

# GRACE NOTES

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## Tempted in all ways

We all live in a world filled with temptation and sin. Sin and temptation seem to swirl about us like storm clouds and an angry sea in which we are buffeted relentlessly and without mercy. For those without faith this can rob them of all hope. Despair and hopelessness appears to be overwhelming and too often it is for so many. I have found comfort in the knowledge there is a God in Heaven who is not only familiar with my condition, but has actually experienced the temptations of this life and perhaps even greater temptations than I may ever face, and has overcome these temptations.

(Hebrew 4:15) Even beyond this He offers to me a way of escape from both temptation as well as sin itself. (1 Cor. 10:13) He goes so far as to promise all who are victorious a seat on the throne of Heaven in which He and His Father are currently occupying.

Some have argued about the nature of Christ's humanity, (whether it is the pre-fall or post-fall human nature He took upon Himself), this is not however the scope of this article. Instead we will be exploring the subject

of the extent of Christ temptation to sin as it relates to the scriptures aforementioned and His overcoming in every aspect of types of temptations we all face every day of our existence. The text states that Christ was "tempted in all ways as we are...", and then thanks be to God, "yet without sin." So you may be thinking about your own life in modernity and be lead to believe that Jesus didn't face some of the temptations you have faced. However, if we categorize temptations and sins into general into **physical, mental, emotional and spiritual** expressions, which encapsulates the sum of our human experiences, this is the simplest explanation of this biblical statement.

It is these categories of temptation in the life of Christ we will explore to understand that Christ truly has been tempted in all ways and has overcome.

First, Christ faced many physical temptations not the least of which occurred during and at the end of His time in the wilderness just after His baptism. It is worth noting that for Christ, Satan himself hand delivered

temptations to Him which Satan had custom tailored to defeat Christ. After 40 days in the wilderness, Satan tempted Christ to be overcome with the same temptation which had defeated the humanity in the beginning, that of appetite. It is in the area all of humanity failed and it was in this weakness Christ had to succeed. This is of course only one example of physical temptation in which Christ was victorious.

Secondly, Christ faced many situations where He had to overcome mentally. One clear example of this challenge took place right on the cross of Calvary, just prior to His sacrificial death. It was absolutely the Devils last opportunity to defeat Christ and prevent Him from securing our future in eternity with Jesus. On the cross it would have been so tempting to relieve the physical torment and excruciating anguish experienced during crucifixion, merely by partaking in the gall (sour wine/strong intoxicating drink) offered to Him for that purpose. Praise God through His power Christ was able to gain the victory over physical temptations.

Thirdly, Jesus endured emotional temptations, thus demonstrating that it is possible for us as well to express our emotions yet sin not. One illustration of this which comes to mind is when in John 2:14-16 Jesus demonstrated Righteous Indignation with the corrupt system of money changing and the fleeing of God's people as they came to the temple to offer sacrifices for their sins to His Father in heaven. This situation for most human beings would have been an occasion when most if not all of us would have gone beyond righteous conduct and fallen into sin. The good news is that Jesus was able to control Himself and not go too far. Thanks be to God, for our sakes He was again an overcomer.

Lastly, and certainly not least, was the plethora of spiritual battles Jesus must have encountered daily. Unlike us, Jesus again overcame in this category. One prime example would be again after His time in the wilderness, when Satan appeared to Him as an angel of

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## PROPHECY HIGHLIGHTS BY TIM SCHMIDT

### The Three Angels and the Other Angel (Part One)

"There are those now living who, in studying the prophecies of Daniel and John, received great light from God as they passed over the ground where special prophecies were in process of fulfillment in their order. They bore the message of time to the people. The truth shone out clearly as the sun at noonday. Historical events, showing the direct fulfillment of prophecy, were set before the people, and the prophecy was seen to be figurative delineation of events leading down to the close of this earth's history. The scenes connected with the working of the man of sin are the last features plainly revealed in this earth's history. The people now have a special message to give to the world, the third angel's message. Those who, in their experience, have passed over the ground, and acted a part in the proclamation of the first (Revelation 14:6 & 7), second (Revelation 14:8),

## Walking with Prince

One day, I was wanting some company as I went to exercise, and I decided to take the miniature horse along for a walk. He loves to take a walk, but earlier this summer, had some trouble foundering a bit, and wasn't as able to walk freely, so he's not gone in quite some time. I asked him if he'd like to go for a walk, and he came running for all he was worth. I hooked on his lead rope, and he tried to beat me out the barn door. We walked together to the end of the driveway, and then I allowed him to run a bit, in order to get down the small strip of highway past all the busy traffic. He kicked his heels up in pure joy to be outside those pasture confines. My intention, was to slow to a nice walking pace the rest of the 2 miles. Emboldened with his new level of freedom, he wanted to continue the pace. He LOVES to run with me. I didn't want to run the whole way, so I just had him run circles around me over and over, the WHOLE way down the road. At any point, he could ease up, and walk with me, but he chose instead, to run wide circles around me. We completed the first mile, and circled around for the 2nd. Often, I would offer for him to slow and walk with me, and again, he would choose to run big open circles around me. One and a half miles, then 1 3/4 miles for me; more like 4 or 5 for him.... Then finally, when I asked him to take it 'easy' he chose to slow his pace, and make much smaller circles. Then the last 1/8th of a mile or so down the road, and then into the yard, he was in step with me--right beside me. He keeps in contact with my knee. As I walked him the last little ways to his pasture, I thought about how much I've been like that walking with God. He keeps asking for me to walk his way, to trust his pace. But I keep running off in my own strength and power. I try to decide, I try to take care of, I try to be in charge. Over and over, I run those big wide circles-trying to make my own decisions, dragging him along on the lead rope to say he's with me. Only as I reach exhaustion, do I come close enough, and slow enough to walk in step, and submit to HIS plan, HIS pace, etc.

## THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL

GAD The 7<sup>th</sup> son of Jacob

Gad was the **first** son of Leah's handmaid, Zilpah. This was Leah's response to Rachel's giving her servant to Jacob. She already had four sons of her own. She must have been worried that the number of Bilhah's births might overtake hers.

When Leah picked up the little mite that was born of this union, she exclaimed, "Ba Gad" – a troop comes, and so the boy was named. Gen 30:11. Jacob, near his death, predicted of Gad: "A troop shall overcome him; but he shall overcome

at last" Gen 49:19.

Gad represents those who run with the crowd. He liked people, lots of them and he craved popularity. This led to compromise. Always intending to do the right thing, he seldom did. His father saw that "a troop would overcome him," and it did. But Jacob also saw something positive about him: "He shall overcome at last." When his kindness and amiability were redirected into a love for God, his genial disposition led Gad to victories in his own life, and his influence over others brought glory to his Lord.

When Jacob's family went down into Egypt due to the famine, Gad had seven sons. The meanings of their names forecast several tribal traits to come. Ziphion (expectation),

Haggi (festive), Shuni (quiet), Ezbon (toiling), Eri (guarding), and Areli (lion of God). The second youngest son was Arodi (hunchbacked). This child may have had a deformity. Centuries after Jacob's prediction, Moses declared, "Blessed be God for enlarging Gad" Deut 33:20. The legislator continued his oracle by likening this tribe to a hunting lion which **"provided the first part for himself."**

When Israel was encamped east of the Jordan River, waiting to enter the Promised Land, the Gadites looked upon the rolling hills and pasturelands of Gilead and decided that this land should become theirs. The sons of Gad, along with the Reubenites and the half tribe of Manassah, had become the cattle kings of

the nation. They had a "very great multitude of cattle" Num. 32:1. Presenting themselves to Moses and other leaders, they asked, "If we have found favor in your sight, let this land be given to your servants for a possession; do not take us across the Jordan. Verse 5. The Gadites and Ruebenites promised to go across the Jordan to assist in the conquest of Canaan. This promise they faithfully kept, and because of the responsible way they met their tribal obligations, they became a real strength to the nation. The victors took much spoil from the towns and captured large herds of cattle and flocks of sheep and goats from the pastures.

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third (Revelation 14:9-11) angels' messages, are not so liable to be led into false paths as are those who have not had an experimental knowledge of the people of God." (**Manuscript 31, 1896**)

"The proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages has been located by the Word of Inspiration. Not a peg or a pin is to be removed. No human authority has any more right to change the location of these messages than to substitute the New Testament for the Old. The Old Testament is the gospel in figures and symbols. The New Testament is the substance. One is as essential as the other. The Old Testament presents lessons from the lips of Christ, and these lessons have not lost their force in any particular."

"The first and second messages were given in 1843 and 1844, and we are now under the proclamation of the third; but all three of the messages are still to be proclaimed. It is just as essential now as ever before that they shall be repeated to those who are seeking for the truth. By pen and voice, we are to sound the proclamation, showing their order, and the application of the prophecies that bring us to the third angel's message. There cannot be a third without the first and the second. These messages we are to give to the world in publications, in discourses, showing in the line of prophetic history the things that have been and the things that will be."

"The history of the church and the world, *the loyal and the disloyal*, is here plainly revealed. The loyal under the proclamation of the third angel's message have turned their feet into the way of God's commandments, to respect, to honor, and to glorify Him who created the heavens and the earth. The opposing force has dishonored God by making a breach in His law, and when light from His Word has called attention to His holy commandments, revealing the breach made in the law by another authority, then, to get rid of conviction, men have tried to destroy the whole law. But could it be destroyed? No; for all who will search the scriptures for themselves will see that the law of God stands immutable, eternal, and His memorial (the Sabbath Commandment) will endure through the eternal ages, pointing to the only true God in distinction from all false gods (Isaiah 58:12-14). (**Manuscript 32, 1896**)

### **The Three Angels and the Other Angel (Part Two)**

"In history and prophecy, the Word of God portrays the long-continued conflict between truth and error. The conflict is yet in progress. Those things which have been will be repeated. Old controversies will be revived, and new theories will be continually arising. But God's people, who in their belief and fulfillment of prophecy have acted a part in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angel's messages, know where they stand. They have an experience that is more precious than fine gold. They stand firm as a rock, holding the beginning of their confidence steadfast unto the end."

"Prophecy has been fulfilling, line upon line. The more firmly we stand under the banner of the third angel's message, the more clearly shall we understand the prophecy of Daniel; for the Revelation is the supplement of Daniel. The more fully we accept the light presented by the Holy Spirit through the consecrated servants of God, the deeper and surer, even as the eternal throne, will appear the truths of ancient prophecy; we shall be assured that men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (II Peter 1:21). Men must themselves be under the influence of the Holy Spirit in order to understand the Spirit's utterances through the prophets. These messages were given, **not for those that uttered the prophecies, but for us who are living in these end times.**"

"Theories will be continually agitated to divert the mind, to unsettle the faith. Those who have had the actual experience in unfolding the prophecies, have been made what they are today,

# MONTHLY HEALTH NUGGET

## Is it a Cold or the Flu?

During this time of the year, many people wonder if their symptoms are more suggestive of a cold or [delete with] the flu. While both are caused by viruses, influenza or "flu" generally causes more severe manifestations than the common cold. Flu is characterized by the sudden onset of body aches, fever and respiratory symptoms. Colds, on the other hand, are more likely to cause upper respiratory tract symptoms such as runny nose and sore throat. The following chart should help to clarify the differences between these two illnesses:

Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Uncommon	Common, may be as high as 102-104 degrees
Headache	Uncommon	Common
Muscle aches	Uncommon	Common, often severe
Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Common, may last up to 2 weeks
Cough	Mild to moderate	Moderate to severe
Stuffy nose	Common	Occasionally
Sneezing	Common	Occasionally
Sore Throat	Common	Occasionally

In most cases, people with either a cold or the flu improve on their own without specific treatment. Influenza, however, can be a life-threatening illness, particularly in those with chronic illnesses or in the very young or elderly. These individuals should consult their health-care provider should they develop flu-like symptoms. There are three FDA-approved influenza antiviral drugs recommended by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for use in acute influenza cases: Relenza (zanamivir), Tamiflu (oseltamivir) and Rapivab (peramivir). These are prescription medications, and a doctor should be consulted before the drugs are used. The method of delivery, dosages, and duration of treatment are different for each of these. As of yet, there are no antiviral medications available for treating the common cold. Treatment is primarily symptomatic with antihistamine/decongestants for the runny nose, analgesic lozenges for sore throat and acetaminophen or ibuprofen for body aches.

There are over 200 different viruses that can be responsible for causing cold symptoms and scientists have yet to develop a vaccine that will protect people against all of them. The CDC offers the following suggestions to help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses from either colds or the flu:

1. **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.** This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

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The beautiful land of Gilead lent itself to some of the loveliest spiritual imagery in the Bible.

“Gilead is mine,” God said, Ps 60:7. To the royal house of Judah He paid the compliment: “You are as Gilead to me” Jer 22:6

Repeatedly the prophets used the pastoral scenes of sheep and shepherds in Gilead to portray Israel’s restoration after her captivity. “Shepherd thy people with thy staff...Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old.” Micah 7:14.

Gilead is also celebrated for a resin that was widely used for medicinal purposes. The Bible writers saw in it a symbol of spiritual blessing.

Jeremiah the prophet urged Egypt to “go up to Gilead, and take balm. In vain have you used many medicines: and there is no healing for you” Jer 46:11

The tribe of Gad produced two judges. The first, Jair, led Israel for 22 prosperous years. He had 30 sons “who rode on 30 donkeys and occupied 30 cities in Gilead. Judges 10:3. More colorful was the tribal hero Jephthah of Mizpah. The outlaw son of a harlot, surrounded by worthless fellows who went raiding with him. His people summoned him only when they needed help in casting off the oppressive Ammorites. His was one of the enlargements of Gad that Moses had forecast in his last blessing to the nation. Deut. 33:20.

Another expansion resulted when King Saul sent a detachment of Gadites to wage war on the Hagarites. “The Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and He was entreated of them; because they put their trust in Him” 1Chron 5:20; 12:14,15. The Gadites had learned the power of prayer. Bold and fierce in the name of the Lord, they carried off Canaanite livestock – the spoil most desirable to them. “A great multitude of 50,000 camels, 250,000 sheep, and 2,000 donkeys”. At the end of the inventory we find the tally – apparently less important – “a hundred thousand men alive”

But during the battle with Ciseria this tribe held back, and was reproached by Deborah Judg 5:17.

Generations later, David welcomes the support of the Gadites who joined him in the wilderness, “mighty and experienced warriors, expert with shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and who were swift as gazelles upon the mountains” 1 Chron 12:8.

Subject to invasions and disturbances, the Gadites learned to defend their holdings. Yet, for that very reason they could also be generous. It was a party of valiant Gileadites who removed the body of King Saul and those of his sons from the walls of Bethshan and gave them a proper burial 1 Sam 31:12. They even went on to try, unsuccessfully, to restore the throne to the house of Saul. 2 Sam 2:8,9.

In due course, however, the Gadites supported David, especially when he contended with the defection of his son Absalom. Hungry, thirsty, and weary from travel, the King received hospitality from Barzillai the Gileadite. Scrip-

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4. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

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**Happy Birthday!**

**November Birthdays**



- Nov 2 *Judy Lopez*
- Nov 3 *Vicky Hilgart*
- Nov 3 *Murnard Gunderson*
- Nov 5 *Sarah Bergman*
- Nov 7 *Bob Biga*
- Nov 8 *Joseph Bergeon*
- Nov 9 *Nelson Ferguson*
- Nov 11 *Karen Ferguson*
- Nov 13 *Sam Lopez*
- Nov 16 *Pam Voge*
- Nov 16 *Elena Perricellia*
- Nov 23 *William Anderson*
- Nov 27 *Hannah Guerrero*
- Nov 27 *Mary Cook (Tess)*
- Nov 27 *Victor Ertl*
- Nov 28 *Carol Bergeon*

*If we missed your birthday and you would like to be recognized, please let us know so that we can update our records.*



**Drinking from my Saucer**

I've never made a fortune  
 And it's probably too late now.  
 But I don't worry about that much  
 I'm happy anyhow.  
 As I go along Life's journey  
 I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
 I'm drinking from my saucer  
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

Ain't got a lot of riches,  
 Sometimes the going's rough.  
 But I got some kids that love me,  
 And that makes me rich enough.  
 I just thank God for His blessings,  
 And the mercy He has bestowed.  
 I'm drinking from my saucer  
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

And I remember times when things went wrong.  
 And my faith got a little thin.  
 But then all at once the dark clouds broke  
 And the sun broke through again.  
 So Lord, help me not to gripe  
 About the tough rows I have hoed.  
 I'm drinking from my saucer  
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

And if God gives me the strength and courage  
 When the way gets steep and rough,  
 I won't ask for other blessings,  
 I'm already blessed enough.  
 And may I never be too busy  
 To help another bear his load.  
 Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer  
 Cause my cup has overflowed.

*-Author Unknown-*

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ture describes it in considerable detail: beds, basins and earthen vessels; wheat, barley, meal, and parched grain; beans and lentils; honey, curds, and cheese, plus sheep from his flocks for fresh meat. 2 Sam 17: 27-29.

The prophet Elijah was no doubt one of Gilead's most distinguished citizens 1Kings 17:1. In the fighting spirit of his clan, he contended with Jezebel, Ahab, and the priests of Baal. Only once, after the victory on Mount Carmel, did discouragement overwhelm him. At the end of his service, Elijah made a farewell trip, visiting all of the schools of the prophets which he had founded. His successor- to- be, Elisha, followed him persistently from one place to another, Gilgal to Bethel, and at last to the river Jordan. Then the two men crossed into Gilead. God sent His fiery chariot down into the hardy old prophet's home country to take him up to paradise—from the lovely pastures of Gilead to the much more glorious fields of Heaven 2 Kings 2:1-12.

Jacob's blessing on his seventh son summarizes the life and victory of the Gadites both then and now: "Gad, a troop shall overcome him: but he shall overcome at last." Gen 49:19.

The Gadites did not use their warlike skills in violence for its own sake, or for revenge, as in the case of Levi and Simeon. Theirs was a battle against evil, a forthright war that needed to be fought daily. The tribe had its problems; they had their bout with idolatry and its attendant evils.

Gad craved popularity, this led to compromise. Always intending to do the right thing, but seldom doing it. He was prone to yield to doubts and questions when pressed by his peers. "But, he overcame at last".

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Seventh Day Adventists, by these prophecies. They are to stand with their loins girt about with truth, and with the armor of God. The light which God has been pleased to give His end-time people will not weaken their confidence in the path in which He has led them in the past, but will strengthen them to hold fast the faith, especially in these end-times of earth's history."

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus' (Revelation 14:12). Here we are standing under the third angel's message: 'And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every hateful and unclean bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are made rich through her many delicacies. And I heard another voice coming from heaven, and it said this, '**Come out of her, my people, that you be not partaker of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues.** For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God has remembered all her iniquities' (Revelation 18:1-5)." (Selected Messages, book 2, p. 101-118)

*Submitted by: Tim Schmidt, Wautoma Church Plant*

## Hello from Wautoma

During the past month, we have just completed the Shadow Empire Series and will hold the Pale Horse Rides for three nights starting October 26 thru the 28th.

We recently attended the Almond Church meetings with Elders Edge and Elder Case regarding the anticipated change of our district. We have received a welcoming invitation to join in a meet and greet opportunity with members of the Reedsburg church in November.

We are meeting this coming Sunday morning for a business meeting that included planning for next year's evangelistic efforts. We continue to work on the church building. Darrel Brown has continued helping out with building projects including electrical work and talking over the ongoing building improvement projects. Some priorities are insulating the attic before snow flies.

We continue with Sunday night Bible studies, Wednesday evening prayer and prophecy meetings. Thursday mornings the ladies continue to meet at the Anderson's for "**women's group**" and are half way through the "Daniel" studies. There are 31 lessons total. It has all been a great blessing.

Looking back, it has been just over a year and a half ago that there was no Seventh Day Adventist worship services in Wautoma. The Spanish group also continues to be active and we continue to share our church building. See how God can bless when we walk in the Lord's direction?

The children's Sabbath School is well attended. We have from 6 to 11 in attendance on a regular basis. We completed the life of Jesus including a study on His miracles and the beatitudes. A couple of weeks ago we started at the beginning of Genesis and plan to work our way through the old Testament stories. We are taking our time so they get a good solid understanding. Each week we make pages for our "lap books", which is one of our projects that illustrate that the lessons have art projects and little flaps to fold back etc. When the binders are full they will take them home and start a new one. Otherwise it is easy too lose the pages, or throw them away. This way the kids can look back at what they learned. We will have to get some pictures of our group in action to share with you next time.

Until then, God Bless all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely,

Alan and Cheryl Anderson

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*With Shawn Boonstra*

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Eventually there flowed into the life-stream of Israel the balm of Gilead, or Gad, a symbol of the saving, soothing grace of God's Spirit. And in time of grave apostasy the message of Elijah the Gadite, saved the nation. His was a type of the spirit in which the final message of warning to a world in danger of destruction will be proclaimed. Eternal Spirit, grant us this power.

Representatives from the tribe of Gad will be found among the sealed remnant Rev 7:5. His name on a gate of the City of Gold assures modern Gadites that the way is open for them. Gad never did anything really bad. He was sometimes a bit too friendly and easy-going, with a zest for having fun. But he allowed the grace of God to overcome his weaknesses and to develop dormant traits in his character. His communication skills and his pleasant manner added to his friendliness. When clad with the righteousness of Christ he was transformed into a useful member of the people of God.

Gad's counterpart in the city's foundation is Levi-Matthew, the renegade Jew who had become Rome's tax collector. He was touched by the Nazarene, and proved that it matters little what a man has been, it only matters what he becomes through God's grace.

*Submitted by: Freddie Ramirez*

### **Broken Fences**

Today as I went out to feed the big horses, I noticed some fresh, small hoofprints in the mud. When I pulled up to the gate, I looked over at the garden, to see a small handsome horse looking back at me from among the greens. I went ahead and took the hay in to feed the big ones, and when I came out the gate, he tentatively walked right toward me. When he got close, he turned and circled a couple of times, unsure if he wanted to surrender his freedom. I squatted down, and held my hand out, and he walked right up to me. That was not possible just a few months ago IN the pasture-let alone out where I cannot catch him! I walked him back to the barn, to put him in a stall for a few minutes while I could investigate to find his departure route. I walked down the electric fence, which was still pulsing with the electric current, and intact. I came back to the metal gate, and noted that the bottom rung of the gate, which had rusted and been loose on one end all summer (since the weld broke) had been pushed out, to allow him to achieve his freedom. He stood patiently in the stall, until I had it secured, and let him back out into the sunshine. He proudly walked out with me, and let me clean his feet as usual. Then when I closed the barn door, and he realized his escape route was closed, he backed up, and looked at me, and then swung his head in a herding pattern, and whinnied a few times in protest. He walked down the fence line to the back building, looking the fencing over. When he realized that his safety was secure, he swung his head again, and took off running the line, whinnying as he went in full protest of the end of his freedom. Normally, he's been running up to me at the gate, but this time, he came much more slowly-a tiny bit reluctantly. He did then come to where I could reach his muzzle, and then circled around and came closer-still smarting a bit, that his escape route had been closed. As I walked away, I was thinking just how much we're like that. God gave us the 10 commandments as a 'gate' of safety—something to hold us back from danger. Yet how often do we push the gate back, thinking we're gaining freedom? Over time, it bends a little farther, until it doesn't provide as much safety. And don't we pitch a protest, at the limitations it imposes? Those 'little things' impede our health and freedom more than we realize, and before we know it, God is there, asking gently, for us to come close, to allow Him to walk us back to safety. I wondered how many times I've been just like that little horse, verbally rebelling at the simple restraint that God has put up in his 'gate' for my safety.

*Written and submitted by Emily Thurman*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Almond's November Events

Nov 1 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Desire of Ages)  
 Nov 3 Prayer Meeting 7:00  
 Nov 4 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Nov 5 Prayer Breakfast 9 AM  
 Nov 5 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Nov 6 Women's Bible Study 1:30 @ Church  
 Nov 7 Revelation Speaks Peace 7:00  
 Nov 8 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Desire of Ages)  
 Nov 9 Revelation Speaks Peace 7:00  
 Nov 10 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 Nov 11 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Nov 11 Reedsburg Church @ 3:30 (Meal provided)  
 Nov 12 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Nov 13 Women's Bible Study 1:30 @ Church  
 Nov 14 Revelation Speaks Peace 7:00  
 Nov 14 Grace Notes Staff Mtg. 6:30 (Stevens Point)  
 Nov 15 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Desire of Ages)  
 Nov 16 Revelation Speaks Peace 7:00  
 Nov 17 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 Nov 18 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Nov 19 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Nov 20 Women's Bible Study 1:30 @ Church  
 Nov 22 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Desire of Ages)?

Nov 24 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 Nov 25 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 Nov 26 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 Nov 27 Women's Bible Study 1:30 @ Church  
 Nov 28 Revelation Speaks Peace 7:00  
 Nov 29 Community Bible Study 7:00 (Desire of Ages)  
 Nov 30 Revelation Speaks Peace 7:00

### Important Dates

Nov 5 Prayer Breakfast 9 AM (Open to all)  
 Nov 11 Reedsburg Church Social @ 3:30  
 115 S. Oak St., Reedsburg 53959  
**Meal provided @ 5:00**

**\*\*\*Ladies Bible Study\*\*\*  
 Held Each Monday  
 1:30pm @ the Church**

### Stevens Point's November Events

Nov 4 Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 am. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am.  
 Nov 11 Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 am. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am.  
 Nov 18 Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 am. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am.  
 Nov 25 Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 am. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am.

### Wisconsin Rapid's November Events

**Sabbath School & Sabbath Services each Sabbath, beginning at 9:30.  
 Potluck follows the worship service each week. We hope to see you there!**

**Nov 1 Bible study & prayer, 6:30 p.m.**

**Nov 8 Bible study & prayer, 6:30 p.m.**

**Nov 13 Church Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.**

**For Country Life orders—Contact the Thomases:**

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## WAUTOMA CHURCH PLANT'S NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 11/1/2017 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy 6:30 p.m.
- 11/2/2017 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- 11/4/2017 Sabbath School 10:00 a.m./Church 11:00 a.m.
- 11/5/2017 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 11/8/2017 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy 6:30 p.m.
- 11/9/2017 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- 11/11/2017 Sabbath School 10:00 a.m./Church 11:00 a.m.
- 11/12/2017 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 11/15/2017 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy 6:30 p.m.
- 11/16/2017 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am
- 11/18/2017 **Sabbath School 9:30 a.m./Church 11:00 a.m.**
- 11/19/2017 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 11/22/2017 Prayer Meeting/Prophecy 6:30 p.m.
- 11/25/2017 **Sabbath School 9:30 a.m./Church 11:00 a.m.**
- 11/26/2017 Bible Study (Anderson's) 5:30 pm
- 11/29/2017 Women's Group (Anderson's) 10:00 am

### Schedule Change

Please take note of the change in start time for Sabbath School, beginning November 18th. We hope to see you there!

What a world this would be if we could forget our troubles  
as easily as we forget our blessings!

*Amish Anon.*  
Submitted by Pat Barten

# GRACE NOTES

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## Mission Statement:

Fostering Unity

## Vision Statement:

To be a resource which encourages and inspires unity in our church district; through inspirational thoughts, informative articles and testimonials; preparing for the soon coming of Christ.

## Ministry

### From Home

Have you ever thought of having a prison ministry? You don't have to leave your home to have this. A letter changes the life of an inmate every time they receive it. Pray that God will lead you to write an inmate. Give an inmate a blessing!

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## Letters to the editor...

If you have ideas, thoughts, complaints or opinions, write to us. This column will appear each month.

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Thanks,  
Grace Notes Editor

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light and took Jesus to the top of the mountain and offered the whole world to Him saying, "if you bow down to me and worship me." This is a sin which would only work if Jesus was willing to offer worship to someone other than the Creator of Heaven and Earth. This would have had the exact opposite effect Satan stated to Christ, He would have become unworthy to be the Lamb of God because He would have broken the first Commandment and subsequently would have been guilty of all of them, therefore disqualifying Him due to sin to make the necessary sacrifice to atone for the sins of the world. Thusly, we would have all been lost for all eternity. I am so grateful that Jesus overcame sin with His love and obedience to the Father's word and His will.

The same power which Christ used to secure the eternal destiny of man has been promised to us and is available merely for the asking. The power of the Holy Spirit of God to be overcomers is available to ALL believers, everyday just for the asking. God tells us in His word that "we have not, because we ask not." Don't you think that perhaps it is time to start asking in your life? I know that I personally could use more of the Holy Spirit and plan to ask (pray), for just what God wants to supply, His Holy Spirit that we might ALL be more than conquerors through Christ Jesus.

God bless you all and I pray that the God of Heaven may supply all your needs to be victorious and obtain to the full stature of Christ Jesus our Loving Lord and Savior.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Elder Joseph Perricellia

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