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Hindsight is 2020

“Hindsight is 2020”. You’ve heard that statement, right?

I’m sure glad to have 2020 in hindsight! Put in the rear-view mirror! What a year that was. Devastating wildfires surrounding us. Hurricanes galore. Political unrest. Violence in the cities. Oppression of believers around the world. Churches required to meet outdoors. And then there was Covid. Whew! What a year!

Now we are entering 2021. Nobody knows what this new year will bring. Will it be better? Will it be worse? We don’t know.

One thing we do know. God is still on the throne! He still exercises ultimate authority over our world. And He is faithful! He doesn’t change.

James 1:17, “Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.”

And God has given us clear directives for the coming year.

Psalm 32:6–7, “Therefore let all the faithful pray to You while You may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”

It is so easy to get discouraged when you focus on this world, on the troubles surrounding us. But our God invites us, encourages us, to focus instead on Him, on

what He is doing and what He is going to bring about at His perfect time. Peter reminds us, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

We have an incredible future! Peter wrote that to an oppressed people, living under a foreign power, facing an unknown future. Yet his instruction - focus your attention on the Living Hope.

Dear friends, 2021 is a new year, but it will certainly have problems, some of which we have never encountered, some that may be even more severe than 2020. But our HOPE is CERTAIN! It is reserved in heaven, where moth and rust do not corrupt and thieves do not break in and steal.

Praise be to God! Lift up your eyes! Your redemption draws nigh!

And read Psalm 37 for some Scriptural encouragement!

By Pastor John Wetzig

*The
 LORD
 knows the days
 of the upright,
 and their
 inheritance
 shall be
 forever.*

Psalm 37:18

Family News

Our Sympathy to John and Debbie Wetzig on the passing of Debbie's nephew, Jordan Sprunger. The Lord took him home after a two-year battle with brain cancer. He was 28 years old.

Notes from Our Pastors:

Dear church family,

We are deeply grateful for the blessing you are to us. Thanks for your generous Christmas bonus gift, for the notes of encouragement, for sharing what God is teaching you, for your faithfulness in serving the Lord, and too many other things to list. We love you deeply and it is a joy to be part of the GCBC family.

Pastor Benji, Chelsea, Silas, Selah, Esther, and Ellie

Dear church family,

Thank you so very much for your love, support and encouragement as we serve the Lord together. It is a privilege to be a part of this church family, and especially to again serve in the roles you have given us. So many have given us words of encouragement over the last six months. Your regular financial support is greatly appreciated. And the Christmas bonus gift was an extra encouragement. As the Lord gives us His grace, we will strive to fulfill the roles you have appointed to us, and faithfully serve our Lord and our church.

May God bless you as you serve along side us this coming year.

Our deep love and gratitude,

John and Debbie Wetzig

AWANA Resumes January 13

No Pizza Kitchen

6:00 pm: AWANA

- Cubbies - ages 3 - 4
 - Sparks - grades K - 2
 - Truth & Training - grades 3 - 6
- PLUS Jr. High United for grades 7-8 & Women's Bible Study*

**Women's Ministry
New Bible Study**

*10:00 am Tuesday Mornings
Beginning January 19th in Hebrews
Childcare is provided.*

We will be doing the 10 week Jen Wilkin Bible study called "God of Creation." It covers Genesis 1-11. If you would like to order a workbook (not required) they are \$15. Let Chelsea Hall know by January 10th if you need a book.

**Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 31
11:15 am**

Our annual meeting for members and regular attenders will be right after our morning service. Pastor Benji Hall will report on this past year and share a vision for the future. Everyone is invited and can become involved.

Listen on the Web!

Our Sunday morning message is put on the web each week - check it out at www.grenadaberean.org

Run to You!! Women's prayer group begins again January 14!

Our children never outgrow the need for prayer! A prayer group called "Run to You!" meets **at 9:00am in HeBrews each Thursday morning**. It is for Moms and Grand Moms with college age and/or adult children and grandchildren. This 1 hour prayer time led by Debbie Wetzig is under the guidance of the Women's Ministry Team of our church and also the international group, "Moms in Prayer." For more information, call Debbie.

Church Finances as of November 2020

YTD General Offerings: \$289,026
YTD General Budget: \$314,109
YTD General Expenses: \$290,703
Average Attendance YTD: 150

Our 2020 Budget Goal is \$342,664

Option for general giving... *You are welcome to give online for your general tithes and offerings! Go to our church website, www.grenadaberean.org and look for the "Donate" button on the home page. You can give through Pay Pal using your credit or debit card.*

You can also mail in or drop off your donation during office hours. Your gifts are tax-deductible.

Year-End Giving

All offerings given or postmarked by December 31 will go towards 2020 and will be included in your tax-deductible receipts for 2020. You will be receiving a statement by January 31, 2020 for gifts given this year. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Sunday Morning Schedule

10:00 am Worship Service

**For Children during the
Worship Service:**

Infant Cry Room for mothers with infants.

Nursery for infants and toddlers 0-3 – located in the CE Building

Children's Church for ages 4-5th grade dismissed before the sermon with teachers to room 5.

If you would like to stay in your car during the service tune your car radio to **87.9 FM**

Sunday Worship Service Online www.facebook.com/grenadabereanchurch

Draw people to Jesus and grow together as His followers!



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Read through the Bible with us
 this year. Pick up a reading
 plan in the foyer!



MOPS & MOMSNEXT

**MOPS and MOMSNEXT begins
 again Monday, January 4!**

Join us for a meeting!

We meet every other Monday
 at the church

6:30 to 8:00pm, Childcare is available.

*If we are unable to meet in person due to
 public health guidance, meetings will be
 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom.*



MOPS is a place where moms come together to support one another and be encouraged by mentors in this crazy thing called motherhood. Grenada MOPS is one of 4,000 MOPS groups throughout the world. As members of MOPS International, our meetings feature amazing MOPS lessons on topics like intentional parenting, raising worry-free kids, and the dignity of motherhood.

Regular MOPS attendees are asked to become members of MOPS International. Annual dues are \$32, which covers the cost of the curriculum used in our meetings, gives moms access to tons of online resources at MOPS.org, a MOPS magazine subscription and supports the work of MOPS International around the world. Scholarships are available.

Learn more...

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MOPS International website: <https://www.mops.org>

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