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**2026**

From the Pastor's Desk March 1, 2026

John 3:1-2 (NIV)

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

*"Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher who has come from God..."*

Dear Grace Family,

In John's Gospel, Nicodemus comes to Jesus at night. He doesn't have everything figured out. He isn't sure what the future holds. He is cautious, curious, and perhaps even a little uncertain about where all of this is heading. But he comes. I find comfort in that.

There are seasons in the life of a church that feel bright and clear, and there are seasons that feel more like night. Seasons where we are grateful for blessings, yet also aware of fragility. Seasons where we celebrate signs of life, even as we feel the weight of financial uncertainty or unexpected challenges.

And yet — we come. We come to worship. We come to serve. We come to pray. We come to trust that Christ is still at work among us.

Over the past months, we have seen meaningful signs of life at Grace. Grant funding has helped us stabilize key areas of ministry. Our outreach continues to touch the community. Faithful volunteers keep showing up. Worship continues week after week. Seeds are being planted, even if we do not yet see the full harvest.

At the same time, we recognize that we are living carefully. Financially, we are operating wisely and attentively. We are not ignoring the realities before us; but neither are we surrendering to fear. Nicodemus came in the dark, and Jesus met him there.

Friends, Christ meets churches in the dark, too. He speaks of new birth. He speaks of wind and Spirit. He speaks of a future that is not determined by what we see, but by what God is doing.

As your pastor, I remain committed to walking this season with you; not with panic, but with prayer. Not with denial, but with hope. Not with nostalgia, but with openness to what God may yet do.

If you have questions, ideas, concerns, or simply want to talk, my door is open. Truly.

Let us be a people who keep coming to Jesus; in the daylight and in the night, trusting that He is not finished with us.

In Peace and Love

Pastor Rob Stufflebeam

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Jeann spent several times in nursing homes for care. But, as soon as she gets her strength back, she's attending Worship Services at Grace. She's admirable.

**Favorite Scripture:** 23rd Psalm

**Favorite Hymn:** *Devil Get Behind Me*

**Favorite Color:** *Red*

**Favorite Ice Cream:** *Chocolate*

**Interest:** *Horses*

**Favorite Sport:** *Football*

**Advice:** *Read the red letters in the Bible from Jesus the Christ.*

*Advice:*

*I have been through so much in my life  
sickness and deaths- but with my sorrows I  
have been able to always put God first.*



**Newsletter Scriptures March 2016**

March 1	Gen. 37:3-4, 12-28
March 2	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
March 3	1 Cor. 10:1-6, 10-12
March 4	2 Kings 5:1-15
March 5	Matthew 18:21-35
March 6	Matthew 5:17-19
March 7	Luke 11:14-23
March 8	Mark 12:28-34
March 9	Hosea 6:1-6
March 10	Joshua 5:10-12
March 11	Isaiah 65:17-25
March 12	John 5:1-16
March 13	John 5:17-30
March 14	Exodus 32:7-14
March 15	John 9:1-41
March 16	John 7:40-52
March 17	Philippians 3:7-16
March 18	Psalms 23
March 19	John 11:1-45
March 20	Romans 4:13-25
March 21	John 8:51-59
March 22	Psalms 18:1-6
March 23	John 11:45-53
March 24	Luke 19:28-40
March 25	Isaiah 42:1-9
March 26	Isaiah 49:1-6
March 27	Isaiah 50:4-9
March 28	1 Cor. 11:23-26
March 28	John 18:1-19:42
March 29	Isaiah 54:4-17
March 30	Matthew 27:57-66
March 31	John 20:1-18



**Prayers Needed:**

Phyllis & Larry Garber  
Our Church  
Our Country

Shower of Blessings  
Recipient for March  
*Janet Blazer*  
*2618 Hilltop*  
*Springfield, OH 45503*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	2	4	5	6	7
7 PM NA	7 PM MENS BS	7 PM NA	10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 11:45 AM CHOIR	6 PM TRUSTEE MTING	OFFICE CLOSED	
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29	30	31				
PALM SUNDAY 7 PM NA	7 PM MEN'S BS	7 PM NA				

