



PROMISE

The Story of Abraham

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**



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WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com/connectcard or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



Masks are optional. Let's continue to be kind and respectful of one another at this stage of the pandemic. It's our prayer that we will be known as a church that displays Christ in how we interact with one another. You are welcome to wear a mask, and we have masks available at the information booth if you need one.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
Call To Worship [Revelation 7:9-12](#)
["Praise To The Lord \(Joyful Joyful\)"](#)
["By Faith"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal [2 Corinthians 13:5](#)
["Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Genesis 15:1-21](#)
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Ordination of Chris Amundson
Communion Pastor Chris Amundson
["This I Believe"](#)
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Dustin Meritt

On the passing of Wayne Fletcher, we extend our sympathies to his daughter, Jennifer Fletcher and former wife, Jill Fletcher.

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR) Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft. CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening.

Contact Gabe Stalker at celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com

THE WEEKLY

[Get our weekly happenings in your email.](#)

The Weekly is a list of all the things happening at Grace for that upcoming week. It will remind you of events you need to attend, and it will also help you to see all that God is doing through the various ministries at Grace. *The Weekly* will arrive in your email box on Thursdays. Signed up but haven't seen it? Check your SPAM folder and search for grace@graceinracine.com.



To be added to the email list, simply scan the QR code or head over to our website where you'll find a button to provide us with your email address.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, JAN 30, 2022

Sanctuary Attendance: 431

Livestream Attendance: 87

Giving: \$19,582

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$105,980

+/- Budget: \$-31,930

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

In our passage for this week, Abram (who has not yet been named Abraham) has an intimate encounter with God Most High. In a conversation with God, Abram asks about the fulfillment of the promises God had made to give him lots of offspring and land. Up until this point, he didn't have any children, and he didn't own any land. Would God come through and fulfill these promises? Abram doesn't seem too sure. But rather than hide his doubt, he was honest with God and spoke with him as a friend. As you read this chapter, reflect on how you deal with your doubts when it comes to God's promises. How do you approach God with your questions about the future? How has God responded? And let's remember that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Discussion Questions

1. Share about a time when you were promised something you didn't get. Or maybe there was a time you promised something you couldn't deliver.
2. When God reaffirms his promise to make Abram's offspring like the stars in the sky, it says that Abram "believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness." What does this mean? Read Romans 4:20-22. How does Paul explain Abram's change from doubt to faith?
3. In verses 12-17, God gives Abram a bit of information about the future and the way He will deliver the land to his offspring, telling him that they will first have to endure slavery and affliction. Why would God tell him this? How does this help Abram's faith?
4. To affirm his promise to give Abram the land, God enters a ritual covenant with Abram where he passes through the halves of five animals as a way to contractually bind Himself to His word. What is the significance that God passed through the pieces alone while Abram slept? How is this covenant fulfilled through Christ?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:3-7. What hope do you have for the future? Do you believe in God's promises of a future inheritance, or do you find yourself struggling with doubt and anxiety about your future?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6

[Genesis 15:1-21](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE PROMISE SEALED

WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. How many offspring did God say Abram would have?
2. What is a truth or promise of God that you have a hard time believing sometimes? Spend some time praying together for God to strengthen your child's faith and that your child would be granted salvation and counted among the righteous.

NEXT WEEK

Genesis 16:1-16

SPRING 2022 CLASSES

We are excited to offer classes that will help you to grow in your pursuit to know Christ in an ever-growing, ever-increasing way. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Below are the descriptions of the classes we're offering.

Register using the QR code or at graceinracine.com/classes.
Paper registration forms also available at the Info Center.
Childcare is available.



The End Times—An Overview of Biblical Teaching

Teachers: Pastor Mike Matheson & Patrick Tetzlaff

Meets: Sunday Mornings, 11am, beginning February 20

Since the beginning of the pandemic, interest in the end times has increased. The world we live in seems increasingly unstable. The situation has left many people asking, “Are we rapidly approaching the end? What insights can be gained by examining biblical prophecy? Are vaccine passports the mark of the beast? Who is the antichrist and has he arrived?” In this class, we will explore what the Bible has to say about prophecy, the end times, the mark of the beast, the antichrist, and other related topics.

What Did You Expect? (Marriage Class)

Teachers: Clint & Christy Klepp

Meets: Sunday Mornings, 11am, February 20 - April 10

Marriage is one of God’s greatest gifts to us, yet it takes a lot of work to experience its intended blessings. Drawing from Paul Tripp’s What Did You Expect? materials, Clint and Christy Klepp will give you and your spouse useful tools to help improve your marriage. The class will include teaching, group discussions, and some marital homework.

One-to-One Bible Reading (Women’s Class)

Teacher: Erin Fleming

Meets: 11am, April 3, 10, 24, and May 1 (no class Easter Sunday)

Ladies, have you ever wanted to join a Bible study but felt intimidated? Concerned about the time commitment... amount of prep and homework? Ever wanted to lead a small group study but didn’t know where to start? Then this 4-week class is for you! We will go through David Helm’s book, One-to-One Bible Reading, working through 2 Thessalonians. The goal of this class is to EQUIP you with the tools to start your own 1:1 Bible reading group. This is an easy and grassroots way to connect with others around God’s Word!

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEN’S GATHERING

Saturday, February 12 at 8am

Speaker: Paul Durbin

Topic: "Does a Loving God Really Allow Suffering?"

Spend some time connecting, grabbing a cup of coffee and pastry, and hear from God’s word. Meet other men in discussion groups and go a little deeper and apply God’s Word to our lives.

RSVP by scanning the QR code, or visit graceinracine.com



JULIAN THOMAS LOCAL PARTNERSHIP INFO MEETING

Sunday, February 13, 11am, Room A18

We are looking to launch a Local Partnership at Julian Thomas Elementary School. Join us next Sunday to learn about all the ways you can make an impact in kids' lives through this local service opportunity.

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

2021 giving statements have been emailed.

If you need assistance accessing or printing yours, please contact:
Dion Gracyalny, Financial Secretary 262.639.6192

BOARD GAME DAY

Saturday, February 12, 12pm - 6pm

Anyone is welcome to join us for one game or several as we get together to play games of all sorts - from beginner games to advanced game playing, party games to strategy games, and everything in between! Snacks are provided but feel free to bring your own as well. This is an open house style event - come and go as you please!

SAVE THE DATE!

Coming up at Grace Church

Classes Begin.....	February 20
Prayer Gathering	February 27
Membership & Baptism Class.....	March 19
Holy Week	April 10 - 17
Baptism Sunday	April 17
Child Dedication	May 8
Vacation Bible School	June 20 - 24