

**A place where people gather to experience, celebrate, and share
God's GRAND view of Life and Eternity**

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GRANDVIEW

Connection

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SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE....SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

We have so very much to be thankful for....thankful that we didn't live in the path of hurricanes, Harvey, Irma, and others where thousands are now homelessthankful that we aren't in the path of one of the fires ravaging California....thankful that we were not one of the 3000 people/families who have already lost their home to these fires.....thankful that we have food to eat every day, and a home to go to every night.

As agents of God's love, we have a responsibility to help those affected by natural disasters, as well as those affected by job loss, sickness, lack of job skills that pay enough to provide the basics for themselves and/or their families.

Your church has already sent God's love through a donation of \$3000 to help the Church of God in Texas help those who have lost much because of the natural disaster there. Through our outreach funds, GrandView was able to help a family with gas money to get them to Denver for a critical appointment with a cancer doctor. Also, many of you have contributed lately to the needs of a local couple (Scottie & Tabitha), whose vehicle broke down in our parking lot, as well as helping a woman (Rachel) with a bus pass so she could return home to family in Kansas.

On pages 2 & 3 is a list of Outreach Projects GrandView Church is sponsoring in this 4th quarter. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help with any of the following "gifts of God's love" opportunities:

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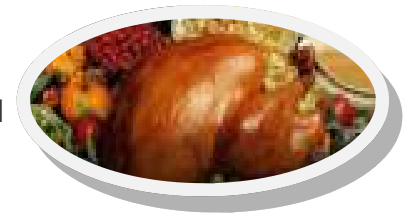


- ◆ **Pastor Keith Herrin**, is pastor at Impact Church of God in Beaumont, TX. Pastor Keith, wife, Angie, and twin two year old boys, Jax & Jace, are staying in an RV due to extensive damage in their house from floods caused by hurricane Harvey.

They did not have flood insurance, and are hoping to be able to count on FEMA money to rebuild their house. They lost just about everything in their home. The twins lost all of their clothes. Pastor Keith and Angie lost clothes as well. Recently Pastor Keith took on another job as the headmaster of Vanguard Classical Christian Academy because one of his sons, Jace, was recently diagnosed with Autism and the therapy is very expensive. Angie works two days a week as a marketing rep for a doctors office.

At this time, clothing is the most immediate need for this family. Beginning this **Sunday, October 15th**, we will be collecting gift cards from *Old Navy, Ross, & Walmart* to send to the Herrin family. You may deposit gift cards, along with cards of caring (optional), in the designated box at the Information Center in the front hallway.

- ◆ **Mercy's Gate's Thanksgiving Meal Box Program** is an opportunity to bless and support struggling individuals and families in our community during the holiday season. This annual event is a cooperative effort with local Partnering Churches, generous supporters, and a team of dedicated volunteers.



The Thanksgiving Program at Mercy's Gate is a special way to meet both a tangible need, but also to plant a seed in the lives of these families and connect them with a local Church.

GrandView will be participating in the **Thanksgiving Meal Box program** this year. Please prayerfully consider sharing from your bounty this Thanksgiving. Beginning **Sunday, October 22nd** we will have baskets displayed in the hallway with a list of specific items that are needed to fill the Thanksgiving boxes. Our church will be purchasing turkeys/hams out of our Community Outreach line, which is funded through a percentage of our tithes/offerings each month. If you would like to help assemble boxes on Thursday, November 16th, 10am at the church or help with hosting our neighbors when they come to pick up their Thanksgiving boxes on Friday, November 17th or Tuesday, November 21st, please sign up at the table by the front door beginning October 22nd. Let's see if we can fill those baskets to overflowing!

- ◆ **Crossfire Christmas Store** is a program of Crossfire Ministries. Crossfire Ministries is a non-profit ministry, helping those in need in our community. The Christmas Store is made available to those families struggling to provide even the basic needs for their family. Items are donated to the Christmas Store, and the families are able to come and shop for Christmas presents for their children. It costs the families nothing. GrandView has committed to providing volunteers on Dec. 13, 14, & 15, for three shifts, 10am-1pm.....1pm-4pm.....4pm-7pm, to help the families do their shopping. Crossfire needs our commitments by **October 31**. Please sign up at the table by the front door and gift back this Christmas.

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- ♦ **Home for the Holidays** As many of us enjoy the warmth and joy of the holiday season surrounded by family and friends, it is hard to imagine that some children may not have a home at Christmas. Families in our community that are already struggling to pay bills and keep food on the table face increased hardship during the winter months. From unexpected time-off to care for sick children, to increased utility bills, to the added expense of winter coats and shoes, many families reach a breaking point as Christmas approaches. Sadly without help, eviction and homelessness may become a holiday reality for some families. At Mercy's Gate they know that with just a little bit of assistance, families can be kept together in their homes.

You can help Mercy's Gate keep families in their Home for the Holidays.

Beginning **Sunday, November 12th** we will have a **"Home for the Holidays"** Christmas tree up in the front hallway, decorated with beautiful ornaments. Each ornament will have a suggested \$ amount attached. Your gift will equip the Mercy's Gate Volunteer Mentors with the vital resources they need to help a family pay overdue rent and utilities, access food assistance, pay for unexpected medical expenses, or receive clothing and transportation vouchers. These services combined are enough to give families a hand up and way out of their crisis and to ensure they remain in their homes at Christmas. Their mentors then work with families to balance budgets and access community resources to ensure they get on the right track to long-term stability and gain valuable life-skills to help them avoid financial crisis in the future. Please prayerfully consider joining Mercy's Gate in this life-affirming effort to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ this holiday season.

Home for the Holidays



- ♦ **2017 Christ's Birthday Offering** This annual *special offering* is sponsored every year by the Christian Women Connection of the Church of God. This year's theme for the Christ's Birthday Offering is "Come, Lord Jesus". Advent is a time of **wonder, watching, and waiting**. We *wonder* at the first coming of Jesus. We *watch* for the ways that heaven has broken through in the here and now. Just as Jesus came long ago, we have been promised He is coming again. We remember the first coming of Jesus. We celebrate His presence among us, and we *watch* and pray for His glorious return. When you give an "undesignated" gift to the Christ's Birthday Offering, you are supporting the coordination and administration of missions here and abroad, the training of our future leaders in Church of God colleges, the continued work of agencies like Servant Solutions, and the creation of curriculum and programming that equips our brothers and sisters in Christ. Your gift builds up the church. **Our Christ's Birthday Offering will be taken on Sunday, December 24th**. Special offering envelopes will be available on December 17th and Dec. 24th for those who may not be with us for Christmas. Christ's Birthday Observance Meditation Journals will be available on Sunday, November 26th at the table by the Information Center.

*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16*



“Dreaming Big With God” - Pastor Greg

I was challenged in a fresh new way recently by our new State Minister for the Church of God in Colorado. It was the second day of our annual meeting that I listened as Steve Rennick challenged us with the scriptures to allow God to change our perspectives. One passage he shared came from the Book of Zechariah, chapter 4, where the prophet speaks the word of the Lord in verse 10, asking the Jews why they were despising the small progress and little accomplishments they had seen in the rebuilding efforts of their home city of Jerusalem, and the resurrection a new temple. They were seemingly more concerned about just how things were looking to outsiders, those opposing nations and peoples who were looking on as they returned from their captivity in Babylon to their home in Jerusalem. The rebuilding of the temple was a slow and tedious process which seemed nearly impossible. The people became obsessed by the criticism and sarcasm of those looking on. They wanted to see greater progress. They longed to see God step in and do something big, but all they were seeing were small accomplishments.

The word of the Lord came through the prophet saying, “Why do you despise these days of small things?” It was as if God was saying, “Who’s the builder, you or Me?” He was reminding them that He is the builder and what He builds might not be in their time table, but what He builds, He builds perfectly.

I was reminded of my impatience with God. I am often conflicted by what seems to be indifference on His part as it pertains to His doing something big within the ministry of our church at GrandView. I catch myself saying, “*Lord, don’t you hear my prayers,.... our prayers?*” “We long to see a great move of Your Spirit in our fellowship.” “Lord, we long to see Your presence move like a mighty river, like a consuming fire that will ignite our hearts and allow us to see You growing Your church in passion and power.”

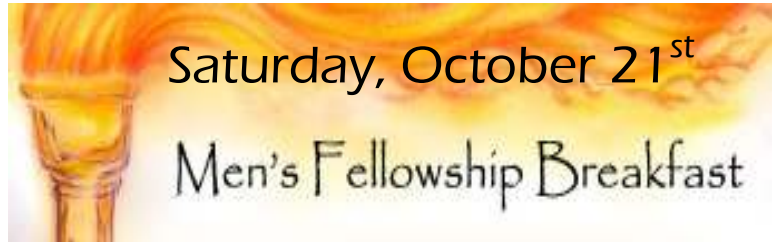
So, in summary here are two things that God has shown me. First I must open my eyes to the fact that the seemingly small things God is doing are eternal things which really makes them HUGE things! There might not be a “spiritual uproar”, a dazzling revival, but God is at work every week in unique and very necessary ways in peoples’ lives. I need to learn how to celebrate those divine encounters much more! Maybe we all do!

Secondly, I was reminded through Steve Rennick’s challenge to learn how to Dream Big again! God has enormous, unimaginable dreams that He is longing for us to connect with! So God’s counsel to me and to each of you at GrandView is to begin celebrating the seemingly small things He is doing, but to also begin praying that He will invite us to come “dream with Him” because He says through the prophet Habakkuk, “*For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.*” (1:5)

Let’s take time to celebrate the little, but eternal things God is doing in our midst and let us ask Him to allow us to begin to Dream Big with Him!

Upcoming Events

Men, we will be meeting at Kneaders Bakery & Café, 13482 Bass Pro Dr. (Northgate) at **8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 21st** for breakfast. Following breakfast, Zach Arns, the cadet Pastor Greg & Gloria sponsor, will be taking us on a tour of the United States Air Force Academy. Please sign up at the table by the front door if you plan to attend. All men of the church are invited to join us!



Join us as we celebrate our Ministry Staff at GrandView Community Church—*Pastor Greg & Gloria, Vickie Hernandez, Children's Director, Sheri Tesar, Worship Pastor, Chris Trickett, Youth Director.* Card baskets will be available for cards of encouragement.

For the potluck: Everyone please bring a

main dish.....**and**....either a salad or vegetable. Dessert will be furnished. The potluck will be immediately following morning worship on Oct. 29th.

The youth of GrandView would like to have a Progressive Dinner on **Sunday, November 19th, 5:00-8:00pm** and they could really use your help. For those of you who do not know what a *Progressive* Dinner is.....The youth would travel to a different home for each of the meal courses: ex. One home would provide the appetizer, one the soup or salad, one the main dish, and another the dessert. Would you be willing to open your home to our youth and provide one of the meal courses? If you would like to help them out, please sign up beginning next Sunday, October 22nd at the "sign up" table by the front door.



Women's Christmas Tea December 2, 2017—10:00 a.m. Theme: Gift of Christmas

For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16

*Please bring a non-perishable food item to put in gift basket for Mercy's Gate
Sign ups begin on November 12th



Child Dedication



Alexander Gutierrez, grandson of Duane and LaVonne Slocum was dedicated recently at GrandView, as was his mom, Robyn (Duane & LaVonne's daughter), many years ago at then, Vista Grande COG.

Women's Retreat 2017



Just some of the 21 ladies who attended this year's Women's Retreat at Quaker Ridge Retreat Center, Woodland Park. Some ladies had to leave early, before this picture was taken.

Awana Moustache Night!



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