

May

newsletter

WAVE 3 BRICK FUNDRAISER

Wave 3 is as much about the future of our church and reaching our community as it is about the goodness and faithfulness of the God who has brought us so far. We have so much to celebrate! Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a brick to be incorporated into our project. Bricks may be purchased for \$70 each and can include up to 3 lines of text with 20 spaces per line.

To purchase a brick(s) visit:

<https://polarengraving.com/GraceCommunityChurchofSealBeach>

SENIOR PASTOR INSTALLATION

Join us on Sunday, May 7 for Pastor Bob's Installation Service as Senior Pastor. It will be held during the morning services. We then invite you to join us in the Surfside Chapel for a luncheon to celebrate our new Senior Pastor.

Contact the church office for more information at 562.596.1605

CHURCH EVENTS

Sr. Pastor Installation
May 7

All-Church Picnic
June 4

Vacation Bible School
July 10-14

Beach Day
August 19

Ocean Baptism
August 27

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday,
June 4 from Noon to
4:00pm at Rossmoor
Park, 3232 Hedwig
Rd., Rossmoor.
(Corner of Kerth Dr. &
Baskerville Rd.)

From Noon until
2:00pm, the church
will be serving tacos,
quesadillas, fruit,
dessert and water.

To cover the cost of
food we suggest
donations of:

- \$7.00 per adult
- \$4 per child under
10 years old

During the afternoon
in the park we will
enjoy an afternoon of
fellowship and games
- volleyball, kickball or
wiffleball, 9 square
volleyball, water

balloon toss, sack
races, 3-legged races.
And don forget to
bring your Frisbees.

What do you need to
bring?

- Blankets
- Chairs
- Any other food or
drink that you may
need or want

For more information
please contact the
church office at
562.596.1605.

*In the same way,
let your light
shine before
others, so that
they may see
your good works
and give glory to
your Father who
is in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

SATURDAY RETREAT

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DECISION-MAKING & THE WILL OF GOD

9AM-4PM SAT. MAY 27TH

Grace Seal Beach - Coral Room

Join us as we discover new ways to listen for God's
direction in our daily lives, to hear His voice more
clearly, and to follow His call with courage

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Everyone and Welcome to May, The big news here at Grace is the remodel of course. I hope you are watching how fast the changes are taking place. Sometimes on a daily basis! I am amazed every day when I come to the office to see what is being worked on. Transitions are happening here at Grace every day and I hope you will be patient with the amount of time it will take.

- Wave 3 and all it entails is impacting the way you enter and exit the building for Sunday services.
- Pastor Steve Williams is retiring and Pastor Bob Wriedt will be taking over as the Senior Pastor.
- Our Children's Ministry Director has moved on, Cindy Van Beek, and this program will be in need of many hands and hearts to keep the children learning about Jesus. Please consider helping with this very important ministry to our future church.
- The search is still on for a Junior High Director please keep this lifted up in prayer.
- Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and Many hands will be needed to make this program succeed.

Please pray for our church family and dealing with all these changes. Have a wonderful month and I pray you will be filled with joyful anticipation for the fantastic things the Lord has for Grace!

See You Around Grace!!!!
Mille Grazie & Ciao,
Elena Grana

RUN SEAL BEACH 5K/10K



We had a great team of runners/walkers brave the cloudy and misty skies for the annual Run Seal Beach on April 8th! The cloudy skies soon turned sunny as we headed out to complete distances of 5 or 10 kilometers. Afterward, we gathered at the Grace Seal Beach table to exchange stories of our individual achievements and adventures.

Our table team handed out water bottles and granola bars to the community of race finishers. If you missed being part of our team, plan to join us next spring for Seal Beach's yearly event.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Impressions

We will soon conclude another fun-filled year where the children, ages 2 to 5, have been learning how they can "Grow up for God". They have heard Bible stories that teach the importance of kindness, joyfulness, forgiveness, thankfulness, trust, sharing, being healthy, loving others, helpfulness, being a good friend, obeying and listening. They have enjoyed related Bible games and crafts each week. Occasional field trips are offered; the most recent one being to Chick-fil-A. The children not only received a personally guided tour to



get a behind-the-scenes look at how the food is prepared, they had the opportunity to stand (briefly) in

a big walk-in refrigerator, enjoy an ice cream cone, and got to play together in the enclosed

play area! This month, we'll soon be off to the Nature Center in Eldorado Park.

We currently have nine participating children as well as four younger siblings that are under the age of two. The childcare team, including a number of women serving as back-ups this year, has been so reliable and faithful! Our moms have deepened their relationships as they have encouraged one another each week through the ups and downs of life. We have been challenged by the ideas presented in the book we have considered this year; *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. We recently held a Mother's Forum where Kristin Stout came and spoke on the topic of maintaining open communication with your children as they grow up.

Lights of Love

Our group of participants in this year's Lights of Love program have been ministered to by knowing that a special 'someone' has been praying for and encouraging them throughout the last eight months with notes as well as occasional thoughtful gifts. The 'revealing' get-together will take place later this month...be sure to watch for details! We'll be taking a break over the summer, but plan to start up again in the fall. If you haven't participated before, or even if you have, consider joining in the fun next time!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Many of us have struggles in our faith walk – experiencing highs and lows. How can we support each other as brothers in Christ when we see a buddy going through one of those "low" seasons? Glenn Koons – retired pastor and education is going to share with us the challenges in his faith walk. Glenn's personal story is compelling and impactful. He has the gift of teaching and all of us will certainly learn from him.

Come join us on **Saturday, May 6** at Malarkey's Grill in Long Beach at 8:30am as we explore the warnings and challenges of our faith walk. Looking forward to seeing you there for fellowship, coffee, and great breakfast on the bay. Please call Scott Batstone (562.431.4042) if you plan to attend so the restraint can plan accordingly or contact Bob Wissmann (562.889.2728) if there are any questions.