

THE LOVEGRAM

GRACESPRING'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Coming Up

Joint Communion Service, Monday, Nov. 2

Gracespring Family,

In these politically tense times, we do well to remember what Paul tells us in Philippians 1:27 about what it means to be Christian citizens — as citizens of both the heavenly city of God and an earthly politic.

“Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ”—Philippians 1:27a (NLT)

Having dual citizenship means that “above all,” wherever we live, believers are to live the lives of people whose ultimate citizenship is in heaven. It is our first loyalty and our final hope. Second, far from excusing us from being responsible earthly citizens, we are called to own our responsibility to live admirably in the earthly city.

“Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper,” Jeremiah tells God’s people in Jer. 29:7.

Good Christian citizenship is more than sitting back and waiting for heavenly rescue. It is more than voting right — though we should prayerfully seek to do that. It is even more than living virtuously and contributing. Jeremiah says good citizenship starts with much prayer. In a season where we feel the need for God’s guidance in being good citizens, at a time we may be divided by differing political opinions, we do well to seek the presence of God. With these things in mind, our congregation will join with several others at 5pm on Monday, November 2, to pray and to celebrate communion — the mark and resource of our higher citizenship in God’s Kingdom. We will meet for this 25-minute service on the grounds of First Nazarene Church, 1280 27th Avenue. Join us as we celebrate the One who still brings the heavenly city and the hope it brings into our earthly endeavors.



Time Change Sunday...

is November 1. Remember to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Thanks & Pie, November 22



A long-standing tradition within the life of GraceSpring is that of gathering together each November to give thanks to God through song, sharing, giving, prayer and enjoying pie. While we are still unsure of what, if any, food component will be included this year, we do plan to host this annual time together on Sunday evening, November 22. Make plans to join us in the sanctuary at 6:30pm as we give thanks for all the Lord has done this year.

Premiering Dec. 24: The GraceSpring Youth Original Christmas Movie!



The kids and youth of GraceSpring are currently working hard to make an original movie that will feature their own gifts and talents, and ultimately point to the reason why we celebrate Christmas — Jesus.

Mark your calendars for 6:30pm December 24, when the premiere of this film will take place “under the stars” on a large outdoor movie screen in the south parking lot at GraceSpring. Bring your own camping chair, or find a seat when you arrive, either way we’d love for you to join this celebration of the birth of Christ. Unable to join in person? The movie will simultaneously be released online for viewing at Gracespring.com, and will remain available for viewing after the event.

Can you help?

Please let Ali Turner (ali@gracespring.com) or the church office know if you are available to help with any of the following:

- Matching kids to costumes (Tues. evening in Nov.)
- Hanging lights in trees (prior to Dec. 24)
- Making Coffee/Hot Chocolate (Dec. 24)
- Setting up refreshments (Dec. 24)
- Passing out glow-sticks (Dec. 24)
- Setting up chairs (Dec. 24)
- Take-down/Clean-up (Dec. 24)



Fired Up Men's Simulcast

Nov. 7, 9am-noon All GraceSpring men are invited to this special event designed to engage issues such as identity, relationships and purpose related to being a Man of God.

Mission Trip

After being postponed earlier this year, we have rescheduled the dates for our mission trip to Puerto Rico. Currently we plan to take a team to help **Youth for Christ—PR** from March 20-26, 2021. We have a few open spots for this trip. If you're interested in being part of this trip, or would like more info, please email brian@gracespring.com by November 20.

Baby Dedication



Hope Magdalena Shappie was dedicated Sunday, Oct. 18.



Kids in Shelby Durden's K-2 Sunday School class get into the spirit, as they learn about the armor of God.

Operation Christmas Child

This year, we are partnering with Samaritan's Purse and packing Operation Christmas Child boxes. Boxes and information will be available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, November 1. Boxes will need to be returned the week of November 16. If you have any questions, please email kevin@gracespring.com.



Several GraceSpring enjoyed Aspire, A Women's Event, at Pathway Church recently.

November Birthdays

Benjamin Flores	November 1
Dorie Conover	November 2
Elsie Bragg	November 4
Erica Maselbas	November 4
Brian Flores	November 5
Jacob Jones	November 9
Daniel Boling	November 9
Forrest Gaines	November 9
Lucy Threlkeld	November 9
Ethan Strickland	November 12
Kate Salvatore	November 14
Brian Lites	November 15
Aiden Mackey	November 16
Jonas Fisher	November 18
Chris Mackey	November 19
Stacy Prescott	November 19
Diane Strickland	November 20
Brooke Lindgren	November 20
Mike Rose	November 21
Carolynn Games	November 26
Louis Chery	November 27
Paige Carson	November 29
Anthony Ledford	November 30
Sara Buchko	December 4
Drew Lindgren	December 4
Cricket Lindgren	December 6
George Wadsworth Sr.	December 6

Free metal folding chairs

The church is clearing out our collection of old metal chairs. Please let the church office know if you're interested in providing a home for any of these chairs.