



And Also With You

MID-JUNE 2016

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Flow-A Rhema Word

JUNE

SUNDAYS

10:00 am

Worship
(nursery provided)

6:30 pm

The Union's
Worship Service

MONDAYS

10:45AM

INTERCESSORS

706-897-6381

6:30pm-Graham

Cooke Group-

Information: 455-

5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am

Women's Bible
Study-Information:
990.2973

FRIDAYS

8:15 am

Men's Group-
Information:
751-5266

CHALICE BEARERS

June 5

Jane and Bob
Grafe

June 12

Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

June 19

Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

June 26

Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry



The Rev. M. Scott Davis

Jesus is the Word (*logos*) of God and the *logos* gives a (*rhema*) word as our daily bread. A *rhema* word is a *now* word from God. The *rhema* word at the moment is *flow*.

So much of what God

is currently saying and doing has to do with *flow*. His kingdom and His ways are all about *flow*.

The etymology of *flow* comes from *flood, rinse, wash, rain, and float*. There is movement with *flow* and everything that is of God and life involves movement. Good circulation has to do with *flow*. A good economy involves *flow*. Healthy relationships *flow* together.

The enemy hates *flow* and determines to stop it wherever possible. John 10:10b says that the thief comes to steal, destroy, and kill. These three acts deter *flow*. Theft prevents movement because of the loss of the item stolen. Destruction and death halt life's *flow* in some form or fashion. A heart attack occurs when blood cannot *flow* to the heart causing death.

Poverty ebbs financial *flow*. A poor economy is an economy that has little *flow*. A weak economy occurs when people cling to rather than releasing money through spending, thus crippling *flow*.

Airlines use the gulfstream when mapping routes because these powerful air currents enable greater speed while using less fuel. *Flow*.

Hidden in the depths of a river is an invisible current that powerfully weaves through the larger mass of water. If you find the current, you can relax and arrive at your destination without effort. If you resist, however, it will exhaust you quickly.

The same is true in the Christian life. The author of Hebrews adjures readers to enter into God's rest. This means that as you travel the river of life, seek to find God's current in the midst of it. When a person enters God's *flow*, little effort is required and he goes farther and faster than without it.

Entering God's *flow*, however, must be intentional. Everyone travels the river of life, yet some will not relinquish control,

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which keeps them struggling in the stagnant parts of the river. They may move forward yet only by their own effort, leaving them exhausted from the cares and worries of life. Some are even in worse predicaments, caught in one of life's many eddies.

An eddy is usually near the bank where water gets trapped by the ongoing current. This causes anything trapped in the eddy to spin in a circular motion without prospect of escape. A boat spins around yet makes no progress forward.

Flow contains two passage ways—an entry and an exit. *Flow* is about passing through. When we close off one access point, the other closes as well, halting *flow*. The geography of the Holy Land illustrates this. Israel contains the lowest fresh water and lowest salt water lakes in

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the world. Fresh water flows into the Sea of Galilee exiting via the Jordan River; flow in, flow out—constant movement and constant life. Because it receives and gives then life teams within its waters. The other sea, however, has only one entry point with no exit. It hordes the water which then becomes stagnant. Fresh water flows into the Dead Sea yet there is no exit point. Its name says it all.

When we allow fear to maneuver us into a defensive posture financially, relationally, or physically, we shut down *flow* and movement into the area of concern. Stress constricts. Constriction is the opposite of *flow*. Weak economies occur from stagnation as people refuse to release their resources out of fear.

Isaiah 48:21 says, “They did not thirst when He led them through the deserts; He made water *flow* for them from the rock; He split the rock and water gushed out.” In 1948 God caused Jews to *flow* into the newly re-established nation of Israel. Revelation tells us that the nations will *flow* to the New Jerusalem in Eternity Future. The Land of Promise *flows* with milk and honey. Where is the *flow* in your life?

Where is there stagnation? Ask the Lord to either move you into the current of His Spirit or to keep you in His current so that you may enjoy His life abundantly.



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There will be a baby shower

and light lunch following church on Sunday, June 26. The Wednesday Bible Study will host the shower and lunch, honoring JoAnna and Sam Davis.

July 10
Missionary
Guest Preacher:
The Rev. Matt Riley

Signage
Committee

The signs in front of the church are now 13 years old and ready for an upgrade. Thanks to the capital fund we will be replacing them this summer. The following are on the committee to develop new ideas for the signs. Those working on this project *for the Stewards* are: **Becky Johnson (Chair), Sandy Leiser-Penton, TJ Adkison, Connie Murfin, and Diana Parker.** We hope to have new signs by August.



Congratulations to Maggie Rockett on the marriage of her son, Carson, to Drue Deneefe on June 11. Drue and Carson will live in Boston.



Wednesday Bible Study will be preparing lunch for the Interns and workers at Light of the Village's Summer Camp Program on June 16.

Starts
June



19 Grace Church begins live streaming the sermon and parts of the service beginning June 19. Only the rector and possibly the back of a few heads will be seen. If, however, you are in witness protection or having a bad hair day you may want to sit in the back half of the church, just in case. Video and audio recordings of the sermons, can be found any-time at www.visitgrace.net.