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a community of grace

THE BODYBUILDER

Our vision is to be a community of grace, telling the unsaved of salvation by grace, encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace, and extending grace to others.

We Are The Champions

It's time once again to see who will reign victorious between the two championship teams in this year's Super Bowl. As they battle for the win, both teams will undoubtedly experience moments of triumph and also moments of disappointment. In the end, however, only one will hold the coveted title of world champion.

As spectacular as this title is, the truth is, it's a fairly short-lived enjoyment. Do you remember who won last year or the year prior? What about five years ago? Most of us do not recall who even played in that game, let alone who won.

The harsh reality for any competitor or record holder is that they are only crowned the champion until the next person or team wins the next time around.

1 John 5:4 says that all believers are champions. John writes, "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." We as God's children hold a title of victory that will never be taken away. Despite any failures along the way, our victory is sure and the attacks of the enemy cannot take that away from us.

Why do we need to be reminded of this truth? Often times, believers face feelings of guilt and shame, especially in the midst of sin. The enemy is quick to remind of us of our failures when we fall into patterns of sin in our lives. His voice echoes in our head: "You call yourself a Christian and you're living like this? How can God still love you when you behave this way? You're probably not even saved?"

Over time doubt sets in, and if we are not firmly established in the truth of His Word, that doubt will grow and begin to occupy our minds' attention. Perhaps you are well-grounded in the truth of your victory. Keep in mind there may be believers around you that need that assurance. Remind them that they, too, are overcomers, and they carry the title of victory in spite of any present decisions they are making in life.

We are the champions...of the world! (Enjoy the earworm ©)

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February

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 3 Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 9 Super Bowl Party, 6pm
- 14 Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 14 Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 16 Congregational Meeting
- 23 Baptism Sunday



- Praise God for a wonderful message and update from our missionary, Paul Rushing.
- Praise God for the healthy birth of Troy and Robyn Gildenzopf's baby girl, Hope Marie.
- We extend our sympathies to Eddie and Sheila Rich in the passing of their daughter-in-law, Katrina Rich.





CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday February 1

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						WOMEN'S
9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:15PM Youth Group	Evening of PRAYER	4	5	6	7 *Doran Dick	8
9 *Duane Normant SUPER 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship	10	11	12	13	14 *Debbie Emerson Colton Thompson WHAPPY Valentine's DAY	15 1:30am Ladier MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am
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9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club	24	25	26 *Vern Eickhoff	27 *Kim Hickman	28	*Birthdays