

*Amazing Grace Christian Church  
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*February 2018, Newsletter*

*Romans 5:8<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Friends, Ash Wednesday is early this year, falling on Valentine's day February 14<sup>th</sup>. It is ironic celebrating the day of love and repentance together, but I believe it is appropriate in light of the aforementioned scripture. On Ash Wednesday, we remember Christ's great sacrifice on the cross for our sins that was born out of His love for us. In response to such great love we repent. We change our thinking and actions to conform to the Jesus lifestyle through the power of the Holy Spirit. Traditionally, the forty days before Easter is a time of repentance and it is called the season of Lent in the church year. (Lent simply means springtime.) This Ash Wednesday we will have a prayer vigil from 5:30am to 5:30pm which you can sign up for. Following the prayer vigil, we will have a bilingual service and participate in the Way of the Cross. We will not have our community meal on Ash Wednesday. This a wonderful Spirit filled time of worship which helps us to prepare for Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please join us and take time daily for Bible reading, prayer, and repentance. Repentance is not just a one time happening but a daily exercise as we grow daily in our relationship with Jesus. Please make time to reflect on Jesus' great love and sacrifice for us this Valentine's day/ Ash Wednesday.

Love & Peace,

Pastor Rick



*Febrero 2018*

*Noticias*

*Romanos 5: 8 Pero Dios demuestra su amor por nosotros en esto:  
Mientras todavía éramos pecadores, Cristo murió por nosotros.*

**Amigos, el Miércoles de Ceniza es temprano este año, cayendo en el día de San Valentín el 14 de febrero. Es irónico celebrar juntos el día del amor y el arrepentimiento, pero creo que es apropiado a la luz de la escritura antes mencionada. El Miércoles de Ceniza, recordamos el gran sacrificio de Cristo en la cruz por nuestros pecados que nació de su amor por nosotros. En respuesta a tan gran amor, nos arrepentimos. Cambiamos nuestro pensamiento y nuestras acciones para conformarnos con el estilo de vida de Jesús a través del poder del Espíritu Santo. Tradicionalmente, los cuarenta días antes de la Pascua es un tiempo de arrepentimiento y se llama la temporada de la Cuaresma en el año de la iglesia. (La Cuaresma simplemente significa la primavera). Este miércoles de ceniza tendremos una vigilia de oración de 5:30 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. para la cual puede inscribirse. Después de la vigilia de oración, tendremos un servicio bilingüe y participaremos en el Vía Crucis. No tendremos nuestra comida comunitaria el Miércoles de Ceniza. Este es un maravilloso tiempo de adoración lleno de Espíritu que nos ayuda a prepararnos para la resurrección de Jesús en el Domingo de Pascua. Por favor, únase a nosotros y tómese un tiempo todos los días para la lectura de la Biblia, la oración y el arrepentimiento. El arrepentimiento no es solo una vez sino un ejercicio diario a medida que crecemos diariamente en nuestra relación con Jesús. Por favor, hagan tiempo para reflexionar sobre el gran amor y sacrificio de Jesús por nosotros este día de San Valentín / Miércoles de Ceniza.**

**Ama la paz,**

**Pastor Rick**

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## BUBBA'S BREAKFAST

### BREAKFAST



Monthly Men's breakfast!  
First Saturday of the month @ 8am.

## PRAYER MEETINGS



Every Monday at 4pm  
are together in Jesus' name, there he is...  
Join us in our prayer meeting and feel  
the presence of the Lord!

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY



Join us every Tuesday at 7:00 PM  
Bring your sorrows!!! Bring Your pain!!!  
Bring your shame!!!

## CARE CENTER MINISTRY



Sunday at 1:30pm  
Pacifica Care Center  
Service by Shannon Owsley  
and Cathy Gardner

### Jail Ministry:

Pastor Rick Bezanson  
Cecelia Stevenson  
Greg Erdmann

Pastor Perry Kopatz  
Sandi Strom  
Mary Wong

Pastor Robyn Bezanson  
Bill Thompson

## ODDS & ENDS

## TIME WITH PASTORS

## WOMEN'S



Second Saturday of the month.  
8:30 am to 10:30 am.

## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



Community Meal

Take a break from cooking and  
at the church, for a free meal,  
from 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm .

## YOUTH GROUP



Youth group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday at 10:30 AM

## JAIL MINISTRY



Monday	6 PM Tents
Wednesday	5PM Towers
Thursday	5 PM Estrella
	7 PM Estrella/Tents
Friday	6 PM Lower Buckeye SP.
Saturday	11:00 AM Women Estrella
	2:00 PM Women Estrella SP.
	2:00 PM Men Durango
	3:30PM Men Durango SP.

Sundays are very busy and several people come up to pastors to talk. Please do not ask for an appointment with them on a Sunday morning (they don't have their calendars with them). Instead, call their cell phone on Monday. Also, please choose another day to register your complaints about anything and let our pastors focus on their message and prayer.



#### MARRIAGE MATTERS

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT MARRIAGE!**

Friends, Pastor Perry and I have considered the financial situation of many in our congregation, and felt moved to pay for marriage licenses for those who can't afford them. We are also offering to do a WEDDING BEFORE –THE –WEDDING. This consists of a private ceremony with the pastors (and a marriage license) before you have your large church wedding. Your pastors believe in the sanctity of marriage and encourage you to follow God's way pertaining to marriage and family. If you have any question, please, contact one of us.

#### **IMPORTANTE MENSAJE SOBRE EL MATRIMONIO!**

Amigos, el Pastor Perry y yo hemos considerado la situación financier de muchos de los miembros de nuestra congregacion y nos sentimos movidos a pagar por las licencias de matrimonio para apuellos que no puede pagar. Tambien estamos ofreciendo hacer una BODA-ANTES- DE- LA – BODA.

Esta consite en una ceremonia privada con los pastores (y una licencia de matrimonio) antes que ustedes tengan la gran boda religiosa. Sus pastores creen en la santidad del matrimonio y los animan a seguir los caminos de Dios, con lo que concierne al matrimonio y familia. Si tienen alguna preguntata, no duden en contactarnos.

#### **SUGGESTION BOX**

Please, feel free to share ideas, volunteer your time or talents, get a call back from one of our council members. The box is located in the sanctuary on the back table.

#### **COMMUNION**

**Would you like to donate wine/juice for communion? We use white grape juice (any brand) and Mogan David or Manishevitz concord wine. One bottle of each usually lasts for a month. If you would like to donate either, or both, please sign up on the chart on the bulletin board. The Altar Guild thanks you!**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**If you have something you want put in the newsletter, or have an idea for an article or the Inspiration Corner, email us at [agchurch7310@yahoo.com](mailto:agchurch7310@yahoo.com)**

### **FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS**

**We are currently enrolled in the Fry's Community Rewards Program. Every year Fry's Foods donates money to several non-profit organizations. In order to further our efforts, please register your Fry's VIP card and use it every time you shop. A portion of your purchase is donated to Amazing Grace. Please encourage friends and family to register their VIP card as well (you can register with your alternate ID). The registration process is very fast and easy, please follow the steps below, our organization code is 71900. If you don't have a computer or access to internet, Robert and I will assist with the registration. God bless you all!!!**



**Actualmente estamos inscritos en el Programa de Recompensas Comunitarias de Fry. Cada año Fry's Foods dona dinero a varias organizaciones sin fines de lucro. Con el fin de continuar nuestros esfuerzos, por favor, registrar la tarjeta VIP de Fry y usarla cada vez que haga compras. Una parte de su compra es donada a Amazing Grace. Por favor anime a sus amigos y familiares a registrar su tarjeta VIP también (puede registrarse con su ID alternativa). El proceso de registro es muy rápido y fácil, por favor siga los pasos a continuación, nuestro código de organización es 71900. Si no tiene una computadora o acceso a Internet, Robert y yo le ayudaremos con el registro.  
¡¡¡ Dios los bendiga a todos!!!**



NAME	DATE
Leslie De Los Santos	2/04
Perry Kopatz	2/05
Stephanie Delgadillo	2/05
Liliana Avitia	2/08
Adriana Murillo Cano	2/09
Ulises Ruiz Perez	2/12
Gabino Reyes	2/19
Ricky Bezanson	2/20

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Wanted: Photos taken at Amazing Grace or of Amazing Grace group events from Fall 2017 to Spring 2018. We will be needing photos for a 2018 Spring "Sacred Music Video". Please send photos to: [photos@grace-happens.org](mailto:photos@grace-happens.org) Darol Olson

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