



# Norwood Christian Grapevine

*I am the vine; You are the branches... John 15:5*

## *Pastor's Promptings...*

### *WHITE AS SNOW*

I'd like to share the following words of encouragement that my daughter, Heather, wrote. I hope you are as blessed by it as I was.

*White as snow, white as snow  
Though my sins were as scarlet  
Lord, I know, Lord, I know  
That I'm clean and forgiven.*

*Through the power of Your blood  
Through the wonder of Your love  
Through faith in You  
I know that I can be  
White as snow*

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The weather we've had for the last day or so brought that song to mind. I love standing outside with the snow coming down onto my face, hardly able to see at first because of the brightness of the clouds and the pure whiteness all around of the fresh-fallen snow. That's the kind of white that song means...not the dirty, grimy snow after it's sat there on the ground for a few weeks without any new supply.



Have you ever thought about that? In order for the snow to remain unblemished, it must constantly be replenished. That act of new snow falling wipes away the filth that had collected on its surface, and even permeated down through the depth of the snow. In the same way, we as imperfect humans, once forgiven by our merciful Lord and Savior, don't immediately and lastingly become as perfect and holy as He is.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9) Yet almost as soon as that wonderful thing happens, and we go about our daily lives, we give in to our selfish desires - to speak impatiently to those that we love, reason to ourselves that someone else will tell our unsaved friends what Jesus has done for them as well as for us, and countless other things that cause the grime and filth which God had cleaned us of to re-accumulate, just as that new, sparkly snow quickly loses its glimmer.

So unless we daily spend time with our Creator, reading His Holy Word, meditating on it and memorizing it so the Scripture will stay with us throughout our day, not just when it is open in front of us, communicating with Him through prayer every single day, and repenting each day of sins committed – instead of only

once a week at church, or even less often (it's very possible to be in church week after week without really and truly spending time with the One who we're supposed to be there to worship, I know!) - we may call ourselves Christians, but still be carrying around as much baggage as we wanted to be rid of when we first came into a relationship with Jesus.

It may seem like a basic thing, but I find myself forgetting it all too often. I love and am very thankful for the many reminders of this that God has placed all around us. The use of similes and parables throughout the Bible was for this intent - using everyday things to show us lasting truths, like the snow falling outside my window.

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)

“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” (Psalm 51:7)

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower

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and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:10-11)

Well said, Heather! Thank you for allowing me to share your thoughts with the community. May the Lord continue to “snow on” us all, cleansing us from all unrighteousness and making us white as snow.

Serving Christ and His family,

*Pastor Ken*

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## GOOD TIMES / BAD TIMES TURNING 60 BY DAVIS WATSON

This past month I turned 60 years old/young. In my lifetime, I can look back and see times that were pretty good times and see times that were really pretty bad. I can also remember talking with my father and grandfather about their good times and bad times. It seems like every generation has their own good times and bad times.

I remember my grandfather who was an auctioneer telling me about the time in the Great Depression that he had an auction and he practically gave everything away and when the time came to settle up very few people paid him. I remember the stories



my father, a US Navy Pharmacist Mate, told me about the times he was caring for sailors when his ship was under attack. And I can remember in my own time when I was in the real estate business with no sales, a baby in the cradle and one in the “oven” and Don Woodstock, our minister, brought us over a box of canned goods.

This time of year seems to be always the most difficult time. We have just gotten over the worst of the winter cold and we get hit with the daily spring storms. And we ask ourselves, “When will these end?”

For you, these times may be very difficult and life may not seem to be fair. We ask the many “Why” questions: Why me, Lord? Why has this happened to me? Why? Why? Why?

We ask these questions not because we want to know the answers but because we think we deserve better. We ask these questions because we look around and think everybody else has it better than we do. We ask these questions because we are self-centered and think the “world owes us a living.”

It says in 1 John 2:15-17, “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.”

Instead of thinking about and licking our own wounds, we need to ask ourselves, “What is God’s will for my life?” Our time here on earth is short when compared to everlasting life with God. Our troubles are small when compared to being “called children of God!” And we forget that “He (Jesus) became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him...” Hebrews 5:9.

Instead of having our pity parties, we need to be obedient to God, the Creator of this world and everything in it. On the day the Church was formed, after hearing Peter’s preaching about Jesus being Lord and Christ, the people asked, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2: 37-39

The good times and the bad times on this earth will pass; those who have been obedient will live eternally with God. Those who have not been obedient will live eternally without God.

It’s your choice. How do you want to spend your eternal life? With God or without God? To learn more, be my guest at Norwood Christian Church this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

# March 2010

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Matthew 5:5*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> <i>Rich &amp; Jan Benintendi—Annv.</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Truth Project 6PM	<b>4</b> Praise Team 7:30PM	<b>5</b> <i>Grizz &amp; Vickee Parker—Annv.</i>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Truth Project 6PM	<b>11</b> Elders Meeting 6PM Praise Team 7:30PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Joyce Hodges Caitlin Howell Shera Nuttall</i>
<b>14</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM  <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Tammy Miller</i>	<b>17</b> Truth Project 6PM  <i>St. Patrick's Day Shaun &amp; Regina Howell—Annv.</i>	<b>18</b> Praise Team 7:30PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Ernie Calvillo</i>
<b>21</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM  <i>Shelby Howell</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Truth Project 6PM	<b>25</b> Praise Team 7:30PM  <i>Thomas Lawrence</i>	<b>26</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday Fellowship 7 PM	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Bible Study 10AM Worship 11AM  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Mary Watson</i>	<b>31</b> Truth Project 6PM			

## ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

### March

Week	<u>The Law</u> MON	<u>History</u> TUE	<u>Psalms</u> WED	<u>Poetry</u> THU	<u>Prophecy</u> FRI	<u>Gospels</u> SAT	<u>Epistles</u> SUN
<b>9</b> (3/1)	<u>Genesis</u> 32-35	<u>Judges</u> 17-21	<u>Ps</u> 24-26	<u>Job</u> 17-18	<u>Isaiah</u> 45-50	<u>Matthew</u> 23-25	<u>1 Cor.</u> 1-2
<b>10</b> (3/8)	<u>Genesis</u> 36-39	<u>Ruth</u>	<u>Ps</u> 27-29	<u>Job</u> 19-20	<u>Isaiah</u> 51-55	<u>Matthew</u> 26-28	<u>1 Cor.</u> 3-4
<b>11</b> (3/15)	<u>Genesis</u> 40-43	<u>I Samuel</u> 1-5	<u>Ps</u> 30-32	<u>Job</u> 21-22	<u>Isaiah</u> 56-61	<u>Mark</u> 1-2	<u>1 Cor.</u> 5-6
<b>12</b> (3/21)	<u>Genesis</u> 44-47	<u>I Samuel</u> 6-10	<u>Ps</u> 33-35	<u>Job</u> 23-24	<u>Isaiah</u> 62-66	<u>Mark</u> 3-4	<u>1 Cor.</u> 7-8
<b>13</b> (3/29)	<u>Genesis</u> 48-50	<u>I Samuel</u> 11-15	<u>Ps</u> 36-38	<u>Job</u> 25-26	<u>Jeremiah</u> 1-6	<u>Mark</u> 5-6	<u>1 Cor.</u> 9-10



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## SUNDAY SERVANTS

### **March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Preparation  
Kathy Row

Greeters  
Ted & Fay Earley

Communion Servers  
Bill Row

Communion Meditation  
Ken Lawrence

Sound Booth/Slides  
Heather Lawrence

### **March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Preparation  
Ernie & Zack Calvillo

Greeters  
Dick & Kathy Nelson

Communion Servers  
Dick & Kathy Nelson

Communion Meditation  
Davis Watson

Sound Booth/Slides  
Heather Lawrence

### **March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Communion Preparation  
Betty Greager

Greeters  
Howard & Betty Greager

Communion Servers  
Howard & Betty Greager

Communion Meditation  
Ernie Calvillo

Sound Booth/Slides  
Zack Calvillo

### **March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Preparation  
Kathy Row

Greeters  
Ernie & Zack Calvillo

Communion Servers  
Bill Row

Communion Meditation  
Dean Boehler

Sound Booth/Slides  
Heather Lawrence