

# Amazing Grace

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Our mission to the Inland Empire is to be **heralds** of the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ, **healers** to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and **upholders** of God's will and Word.

## A MESSAGE from Pastor Maggard

Dear Saints of Grace,

Starting this month, we will have a hymn of the month. I will select one of the "Hymn of the Day" to be this hymn. This will give us an opportunity to become more familiar with great hymns by singing them four to five times a month.

The "Hymn of the Day" is the main hymn for each divine service. It really summarizes the theme of the Gospel reading for the particular Sunday. These have been handed down to us from our forefathers. They are all worth memorizing. Minimally, we should at least be familiar with them. I want to start making us more familiar with some of these great hymns.

You might wonder how I will select the hymns for the month. First, I will select from the available hymns for the month. In June, the Sundays range from Trinity 1 Sunday through Trinity 4 Sunday, so there are four hymns to pick from. Some months (like June, ironically) may be harder to choose a hymn and others may be easier.

I want to choose the one hymn that is best worth the effort of being memorized. This does not mean that I expect you to start memorizing them, but I am saying they are worthy of being memorized. There are also other criteria that I will consider.

Doctrine and comfort are the two criteria I will depend on most. The tune, or what I think of as "singability," is important, but doctrine and comfort really outweigh the tune. The "Hymn of the Day"

has been around awhile, so the tune has stood the test of time.

Hymns teach and bring comfort. Great hymns teach well and bring great comfort. I will attempt to select the best one from the month that will teach us well and bring us amazing comfort. June's hymns were not my favorites, but from the four hymns available, it was fairly easy to choose hymn 696, "O God, My Faithful God."

It teaches us about the faithfulness of God in the midst of life and the comforting reward that will come to us when our Lord returns. He provides our needs now and forevermore. We are bound for the grave, but God has redeemed us and made us fit for eternity with Him. What comfort this provides!

There is a lot of comfort in knowing a handful of great hymns well. We can turn to them when our hymnal is nowhere to be found.

I pray that you will find much joy in becoming more familiar with some of the great hymns in our hymnal.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Maggard*

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**There will be NO  
Vacation Bible School  
this summer.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Grace Family,

It is time to get back to normal, at least as normal as we can make it. We will no longer be taking temperatures at the front door of the church. If you have a fever or are experiencing other symptoms of a cold or flu, please stay at home for the benefit of other people.

We will no longer require the wearing of masks while at church. Any person that feels the need to wear a mask for their personal protection are encouraged to do so for as long as needed.

We will no longer observe the 6-foot social distancing and return to normal distancing. Any person wishing to maintain social distancing for their own protection can choose to sit in a location of the church that is far enough away for comfort.

We will resume normal communion practices, kneeling at the communion rails and receiving the elements directly from the Pastor or helpers. If you wish to receive communion in a different manner, speak with an elder before the service to make other arrangements.

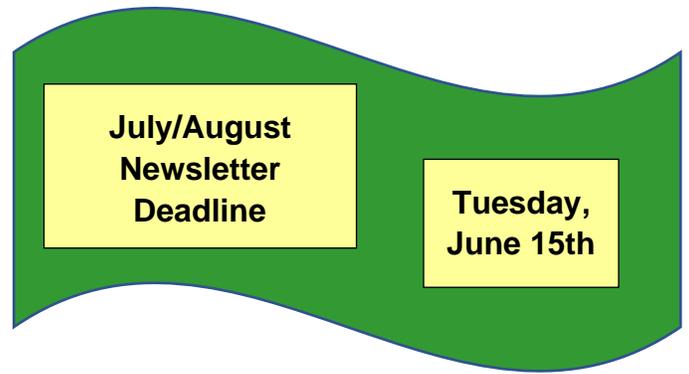
The offering will be collected from the pews as it was in the past, and you can always place the envelope in the offering plate ahead of or after service.

At the end of May, we will have discontinued the use of Facebook live to broadcast the service. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or any other council member or Elder.

In His Service!

*Chuck Stringham*, President

*Happy Father's Day!!*



## YOUR TITHES FOR THE LORD'S WORK

APRIL	OFFERING	ATTENDANCE
4th	\$ 7,208.00	n/a
11th	\$ 7,330.00	n/a
18th	\$ 2,396.00	n/a
25th	\$ 2,080.00	n/a

## WORSHIP

The choir sure wasn't back together for very long, but it sure felt great!! We sang a couple of times in the past couple months. We will sing for the last time on Sunday, June 6, before our summer break. Thanks to all who came back! I hope to see everyone else return in September. Thank you, Gail, for being there for us!!! Thank you, Dolores, for your continued playing for our church services. It was good to add more songs to our worship, too.

We are starting a Hymn of the Month. The hymn will be sung throughout the month and during the services at different spots.

Wishing you all a very relaxed summer as we return to a somewhat normal life! God be with all who are traveling! See you in September!

So please, sing. Sing a song. Sing out loud. Sing out strong. Remember, it's healthy!

*Debbie Schwartz*, Chairperson



# June

## BIRTHDAYS

1	Glen	James
4	Larry	Maudlin
9	Ross	Stringham
11	Kaitlin	Murdick
12	Kristen	Nehls
16	Robert	Klemm
20	Andrew	Herrera
20	Brian	Kelmar
20	Betty	Guinn
20	Keith	Palmer
21	Caitlyn	Del Rio
24	Sandy	Stringham
25	Jim	Kline
26	Judi	Parker - Choske
28	Ruth	Wells
30	Sherrie	Smith
30	Evan	Guerra



### IN JUNE TO

10	Charles and Desiree	Dellinger
19	Allan and Barbara	Dellinger
19	Shane and Tami	Travers
23	Jon and Heather	Hathcock
25	Richard and Patti	Lowe



**Thank you for remembering our "shut-ins"**  
 Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Joyce McFarland, Larry Maudlin, Gloria Reinschmidt, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.

**This month's added prayers:** Mike, Hannah and Sean Villasenor welcoming Daisy Ann to their family; Family of Pastor Faerber; Pastor Daniel and Eleanor Holm and Eleanor's mom and dad; Carla Del Rio's mom – Darlene and family; Judi Parker-Choske's sister – Donna, Donna's husband and all involved in her care; Safe travels for Judi Parker-Choske; Luis and Carla Del Rio's friend – Roger; Mike and Carol Draney in the passing of Carol's sister – Sandi; Dale and Nancy Telizyn in the passing of their niece – Cherron; Dolores Smith's friend – JoAnn Thomas; Ron and Kim Pickinpaugh and all involved in her care.

**We keep in prayer:** Tony Mantz and family; Terry Pickinpaugh; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida and her best friend – Windy, Windy's son – Jayson, his wife – Nikole and their unborn son; Mike and Betty Guinn; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and Jackson; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Tamara Mahomes' friend-Vivian's son – Grant; Diane Kline's sister – Pearl Pastor Eric, Kawaii and Pastor Eric's dad – Jack; Anthony, Tamara, A.J. Mahomes and family; Justin and Tiffany Izzo and their unborn son; Randy and Gail York; Richard and Pattie Lowe; and unspoken prayers.

### Funny Corner



What animal is always at a baseball game?

A bat!!