

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship	Job 33:4
"All Because of Jesus"	Fee
Welcome & Announcements	Chris Amundson
	Director of Student Ministries & Life Groups
Life Group Leader Commissioning	Chris Amundson

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Prayer of Confession	Chris Amundson
Assurance of Grace	Chris Amundson
"The Solid Rock"	Bradbury, Mote
"Great Is Their Faithfulness"	Chisholm, Runyon
"He Will Hold Me Fast"	Habershon, Merker
Offering	

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word	James 1:1-12-18
Preaching of the Word	Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

"You Never Let Go"	Redman
Benediction	Pastor Mike Matheson

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 James 1:12-18, he continues on with the theme of faith in the midst of trials. In this section, we see what a grounded faith looks like as well as the nature of temptation when the heat gets turned up. It is in the hardships of life that the firmness of the object of our faith gets tested. And so only the unchanging, giver of good gifts, will suffice.

Discussion Questions

1. What did your 'ungrounded faith in yourself' look like before you were a Christian? In what ways do you still struggle with it? In what ways has it proven to fail you?
2. What does James mean by receiving the crown of life in verse 12? Does this eternal reward motivate you in the Christian life? How often do you think about it?
3. When you are undergoing trials, in what ways are you tempted to sin? Do you ever fall into blaming God for the way you respond to your trial? What can we do as a group to walk with each other in these times toward truth?
4. Read James 1:14-15. How well do you know your own heart and the things that you are lured by? Do you have people in your life who know you this well and speak into your life about these things? Do we feel comfortable enough as a group talking sharing our struggles with temptation? How can we grow together in this way?
5. In what ways do you find comfort in God's unchanging nature? How does this relate to the promises that he has made to us as his people? Spend some time recognizing all that God has given you in Christ and go before him in prayer as a group.

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Grounded Faith That is Alive

Scripture: James 1:12-18

Date: September 16, 2018

For more information on this topic look into:

James: A 12 Week Study (Knowing the Bible) by Greg Gilbert

James (Life Change Series) by NavPress

The Message of James by J. Alec Motyer

Next Week's Sermon Preparation

These questions are for personal use during the week to help you prepare for next week's passage, James 1:19-27.

Context

1. What can you learn about the person or situation to which the letter is written?
2. What clues are there about the author and his circumstances?
3. What was the main point of the passage immediately before this one? Are there logical or thematic connections to the passage you are reading?

Observation

1. Are there any major sub-sections or breaks in the text? Are there key connecting words (for, therefore, but, because) that indicate the logical flow of the passage?
2. What is the main point or points? What supporting points does the author make?
3. What surprises are there in the flow of the argument?

Meaning

1. How does this text relate to other parts of the book?
2. How does the passage relate to Jesus?
3. What does this teach you about God?
4. How could you sum up the meaning of this passage in your own words?

Application

1. How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?
2. Is there some attitude you need to change?
3. How does this passage call on you to change the way you live?

Adapted from: *One to One Bible Reading, A Simple Guide for Every Christian*
by David Helm (Available at the Grace Book Cart)

Fall 2018 Classes (Starts Next Week!)

Here are the classes offered for our Fall semester. Please note: classes meet at various days/times and range from 5-16 weeks long. Childcare for all ages will be offered for classes that meet on Sundays at 11:15 AM. **All classes will break on November 25th (Thanksgiving weekend).**

Start Dates	
Wednesday September 19	The Bible in a Year - Bible Project <i>(Women's Class)</i>
Sunday September 23	8:15AM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Book of Daniel• 1 John 11:15AM <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deuteronomy <i>(Women's Class)</i>• Humility• The Book of Isaiah, Part 1• Financial Peace University
Tuesday September 25	Attributes of God <i>(Women's Class)</i>

To register for classes...

Stop by the Information Center and fill out a class registration form

- or -

Visit graceinracine.com/classes and complete the registration online

Class Descriptions

Women's Class | *The Bible in a Year - Bible Project*: Let's get into the Word and read the Bible in a year based on the reading plan from thebibleproject.com. There are short videos for each book and different themes to go along with the readings. Using inductive study skills, we will study the Word and keep a notebook of what God is teaching us through His Word.

- **Begins:** Wednesday, September 19, 9:30am
- **Taught by:** Ruth Heapes

Women's Class | *Deuteronomy (12 Weeks)*: The book of Deuteronomy contains the "farewell speeches" of Moses as the Israelites prepare to enter the Promised Land. These speeches serve as both "last words" and "pep talks" to remind Israel and that our proper response to God's faithfulness and love is our complete obedience. Deuteronomy will encourage your spiritual growth and dependence on God as we dig into the Scriptures together.

- **Begins:** Sunday, September 23, 11:15am
- **Taught by:** Michelle Jenks

Women's Class | *Attributes of God (12 Weeks)*: Living with a false understanding of who God is has terrible consequences. For one, if you get God's character wrong, you are no longer worshiping the One True God but a false god created in your mind. Secondly, having a wrong understanding of who God is will ultimately lead to an incorrect understanding of who we are, because as tarnished image bearers we cannot accurately define ourselves without viewing ourselves through the lens of who He is.

- **Begins:** Tuesday, September 25, 6:30pm
- **Taught by:** Rachel Menke

***The Book of Daniel (12 Weeks)*.** Daniel was a normal person like you and me. Our society today is a lot like the one Daniel lived in centuries ago. This class will focus on: God's sovereignty, walking in integrity and humility, the power of God to transform people, standing firm in our faith, and end time prophecy.

- **Begins:** Sunday, September 23, 8:15am
- **Taught by:** Bob Gullberg

1 John (9 Weeks): Have you ever asked yourself “How can I know that I have eternal life?” or “If someone says they believe in Jesus, but they don’t live like a Christian, are they saved?” or “What are the differences between the life of a Christian and the life of a non-Christian?” As Christians living in a fallen world, it can be easy to doubt our salvation at times or have some confusion about what it looks like to live as a Christian when we still struggle with sin. We will explore what God’s Word has to say about these issues as we study through the book of 1 John together.

- **Begins:** Sunday, September 23, 8:15am
- **Taught by:** Matt Hagemann

Humility (12 Weeks): This class will be a discussion of Andrew Murray’s classic Christian book, *Humility*. Book discussion will be combined with a study of the biblical terms, humility and pride. Each session will include an opportunity to develop practical personal applications. (Copies of the book, *Humility*, will be provided).

Meets: Sundays at 11:15am

- **Begins:** Sunday, September 23, 11:15am
- **Taught by:** Nick Ringger

The Book of Isaiah, Part 1 (12 Weeks): The book of Isaiah has often been called ‘the fifth gospel’ or ‘the Romans of the Old Testament’. In no other book of the Old Testament is the big picture of God’s purposes for his people and for the world communicated so clearly as in Isaiah. Not surprisingly, no other book is quoted as frequently in the New Testament, with the exception of the Psalms.

- **Begins:** Sunday, September 23, 11:15am
- **Taught by:** Jim Murray

Financial Peace University (9 Weeks): Financial Peace University will help you take control of your money, plan for your future, and transform your life. Learn what the Bible says about money and how you can honor God through your stewardship. The course is \$129 per family or couple. To register and purchase the required resources, please visit financialpeace.com/product/financial-peace:

- **Begins:** Sunday, September 23, 11:15am
- **Taught by:** Dion Gracyalny, Chad Durfey



GRACE CHURCH BLOCK PARTY!!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29TH // 12 - 4PM

FREE ADMISSION! COMMUNITY WELCOME!

FOOD TRUCKS!

RAFFLE! GAMES! HAYRIDE! INFLATABLES!

FEATURING: STRING TRIO "YOUNG STRINGS"

At: Grace Church
3626 Hwy 31, Racine, 53405
graceinracine.com

We need your help!

SERVE

Many open volunteer positions including: Face Painting, Games, Greeting and more!

DONATE

Bags of candy for prizes

ADVERTISE

Hang up fliers at the places you frequent!

WHAT TO EXPECT!

FOOD! Purchase food from food trucks that will be selling cuisine that includes Filipino, southern, hot dogs, sub sandwiches & more!

Youth For Christ Parent Life will have baked goods for sale!

RAFFLE! Bring a donation of diapers, wipes, and/or canned goods and receive ticket(s) to enter to win raffle prizes!

GAMES! Pumpkin Chuckin', Mini-Golf, & BINGO are just a few of the games that you can expect!

Hayride! Bounce House! Photo Stations!
Featuring String Trio: "Young Strings"
and the music of DJ John Z.!

Announcements

Prayer Gathering

September 23 at 5:05pm

Stop by the table today to let us know what you'll bring to our meal!

Childcare provided after the meal.

GriefShare

Meets on Saturdays from 9am-11am.

If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, please join us for hope in the gospel as we support one another through the process of grief. There is hope and healing for you! Register via the connection card or by email care@graceinracine.com. The cost for the group is \$15 to cover materials, scholarships are available if needed.

It's not too late to join!

Child Dedication

Sunday, October 28th

Required Class: 10/14, after service, childcare provided.

Register at graceinracine.com

Women's Communita & Coffee

Saturday, October 6th, 9-11am

Mary Andrews will be sharing with us what God's Word says about our identity and where it can be found.

Coming up!

September 23

Fall Classes Begin

Member Prayer Gathering (5:05pm)

September 29

Block Party (Noon - 4pm)

October 6

Women's Communita & Coffee

Sunday School is available for children 5th grade and younger. Classes for babies through preschoolers are available during the full duration of the service. Elementary aged children will be dismissed to their classes during the offertory. However we also value having children with us for the entirety of the worship service. Please know that your children are welcome to stay with you in the service and that we encourage their presence here.

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

Jeff Hawes, Suzanne Schackelman

In the passing of Nicholas Schultz, we extend our sympathies to his sister, Loralie Schultz.

In the passing of Michael Plantamura, we extend our sympathies to his wife, Barb.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 566 Children's Ministry Attendance: 127

Giving: Last Week: \$26,025 YTD: \$1,094,057 +/- Budget: \$14,347

