



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
Call To Worship
["God So Loved"](#)
["10,000 Reasons \(Bless The Lord\)"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson
[John 6:35-40](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
["Turn Your Eyes"](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[Genesis 14:1-24](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

["King of Kings"](#)
Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

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

On the passing of Sharon Lojeski, we extend our sympathies to her husband, Bob and daughter, Mindy (Dennis) Post.

ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING: TODAY AT 11:00AM

Members of Grace Church are invited to our Annual Member Meeting. All are welcome to attend; however, only members can participate in the meeting. We encourage you to read carefully through the 2021 annual report. We want to make sure you are well informed about all that is happening within the life of the church.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the 2021 Annual Report are available at the Info Center. An electronic copy is available on REALM. The theme of this year's report is Flourish, centered around 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

Ministry Directors have shared examples of God's faithfulness in their ministry, please take the time to read how they have seen their ministry flourish and how they see it flourishing in 2022. The report also includes detailed financial information.

2022 ELDER CANDIDATES

Complete bios are posted on REALM and available at the Info Center.

The 2022 Elder candidates are Clint Klepp and Chris Amundson. Clint has been a member of Grace since 2014 and has previously served on the Elder Council. Chris has been a member of Grace Church since 2004 and on staff since 2012.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, JAN 23, 2022

Sanctuary Attendance: 284
Livestream Attendance: 156
Giving: \$35,325

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$86,398
+/- Budget: \$-23,930

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 makes a daring rescue of his nephew Lot, who was taken captive after a great battle between many kings. Upon his victorious return, Abram is met by another king, one of peace and righteousness, named Melchizedek, who we are told is “priest of God Most High”. This mysterious priestly king then confers on Abram a blessing, which serves as a reminder of God’s power to save. Abram receives this blessing and makes clear his allegiance to God. As you read and study this passage, consider for yourself how your life demonstrates your allegiance. When the world offers you the chance to be the king of your own life, do you accept that gift? Or do you humble yourself before the God who promises so much more?

Discussion Questions

1. What is the greatest present you’ve ever received? How did the person giving the gift have a bearing on your joy in receiving the gift?
2. This is the first war between kings that is documented in Scripture. What does the text tell us is the cause of this war? How have things changed since? How have they stayed the same?
3. Upon his victorious return from rescuing his nephew, Abram is greeted by Melchizedek, priest of God Most High. How does this story and the actions of Melchizedek define the role of priest?
4. Abram responds to Melchizedek’s blessing by giving him a tenth of the spoils. But when the king of Sodom offers Abram the rest of the recovered possessions, Abram doesn’t want it. Why? What does this tell us about the nature of Abram’s faith?
5. Psalm 110 describes Melchizedek as “a priest forever”. Read Hebrews 7:23-25, which talks about Jesus’ role as a priest. What is the connection between Melchizedek and Jesus? Do you respond to Jesus as your priest the way that Abram responded to Melchizedek as his priest?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY JANUARY 30

[Genesis 14:1-24](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE PROMISE OF
THINGS TO COME

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. Who was actually responsible for winning the battle in today’s passage?
2. What are some victories in your life that God has helped you to “win”? Spend some time together in prayer thanking God for these victories He has given you!

NEXT WEEK

[Genesis 15:1-21](#)

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?

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

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, February 5, 9-11am

Speaker: Mary Andrews

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

Women's Gatherings feature time spent worshipping through song, a guest speaker, small group discussion on the topic, and informal fellowship around food. There are also prize giveaways of featured resources we hope women will use as they strive to grow in their own spiritual life and ministry giftings. Women's Gatherings are a great way to get to know more women at Grace, and also a great way to introduce your female neighbors and friends to Grace!

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



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.

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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!

SOUTH AFRICA SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP

Application deadline: January 31st

If you're interested in being part of the South Africa short-term mission trip, please complete your application by Monday, January 31st.

