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WELCOME TO OUR TEA

I love tea parties, tea pots, and especially tea cups! Don't you women remember as little girls having tea parties with your dolls and little cups and saucers spread out on a pretty blanket? What fond memories!

My favorite part of tea parties, are the beautiful, delicate tea cups. There are all kinds of tea cups designed, molded, and made by a creator. You and I can identify with tea cups. We come in all shapes and sizes, all colors and designs. We are handcrafted by the

Potter. Some of us are plain, some are dainty, some are old, and some are new. There are tall slender tea cups, and round circular ones.

As with teacups, in life we can get chipped and cracked, stained and broken. We can be filled to capacity or be dry and empty. We may have just a few drops of tea left or be overflowing.

The Potter knows what He is doing when He makes a cup. He molds it and pounds it. He pokes it and shapes it. The Master rolls it and spins it until He has the perfect form. He places it in a furnace and exposes it to extreme heat. He pulls it out and paints and glazes it. He puts it in the furnace a second time giving it strength, color, and life so it can shine.

The Potter knows all. He knows life is hard, it hurts, and it's disagreeable, but everything happens to create a finished product.

Now the clay has become a beautiful shiny tea cup, a cup to fulfill the work of the Potter's plan. So when life seems hard and you are being pounded and patted and pushed almost beyond endurance, when your world seems to be spinning out of control, or when you feel like you are in a fiery furnace of trials, try this:

- Brew a cup of your favorite tea in your prettiest teacup, sit down, and have a little talk with your Potter.
- Praise Him for the sweet flavor of His goodness.
- Praise Him for the assurance that you are in the Maker's hands, and that He will complete His precious work in you.

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By Jennie Spearin

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Church Family News

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jacque Jaeger. Jacque stepped into heaven on April 13. We will deeply miss her presence here on earth - she was a mentor and a counselor to many. Jacque has been a part of our church since 1987. Her memorial service was April 23 at our church. If you would like a memorial bulletin which tells about her life, please call or email the church.

Spring Sunday School May

Adults:

Bible Class - Gregg Neitsch is teaching the Gospel of John. Meets in the chapel/library.

"Prayer Time" - come together with other believers to pray. Meets in Pastor John's office.

"Discovering Spiritual Courage" - Orlyn Culp is teaching this class that will help you to take action when your spiritual values are put to the test. It meets in HeBrews.

FOR KIDS:

We offer graded classes for all ages beginning with 2 year olds. We also have an infant nursery for 0-2!

YOUTH:

Youth going into grades 7-12 are divided into two groups for dynamic teaching from the Bible!

BRING your family to Sunday School!

➔ If you are coming from a distance to our special celebration and need housing, please let us know!

Church Finances

As of 3/31/2012

General Offerings: \$71,484
General Budget: \$71,526

Praise God, we are meeting our budget!

Play Ball!

We have a church co-ed softball team this year and will play on the church league! If you would like to sign up for this, please call the church office or see the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Games are each Saturday until June 23, for men and women, Jr. Hi and up.

Listen on the Web!

Check out our
Worship Service at
www.grenadaberean.org

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2529 or email us, thanks.

Women's News

New Bible Study

Philippians
beginning May 1, 10 am
in HeBrews

4 week study taught by
Jennie Spearin
Childcare provided

Upcoming Shower...

May 5, 11:00 am
Baby Shower for Janine
McWilliams in HeBrews. Adam
and Janine are expecting their
baby on June 26.

HELPS FUND NEEDS HELP

Our helps fund exists to assist those in emergency situations. We have opportunity to serve many with these funds and are currently needing more funds to do so. If you feel called to help in this way, please designate "HELPS" with your check to GCBC. Your donations are tax-deductible.

Youth News

Jr. Hi.

Current 6th graders are invited to "preview" Jr. Hi. Youth group on May 2 and then join up for good on June 13!

High School:

Current 8th graders are invited to "preview" High School Youth group on May 20 and then join up for good on June 3!

Every Month Events now and through the Summer—Each month, there will be a special youth gathering event with other youth groups. In May, there will be a "Movie Night" on May 11, 6:30 pm at the 1st So. Baptist Church. Watch for more info!

May 31 7:00 pm **Baccalaureate Service** for our high school seniors. Pray for our graduates!

Other Events

Come Home to the....

**50th Jubilee Anniversary
Homecoming Weekend**
of the Grenada Community
Berean Church

June 9 & 10, 2012

**Saturday, June 9, 7:00 pm
Celebrating FIVE Decades!**

This will be a fun night of music and special appearances to highlight how our church has changed (methods) through 5 decades while remaining true to God's Word!

**Sunday, June 10
Starting the SIXTH Decade!**

Worship Service followed by a tri-tip meal. We will provide the meat - please bring side dishes, salads and desserts to share!



Please pray for our Kamloops Mission Team and financially support them if you can!



VBS

June 11-15

9 am - 12 noon

For kids ages 3 -
grade 6!!

Help needed!



2012 Men's Spring Campout and Retreat May 18-20 at Orr Lake

This will be a semi-primitive campout for men and their sons in a beautiful setting - nice toilets, but little else at the site. Great tent camping, fishing, plinking, riding ATVs, shooting skeet, and even a little relaxation! Wonderful food, and rich times of sharing, devotions, and music around the campfire. There will be a charge of \$20 to offset the cost of the groceries.

The campout lasts Friday evening through mid-day on Sunday. Enjoy some shoulder-to-shoulder "male bonding" with your Christian brothers! The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.



"I lift up my eyes to the hills -- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2

Coming Up Beyond May...

June 3 Current 8th graders join High School Youth Group

June 9 -10 50th Anniversary of our church

June 13 Current 6th graders join Jr. High Youth Group

June 11-15 Vacation Bible School (DATE CHANGE!)

July 1 Church Family Hike (after services)

July 1-14 Short Term Missions Trip to Kamloops, B.C.

July 24-27 Jr. Camp at Indian Scotty

August 31-September 3 Annual All Church Campout at Kidder Creek