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What is the single most descriptive, accurate word (but not a name) that best describes Christianity?

GRACE!

From the Pastor



“Sola Gratia!” is what the great reformers of the 16th Century, would say. Yet is grace what people think about when they think of churches?

Often people who don’t go to church associate churches with words like judgmental, hypocrite, holier-than-thou’s, or close minded. They use words like morality, not grace.

Yet it is exactly these “outsiders” of religion that flocked to Jesus 2000 years ago!

Why?

Jesus emanated Grace!

My experience at Westview has been drenched in grace. You are a very gracious family. However, as I have been studying grace this summer I am realizing how little I have let grace impact my own life, how bereft of grace church cultures can often be, and how desperate the world is in need of grace!

Grace can change our lives and indeed the world.

Bono, the lead singer of U2 (one of the most popular bands of the last 20 years) was so moved by grace he wrote a song about it. In an interview he talked about how Karma means you get what you deserve (good if you are good, bad if you are bad), but what struck him about grace was that there is forgiveness—there is room for a second chance.

Here’s Bono’s words (I underlined some great words):

Grace

She takes the blame

She covers the shame

Removes the stain

It could be her name

Grace

It’s a name for a girl

It’s also a thought that changed the world

And when she walks on the street

You can hear the strings

Grace finds goodness in everything

Grace, she’s got the walk

Not on a ramp or on chalk

She’s got the time to talk

She travels outside of karma

She travels outside of karma

When she goes to work

You can hear her strings

Grace finds beauty in everything

Grace, she carries a world on her hips

No champagne flute for her lips

No twirls or skips between her fingertips

She carries a pearl in perfect condition

What once was hurt

What once was friction

What left a mark

No longer stings

Because grace makes beauty

Out of ugly things

Grace makes beauty out of ugly things

I want to strongly encourage all of you to pick up a copy of *Grace Immersion* and read the short devotions daily—they will change your life. I also want to encourage you to come to **Wednesday Bible Study** beginning **Sept 14th** as we let grace further penetrate our lives. I look forward to studying and preaching Grace this fall. I pray God’s love and Grace will wash over us and make us new!

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always,
Pastor Dan

Youth/Children's



Ministry

We hired a new youth leader, Eric Routley, (Sarah Davies got two new jobs and had to resign. Blessings to you Sarah!) Eric loves kids/youth and loves God. He is a carpenter and was the adventure staff instructor on the ropes course at Mount Hermon. He led a basketball/bible study at Twin Lakes church for several years. He has been married for a year now to Christie, who is a respite provider for families with children with disabilities. Introduce yourself to him and make him feel at home...as you always do. Eric will be teaching our children/youth twice monthly. Come explore your faith and enjoy!

Welcome our New Youth Leader!

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Members of Westview pray for their New Youth Leader

Nisene Marks Hiking Adventure



On August 20th the Youth went to Nisene Marks State Park. The group went for a walk **IN** the river under the canopy of the redwoods. They had a great time and some (Angel and Joseph – not to mention names, but we will) even went swimming in the chilly waters! Eric, our new youth leader, came and everyone had a great time getting to know him. We are looking forward to more adventures!

Our Next Adventure - High Ropes Course!

Come and join the Youth/Children's Ministry on their next adventure. This will be a **High Ropes Course Adventure** at **Mount Herman** and is guaranteed to be fun-filled. Date and time to be announced.



Tri-Church Picnic

Once again our church will be participating with El Estero and Lincoln Avenue Churches for a tri-church picnic. The date is set for **October 8th at Toro Park** in Salinas (off of Highway 68) at the Badger

Flats Picnic area. Westview will be responsible for all the meat and will barbecue. Once again we are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share.

If you have any questions call Randy Mano at (831) 809-7938. A sign-up sheet will be at the church so we can get an idea of how many attendees there will be.

Melissa (Eguchi) and Jim Song became the parents of a baby girl, Madison Rei on July 28th. Congratulations to the new Mom and Dad, grandparents Linda and Dennis Eguchi, and great grandparents Reiko and Robert Yamamoto.



It's a Girl!

We will begin a new message series in September entitled "Changed by Grace!"

Sunday Message Series



Little Dresses for Africa Mission Project

One hundred eleven dresses created by WOW members and friends are now on their way to Africa. Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time, sewing talent and donations to make a difference to the lives of young African girls.

We will begin a book study on *Grace Immersion* by Rene Schlaepfer

September 14th and 28th. We will be meeting the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of the month at **6:30**

p.m. You can buy a book in the fellowship hall for \$8 or get it online at Amazon. Com. Try to start the brief daily readings September 7th so that you have completed the first week by our first study.



Book Study Series

...And may your life be Changed by Grace!

Worship Team for September 4, 2011

Pulpit	Cheri Holland
Chair	Diane Mio
Greeter	Jane Yoshida
Usher	Ray Sako, Edna Nagata
Parking Lot	Craig Yuhara
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Diane Hall, Faye Hashitani, Nancy Watson
Counters	Jane Yoshida, Steve Kajihara, Faye Hashitani

Worship Team for September 11, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Joanne Yahiro
Greeter	Reiko Yamamoto
Usher	Dick Wong
Parking Lot	Willie Yahiro
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Wauhillau Erbe, Lynne Nagata, Jane Yoshida
Counters	Diane Mio, Randy Mano

Worship Team for September 18, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	Michelle Aoki
Greeter	Louise Sako
Usher	Craig Yuhara
Parking Lot	Yukio Nagata
Pianist	Lynne Nagata
Refreshments	Joanne Hayashi, Reiko Yamamoto, Irene Yuhara
Counters	Diane Mio, Randy Mano

Worship Team for September 25, 2011

Pulpit	Rev. Dan Hoffman
Chair	David Kadotani
Greeter	Faye Hashitani
Usher	Yukio Nagata
Parking Lot	Steve Kajihara
Pianist	Joanne Hayashi
Refreshments	Michelle Aoki, Jane Sugidono, Joanne Yahiro
Counters	David & Jeanni Kadotani



Please pray for those in our Westview congregation, church family, and for those who are ill or are recovering including: Joanne Yahiro, Lou & Wally Osato, The family of Gladys Kato, Rev. Lee Tyler, The family of Paul Hiura, Ichiro Sugidono, Julie McCoy, The family of Henry Oshida, The family of Mary Matsushita, The family of Kimiko Hiura, Shari Clayton, Gwen Koda and the Koda Family, Bea Shinta, Leslie Hoffman and her father Doug Warner, Hiroko Shikuma, Laura Cass, Karen Hirahara, Shirley Koda, and Toshio Kato.

❧ **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** ❧



In Memory of Gladys Kato

*Mr. & Mrs. Rob Hikido
Min & Marian Niyyama
Willie & Joanne Yahiro
Lynne Nagata*

*Michael & Vivian Laitila
Jeffrey S. and Janet O. Smith
Mary Meifu
Marie Nakamoto*

*Chiyeiko Shikuma
Yukio & Edna Nagata
Diane Mio*

The Tsuyuki Family: Altar Flower Arrangement for August 14, 2011 Worship Service

In Memory of Matt Matsushita

Sophia, Emi, Kyle & Claire Matsushita

In Memory of Paul Hiura

Ichiro Sugidono

In Memory of Betsy Shikuma

Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi

WOW (Women of Westview)

*David & Jeanni Kadotani
Yukio & Edna Nagata
Marlon & Evelyn Veal
Jiro & Jane Sugidono*

*Diane Mio
George & Eiko Stewart
Lester & Michelle Aoki
Dr. Art & Joanne Hayashi*

*Chiyeiko Shikuma
Nancy Watson
Nancy Yamamoto*

Appreciation

Robert & Reiko Yamamoto: In appreciation of Great Granddaughter Madison Song's Birth

Dr. Dennis & Linda Eguchi: In appreciation of Granddaughter Madison Song's Birth



BIRTHDAY

Yukio Nagata

Reiko Yamamoto

Capital Campaign Fund

Diane Mio

Robert & Jane Yoshida

Ichiro Sugidono

Nancy Watson: In Memory of Gladys Kato

Janitorial Fund

Ichiro Sugidono

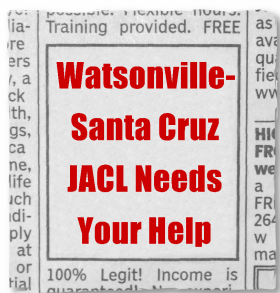
Dr. Masako Miura

General

*Marlon & Evelyn Veal
Bella*

Mr. & Mrs. Mas Hashimoto

Kristopher Church



We have an ambitious plan to document the history of the Japanese and Japanese Americans families of Watsonville-Santa Cruz area. The book's title tentatively is called: ***WATSONVILLE'S NIHONMACHI: THEN AND NOW.***

While the title's focal point may center on Watsonville's *Nihonmachi*, our story must include all of Santa Cruz County and the Pajaro Valley—Aptos, Aromas, Soquel, Pajaro, Capitola, Santa Cruz, Davenport, Scotts Valley, Las Lomas, et al—wherever the pursuit of our people's *American Dream* took them. "Then" refers to the pre-war era while "Now" refers to the post-war era. It will include all those who came to our area after WW II as well.

We are fortunate to have a head start for the early history is well-documented. We can draw upon **Sandy Lydon's** *The Japanese in the Monterey Bay Region: A Brief History*; **Eleanor Johnson's** *The Japanese and Japanese Americans in the Pajaro Valley 1892-1967*; **Kazuko Nakane's** *Nothing Left In My Hands, The Issei of a Rural California Town, 1900-1942*; and **Joanne Resetar's** *Nihon Bunka: Japanese Culture, One Hundred Years in the Pajaro Valley*; and **Westview Presbyterian Church** and the **Watsonville Buddhist Temple** have their history recorded. **Norman Abe** has a detailed map of our *Nihonmachi*. Old directories of the *Nichi Bei Times* and *Hokubei Mainichi* and other publications will prove helpful. The Pajaro Valley Historical Association and Watsonville City Library staff will be asked for assistance.

August and September have been designated as our research months. Those who wish to have their family's story published/recorded need to look at the family photo albums, marriage and legal documents, letters, and other records and then select the significant ones which should be carefully placed in a special envelope or folder. We can scan the ones to be used.

We suggest this **Thanksgiving**, November 24, the family gets together to discuss the family's history. A student member of the family—high school or college—may wish to write it. Parents can start with their own history and work backwards to your Issei immigrant parents or grandparents. Some of your family's best source of information may be relatives, friends, and others. We can help with translation of documents, and we can also scan the photos and documents.

Many Nikkei families struggled before the Great Depression. They struggled while in "camp." They struggled in the post-war, resettlement period. The greatest success story in this country is of the Nikkei community! We believe our local history deserves to be recognized, acknowledged, and honored.

To our amazing good fortune, **James Ong**, a graduate student at UCSC, has enthusiastically agreed to assist us in this endeavor.