

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.

### WARNING: THE FOLLOWING CONTENT MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR ALL READERS

I hope I got your attention. Don't worry, the content is appropriate, however, I am going to talk about snakes. Ewww!

When our oldest son was in middle school, we allowed him to get snake. His name is Caesar. He is an albino King Snake — pure white with yellow stripes. We got him when he was about a year old, so that makes him about 13 years old now. He is now a little longer than Sherry is tall.

As Caesar grows, as do all snakes, they shed their skin. It is actually a very fascinating process to watch. A perfect shed occurs when all the skin comes off in one complete piece, leaving a beautiful, shiny snake. However, every once in a while, he has a bad shed; most of the skin comes off, but in smaller or torn pieces.

Occasionally, there are pieces that don't come off of him and I have to carefully remove them. Ok, enough talk about snakes.

As I have watched these sheds over the years, in a weird way, it reminds me of what it's like for the believer to take off the old self and put on the new. We read about this in Colossians 3. God's Word teaches that all of us used to walk in the ways of sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry, but now we need to rid ourselves of all these things. We are to put off the old self, and put on the new self which is being renewed in knowledge, after the image of its creator (3:5, 9-10).

Oh, how I long for the day when I no longer have to deal with the presence of sin in my life. Until then, my "shedding" is often done in pieces. While I successfully remove some things in my life, there are other things that I tend to hold on to. It's a process that takes time, and multiple sheds are necessary. God reveals areas in my life that need attention and through His grace, I work on ridding those things that shouldn't be a part of who I am in Christ.

While the process is a lifetime, it's important to understand, that we are able to walk freely in His grace in the meantime. When those areas of sin come up, we deal with it. In doing so, we can have the confidence in knowing that God hears our confession, He forgives us, and we are able to walk intimately with Him again.

I encourage you to continue running the race with all your might. Work on shedding those things from your old self, and put on a compassionate heart, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...and above all these, put on love (3:12,14)

Until we are all made new, live in His grace.

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## October

THE MONTH OF

### Calendar of Events

#### Join us for these upcoming events.

- 5 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 17 - Church-Wide Work Day, 8:30am
- 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting

- Pray for the BBC Pastor Search Team and Elders as they seek the Lord's guidance and wisdom in choosing the next pastor for our church.
- Pray for BBC as we determine when and how we can resume and implement our ministries.
- Praise the Lord for the children's and youth ministries that have resumed. Pray for AWANA club, KiDs Beach Club, and our Youth Ministry activities as they work toward sharing the gospel and teaching the message of grace to our young people.

BBC FAMILY UPDATE



OCTOBER 17  
**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
7:30am

**Evening of Prayer**

OCTOBER 5  
7PM

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OCTOBER 25


Our annual congregational meeting will be held on October 25, immediately after our morning service. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, however, only those that have made a Commitment to the Community are eligible to vote. We encourage and are grateful for your faithful participation.

**Women's Bible Study**  
beginning October 1 at 9:45am  
contact Kati Thompson for more info

GRACE

A FAITHPATH Resource by Scott Postnik

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Birthdays				1 *Debbie Fankhauser	2	3
4  10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:00PM Youth Group	5  	6 *Roger Fankhauser	7	8	9 *Grace Normant	10  
11  10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:00PM Youth Group	12 *Cedric Dick Ellie Normant	13	14	15 *Virginia Cabrera	16	17   
18  10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:00PM Youth Group	19	20	21 *David Emerson	22	23	24
25   10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:00PM Youth Group	26 *Janet Hammond	27	28	29	30	31 *Cara Ralmuto  