we are involved with. Teamwork aligns the gifts of many for the good of all. Please prayerfully consider attending, as members and non-members alike, to help fulfill the church's calling to building the Kingdom of God.

*Blessings, Nandrea*  
Director of Student Ministries

## *Prayer Deacons*

Mar 03 – Pat Groves  
Mar 10 – Dale Hollandsworth  
Mar 17 – Chuck Buchanan  
Mar 24 – David Byrd  
Mar 31 – Dick East

## *Fellowship Meals*

Mar 06 – Prepared  
Mar 13 – Potluck  
Mar 20 – Prepared  
Mar 27 – Prepared

## *Awana Theme Nights*

Mar 06 – Goofy Necktie Night  
Mar 13 – Bible Character Night  
Mar 20 – Wacky Tacky Night  
Mar 27 – Layered Night

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mar 03 – Casey Elkins & Susan Holt, (Candi Hylton)  
Mar 10 – Teresa Heironimus & Nicole Montgomery, (Jane Hall)  
Mar 17 – Dawn Gregory & Amy Shelor, (Nancy Howell)  
Mar 24 – Wendy Buchanan & Sandra Carson, (Rusty Smith)  
Mar 31 – Erin Carroll & Marcia Jones, (Maura Elkins)

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mar 03 – Peyton Elkins & Mandy Worley  
Mar 10 – Diane Ross & Jane Bryant  
Mar 17 – Margaret Carlson & Annetta Lind  
Mar 24 – Paula Reynolds & Brenda Vaughn  
Mar 31 – Ashlee Logan & Sandee Davis

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Be sure to visit our website:  
hisgraceforyou.org to stay up-to-date  
on the latest announcements and  
updates!*

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money in our Baby Bottle Boomerang for the Pregnancy Care Center of MHC! Please continue to keep the Pregnancy Care Center and all of the families they minister to in your prayers.

We will be having another Grace Family Foundations class on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm! If you are interested in becoming a member of GBC, or if you would just like to learn more about our church and what we believe, please contact Pastor Mark at your earliest convenience to reserve your spot. Lunch will be provided, but childcare will not.

We invite Mothers of Preschoolers (and other ages, as well) to join us for Grace Baptist MOPS, an inclusive group of authentic women who offer friendships, advice, and a place to fellowship. The MOPS meet here at Grace Baptist Church, every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10am, to encourage and equip one another in the love of Jesus Christ. Childcare is provided, and every meeting ends with a delicious lunch!

Mark your calendars! We will be hosting a Children's Ministry Training Session for everyone involved in the Grace Children's and Student Ministries. Our meeting will be on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall, directly after the Worship Service. Lunch will be provided. Please be sure to join us, as we equip each other to minister to and support the next generation. Contact Nandrea Groves, if you have any questions.

The Children's Choir (Ages 3 – 13) will soon be preparing to sing during the Worship Service on Easter Sunday. We will have practices on Sundays, March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, and on April 14<sup>th</sup>, directly after the Egg Hunt.

Wednesday Nights at GBC are full of fun, fellowship, Bible studies, and discipleship opportunities for the whole family. The evening begins at Grace with a Fellowship Meal at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. AWANA Clubs begin at 6:00pm for kids aged 2 through high school students. At 6:15pm we have an Adult Bible Study reading Greg Gilbert's "What is the Gospel" together, the AWANA Mamas Women's Group, and the Isaiah's Bells. The Voices of Grace Choir rehearses together in the sanctuary at 7:40pm.

New books and movies are being added to our church library all the time! Please be sure to check out our wide selection of Christian materials in our two library rooms upstairs across from the Youth room. There is a sheet on the Library table for you to check materials in and out.





