

## 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.*

### Raised For What?

**“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.” 2 Corinthians 5:15**

Years ago, I remember spending an afternoon assembling and decorating gingerbread houses with my daughter in law. You know the kind, the boxed kits with four gingerbread walls and all the icing, sprinkles, and gumdrops you could ever want. After nearly two hours of careful assembling, decorating, and proudly crowning my gingerbread magnolia masterpiece, I stepped away for a moment to grab my phone and capture this extraordinary feat of sugary craftsmanship.

But when I returned, you guessed it. The walls had buckled. The icing had given way. And my proud creation lay in ruins, a sprinkle covered gingerbread scrapyard.

There was no salvaging this one. My first thought was, “What a waste of time!” All that effort, only to watch it collapse into something that could not hold up.

I realize this is an imperfect and far from parallel comparison, but I sometimes wonder whether Jesus ever looks at the lives of those He died and rose again for and sees something similar, lives poured into pursuits that simply will not last. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians that Christ died and rose so that those who live should no longer live for themselves. His resurrection was not simply to give us eternal life, it was to transform our purpose in this life.

As Easter approaches, it is easy and right for believers to rejoice in Christ’s finished work on our behalf, securing eternal life for all who trust in Him. But how often do we consider what it will be like to stand before our resurrected Savior and give an account of the life He redeemed?

Will we stand before Him with nothing more than a collapsed pile of gingerbread, lives built on trivial, fragile, earthly things? Or will we stand with works that endure the fire of judgment, built on what truly matters?

This Easter, may we who have been redeemed by God pause and ask with sincerity,

**“Am I living for the One who died and rose again for me?”**

Gary

### The month of **MARCH**

#### Calendar of Events

**Join us for these upcoming events.**

- 2 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 8 - Grace Kidz Luncheon, 12pm
- 13 - Ladies' Movie Night, 6:30pm
- 16-20 - Spring Break
- 21 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 21 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am

- Pray for Charlie Bing as he teaches in the Philippines at Word of Life Bible Institute, a Pastor's Conference, and at a FGA Regional Conference. Pray for God's protection, providence and power as he travels and teaches.
- Praise God and pray for Kathy Jackson as she begins serving as our Missions Ministry Leader.

FAMILY UPDATE



**HIRE-A-STUDENT FUNDRAISER**

**SUMMER CAMP 2026**

Yard Work    Cleaning Projects    Odd Jobs & More!

**DIRECTORY ON THE BACK TABLE**

**For more information, please contact Caitlin Ridlen**

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

All Grace Kidz volunteers and anyone interested in serving are invited to a special lunch on Sunday, March 8. For more details, contact Kati Thompson .



**LADIES NIGHT OUT!**

**6:30PM**

**DINNER & A MOVIE**

# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p>  <p><b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b></p> <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group</p>	<p>2 * Katie Matlack</p>  <p><b>EVENING OF Prayer</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>  <p><b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON</b></p> <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 * Steve Reynolds</p>	<p>12 * Laura Schulte</p>	<p>13</p>  <p><b>LADIES NIGHT OUT!</b> <b>DINNER &amp; A MOVIE</b> 6:30PM</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 * Mindy Bennett Dena Wagner</p>  <p><b>Happy Spring Break</b></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p><b>7:30am Ladies Prayer Breakfast</b> <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST 7:30am</b></p>
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