

September 20, 2020

# WELCOME TO *Grace Baptist Fellowship*



## *When Change is Good*

*1 Thessalonians 1:6-10*

***<sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.***

### ***1 Thessalonians 1:6-10***

1. When people move from directing to following.
2. When people move from resisting to welcoming.
3. When people move from lost to leading.
4. When people move from old idols to new serving.
5. When people move from now-absorbed to future focusing.

## WORSHIP SERVICE.....

### Songs of Worship

Jesus Paid it All

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Behold Our God

Good Good Father

The Heart of Worship

Teaching Focus, Delaine Bailey

**The Future Matters Now**

When Change is Good

1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

## THIS WEEK.....

### Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Board Prayer

### Wednesday

6:45 p.m. Awana at Home

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

## GRACE NEWS.....

September Birthday and Anniversary Calendar is on the next page for you to send congratulations or best wishes to our friends who are celebrating this month.

The Daily Bread Devotional for September, October and November is available. Call or email the church office if you need a copy sent to you.

Free Books at the Information Center! *Successful Christian Parenting* by John MacArthur and *The Disruptive Messiah* by Ken Ruggles. Call the office for a copy.

## SMALL GROUPS.....

Small Groups are starting up again and they are a great way to maintain connections with your fellow believers. Covid 19 has changed the way we meet and interact and a small group can encourage us and help us to keep a positive focus in uncertain times. **Please take note of the insert in today's bulletin and consider being a part of a group.**

## WOMEN OF GRACE.....

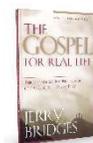
Ladies Bible Study Sign-Ups will be September 20 and 27! Our study this fall is by Jen Wilkins entitled "Better – A Study of Hebrews". It will begin on Wednesday, September 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m.. The cost of the book is \$20. Childcare is provided for preschool age and under on



Thursday morning only. Call the office to register or sign up on the website. Any questions? Please contact Rosanne Broersma.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY.....

Fall 2020 Men's Bible Study will be based on the book "The Gospel for Real Life" by Jerry Bridges. It explores many of the amazing things God has done for us in our salvation and the great assurances we have before Him because of Christ. The truths are simply transforming. The study will begin Wednesday evening, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday morning, September 24, at 6:30 a.m. Both meet at the church. The book can be purchased on Amazon or I can help you get one. Please indicate which Bible study you will attend through the website or by contacting Pastor Bill.



## GIVING.....

During this time, you may continue to give your tithe for the ministry at Grace in these ways. Call the office with questions.

- Safe and secure on our website at [www.gracebaptistlynden.com](http://www.gracebaptistlynden.com). Click on the "Give" tab on the top of the homepage and follow the instructions.
- Mail your check to 338 North Park Street, Lynden WA 98264

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.....

### ADULTS

**Parenting and Prayer**  
Pastor Bill Cummins  
E- 114

**Encouragement for Young Marriages**  
Pastor Delaine Bailey  
Married 6 years or less  
Library

**A Place Called Heaven and  
Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven**  
Paul Kohrs  
Fellowship Hall

### YOUNG ADULTS

College, High School, Junior High  
Students

Sunday Life  
2nd Floor Education Wing

### CHILDREN

Kindergarten - Grade 6 Students  
Grace Place Sunday School  
Downstairs Under the Fellowship Hall

## CHURCH WEBSITE.....

To View the Service Online, click on the "Watch Live" button on the home page at [www.gracebaptistlynden.com](http://www.gracebaptistlynden.com). The "live" service will be at 9:00 a.m., but you may view it throughout the week if you miss the "live" viewing on Sunday.

To View Past Sermons, click on "Sermons (Video)" under the Resources tab.

Submit Prayer Requests privately on our website's homepage. Simply fill in the boxes and click submit. The Pastors and Board are praying for you.

## CONTACT US.....

**Stay In Touch!** You may continue to email or call us. The office is back to normal hours.

Church Email: [office@gbf-online.org](mailto:office@gbf-online.org)  
Church Phone: 360-354-4321

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## MINISTRY CONTACTS.....

### PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor ..... Delaine Bailey  
Adult Ministries ..... Bill Cummins  
Student Ministries ..... Brian Stuart

### MINISTRY DIRECTORS

Jess Alsum ..... Technology  
Patti Assink ..... Nursery  
Will Hicks ..... Worship  
Heidi Slagle ..... Choral

### ELDERS

Keith Gilmore  
Paul Kohrs  
Andrew Bright  
Todd Robinson

### DEACONS

Andy Eshuis  
Gary Hall  
Geoff Broersma  
Ron Visser

### OFFICE STAFF

Priscilla Bode ..... Office Manager  
Jaylene Berg ..... Secretary  
Julie McLachlan ..... Secretary



# let's celebrate!

## SEPTEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS.....

Roscoe Perry – September 3  
Judi MacPhee – September 4  
Daniel Robison – September 4  
Wendy Visser – September 6  
Jerry Heller – September 7  
Oren Hauge – September 8  
Anthony Morgan – September 8  
Kendra Berg – September 9  
Cindy Alsum – September 10  
Mike Bos – September 10  
Sandra Hayward – September 10  
David Beyerlein – September 11  
Cheri Holtrop – September 12  
Karl Bode – September 13  
Lois Heppner - September 13  
Jessica York – September 14  
Charlotte Bogaard – September 15  
Liz Doucet – September 15  
Lynn Partlow – September 17  
Cassidy Smith – September 17  
Haley Ponnech – September 18  
Sandra Schoenherr – September 18  
Abigail Bargaen - September 19  
Nathan Robinson - September 19  
Joan Wright – September 19  
Gary Bergman – September 20  
George DeJong – September 20  
Martin O'Donnell – September 21

Ann Penner – September 21  
Kasen Eshuis - September 22  
Rachel O'Donnell - September 23  
Jacob Bargaen - September 24  
Mary Davies – September 24  
Chelsea Alsum – September 25  
Delaine Bailey – September 25  
Dave Brown – September 26  
Elisa Claassen – September 26  
Milynee James – September 26  
MaryJane Haak - September 28  
Addisen Stuart - September 28  
Randy Doucet – September 29  
Emilee King - September 30  
John Wright – September 30

## SEPTEMBER

### ANNIVERSARIES .....

Terry and Karen Inkster – September 3  
Andy and Kara Eshuis – September 4  
John and Heidi Slagle – September 4  
Todd and Stacie Robinson – September 14  
Don and Brenda Weeda – September 14  
Dave and Linda Dunkin – September 20  
Andrew and Karla Bright – September 24  
Dan and Vonnie Fitzgerald – September 24  
Kris and Cassidy Smith – September 24

## SMALL GROUP SURVEY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred contact method:

Phone/Text \_\_\_\_\_ or

Email \_\_\_\_\_

1) Are you now, or have you ever been a part of a small group Bible Study/Care Group?

If yes, what were the dates of your participation? \_\_\_\_\_

If you left the group, if you're comfortable, share why?

2) If you are currently not in a small group, would you consider joining one?

3) What nights of the week fit your schedule the best?

4) Would you be willing to host a group in your home if the night would fit in your schedule?

5) Please indicate if you would be willing to lead a group!

Small groups are even more important in this time of Covid 19. Maintaining connections with other believers will help us keep a positive focus until things begin to return to normal. Groups would typically involve 8-10 people. Both couples and singles are welcome!

## **Fall Ministry Opening Sunday, October 4**

Our desire is to fulfill the various commands to minister to our entire congregation and do it in a way that reassures everyone that their safety is being cared for. With more people involved in ministry and in closer proximity to one another, we will be implementing the following safeguards during Phase 2 restrictions in our county. Here are some things you can expect.

### **Self-Checking**

We ask that everyone who feels ill, has a temperature over 100.4 or has recently been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 to stay home.

### **Social Distancing**

We will continue to do our best to allow for reasonable space in our contact with each other.

### **Mask Wearing**

Masks are recommended, especially when social distancing can't be achieved, but are not required.

### **Community Handling of Items**

If we offer food or coffee, they will be passed out in individual servings so that nothing will be touched by the community, much like our church picnic.

### **Children's Ministries Check-in**

The children will have a two-step check-in process: a temperature check and the parents will be asked two wellness questions. We will ask that parents bring their kids to the check-in.

### **Cleaning**

We will regularly clean high traffic surfaces.

## A Call to Pray for Our Country

Franklin Graham has called our Nation to a Day of Prayer,  
September 26, 2020.

*“If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked way; then will I hear from heaven and heal their land.”*

*II Chronicles 7:14*

In a proclamation dated March 30, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln called for a National Day of Prayer and Humiliation. Here is the heart of that message.

*“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been persevered these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.*

*Intoxicated with success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us.*

*It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.”*

This is the kind of message we need for today. Let us join in prayer for our land.

