



# GRACE Notes



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Apr 1 Easter Sunday
- Apr 14 Community Fun Food Flea
- Apr 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Movie Night



## PRAYER & STUDY GROUPS

- Wed 7 pm: Co-ed at church
- Sat 8 am: Men at church
- Sat 8 am: Ladies at church\*
- Sun 6 pm: Co-ed at church  
\*resumes May 12



## Board of Ministries Highlights

- ❖ Egg Hunt Sign & Activities
- ❖ Galdo's daughter Adri to sing Easter
- ❖ Next meeting on 4 April 2018

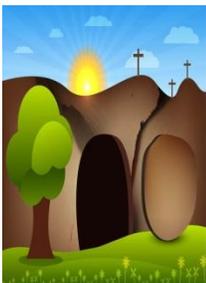
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## Governance Authority Meeting

- Letter from Carol to be read 3/18
- Elder Retreat on the horizon
- Next meeting 13 April 2018

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*"And certain of them  
which were with us  
went to the sepulcher,  
and found it even so as  
the women had said:  
but him they saw not."*

Lk 24:24 KJV

## SMILE



"Christianity is a religion of the open tomb."

Wit & Wisdom



## What in the World?

### CAMA Services

"CAMA" stands for Compassion and Mercy Associates. We serve in a variety of relief and development ministries that flesh out the good news of God's love for people—body and soul.



CAMA began in 1972 as an outreach to internally displaced persons in Vietnam who were fleeing to the cities from the war-ravaged countryside.

When the war ended in 1975, refugees fled to camps in Thailand where CAMA provided food, clothing, medical care, job training, and a verbal witness to the truth that God's Son died and rose again for us. Many who found Christ in the camps returned to their home countries to be the seed of local churches which demonstrated Christ's compassion for the whole person—physical and spiritual.

The lessons learned in Indochina were soon applied among refugees in Hong Kong, Lebanon, Jordan, and Guinea as well as famine victims in Burkina Faso and Mali. CAMA built on its relief efforts by initiating development projects to enable the marginalized to rebuild their lives. We continue to serve in the same manner today.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) offers practical assistance to those in crisis, demonstrating the love of Jesus to the whole person. CAMA Services is the development and relief arm of the C&MA.

For more information: <http://camaservices.org>

Till then ~ ~ Julia Laws

**SOME THOUGHTS TO PONDER . . .**

***I've learned-***

***That you cannot make someone love you, all you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back.***

***I've learned-***

***That it takes years to build up trust, and only seconds to destroy it. That it's not what you have in your life but who you have in your life that counts.***

***I've learned-***

***That you can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that, you better know something. That you shouldn't compare yourself to the best others can do. That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.***

***I've learned-***

***That it's taking me a long time to become the person that I want to be. That you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time you see them.***

***I've learned-***

***That you can keep going long after you can't. That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.***

***I've learned-***

***That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences. That money is a lousy way of keeping score.***

***I've learned-***

***That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time. That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you are down will be the ones to help you get back up.***

***I've learned-***

***That you should never tell a child their dreams are unlikely or outlandish. Few things are more humiliating, and what tragedy it would be if they believed it.***

***I've learned-***

***That it isn't always good enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes you must learn to forgive yourself.***

***That the people you care about the most in life are taken from you too soon***

- Susane Pieffe



- ~ Bob & Linda Ball – Praise & Prayer  
Linda's job is going well & has Sunday mornings off  
Body is fighting her – unspoken family concerns  
Request prayer for TLUSA & AHG events & needs
- ~ Beena Gagat– Praise & Prayer  
Heart Cauterization revealed no issues - stress
- ~ Shirley Gray – Praise & Prayer  
5-day hospital stay revealed GI issues & heart  
Endoscopy to pinpoint area to address & cardio  
Appointment be in North Charleston – finding a new  
family doctor due to health & age of present one
- ~ Jey & Coral Rivera – Praise & Prayer  
Jey employed at Volvo – new routines & schedules  
Coral needs more hours on her job – unspoken  
request for extended family & boys' friends
- ~ Morris & Rita Woods – Praise & Prayer  
Job going well in Savannah & overtime advantages  
Darrell III moving to Michigan with dad & stepmom  
Rita being plagued with reoccurrence of flu-like  
Opportunities that are clearly God-directed
- ~ Nash & Welles – Praise & Prayer  
Tax season over & freedom from obligations with  
former business – Helen in Maine – Nikki's cancer  
Salvation for Nikki & David & boys – God to  
continue to meet daily needs for Noel & David W
- ~ Shirley Gray – Prayer  
Christ to relieve her of her physical & emotional  
& mental pain – salvation for her family
- ~ Kay Newton – Praise & Prayer  
Surgeries are behind her – recovery is slow and not  
without some issues – more good days than bad
- ~ SAD Great Commission Women's Retreat  
Pray for all aspects of this event (Apr 20-22)  
Worship & weather & safety & sharing & speakers  
refreshing & relaxing & reconnecting & reflection

{Every church has a 'mouse' that sees, hears, and likes to share}



*"The difference between catching men and catching fish: you catch fish that are alive and they die, but you catch men that are dead and they are brought to live"*  
Anonymous



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**April 23, 2018**



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