

TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

FAITHFUL
&
Flourishing

A STUDY IN 1 THESSALONIANS



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30AM

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 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.



If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
Call To Worship [Isaiah 40:9-10](#)
["All Creatures of Our God and King"](#)
["Ancient of Days"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Dave Kehrli, Elder
["Speak O Lord"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [1 Thessalonians 2:13-16](#)
Prayer of Illumination Hallie Charbogan
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson
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RESPONSE

["O Praise The Name \(Anástasis\)"](#)
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email prayer@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.

GRACE KIDS

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Childcare is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth - Kindergarten. Children ages 2 - Kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshippers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed after the singing portion of worship). WIT follows along with the same passage of Scripture that is being taught by the pastor in the sanctuary but at a more age-appropriate level.

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

1. What is the Word of God?
2. What are some ways that you are filling yourselves with the Word of God?

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 475
Livestream Attendance: 105
Giving: \$22,864

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$592,794
+/- Budget: -\$3,392

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 this week, Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy are thankful that the Thessalonians received and accepted God's Word. Now this Word was at work in the believers, even in the face of great suffering and opposition. Considering this suffering and opposition, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to keep doing what they're doing: Do not let go of this Word. Do not be moved. The suffering they were experiencing was not abnormal. It happened to Jesus, it happened to the prophets, it happened to Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, and it is happening to the Thessalonian church. Why? Because not only did they receive God's Word, but they also spoke it. As you read and reflect this week, consider the power and the consequences of speaking God's Word. His Word will accomplish what He purposes, and those who speak His Word will face opposition. Our heroes in Scripture persevered in speaking. Will we?

Discussion Questions

1. In verse 13, Paul says that the Thessalonians received God's Word for what it really is: The Word of God, not the word of men. What changes about our lives when we receive Scripture not as human words, but as the words of God? What changes about our witness to the gospel?
2. In verse 14, Paul says that the Thessalonians became "imitators" of the churches of God in Christ Jesus. Who is he referring to? And what about them exactly are the Thessalonians imitating?
3. The Thessalonian church was experiencing the same sufferings as Paul, Silvanus, Timothy, the prophets, and Jesus Himself. How might have this information comforted them in their suffering?
4. People were hindering Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved. But, in our context today, most of us don't divide people into the categories of "Jew and Gentile." What other social barriers or classifications might hinder us from speaking the gospel to people? Taking on the mind of Christ, how might we get past these barriers?
5. Paul, Silvanus, Timothy, the prophets, and Jesus all suffered for speaking the Word of God. How might we live lives that honor Christ in a way that others see our good works (gospel conduct) as well as hear the Word of God (gospel proclaiming)?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY MAY 22

[1 Thessalonians 2:13-16](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

THE POWERFUL
WORD OF GOD

NEXT WEEK

[1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13](#)



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Children who has just completed Kindergarten - 5th are grade invited to celebrate the King of Kings at our 2022 VBS! For five days, we will explore the lives of various biblical kings as we compare them to the King of Kings and see how it is only King Jesus who is truly worthy of all our love, worship, and allegiance! It's a week of royal festival games, feasts (okay it's just snacks), crafts, music, and more!

Register at graceinracine.com/vbs, scan the QR code, or stop by the VBS table in the commons!



Volunteer with VBS!

Games Volunteers, Greeters, Small Group Leaders

Scan the QR code, visit graceinracine.com/vbs or stop by the VBS table in the commons to sign-up for one of these positions!



Donate to VBS!

It takes many supplies to make VBS happen! Stop by the table in the commons to pick up your assignment of items to donate to VBS!

- or -

[Head over to our Amazon wish list for a list of items needed for Vacation Bible School.](#)



GRACE HAPPENINGS

PRAYER GATHERING

TONIGHT at 5:00pm

Prayer is essential if we want to thrive as individuals and as a church. Not only are we commanded by God to pray in his word, Christ himself demonstrated and teaches us how to pray. We pray to worship God, declaring our devotion, expressing our dependence, confessing our sins, thanking our Father, and voicing our concerns. Our prayer gatherings provide us with focused opportunities to grow in our prayer lives together. Join us as we give ourselves to becoming an even more prayerful church, all for our good and God's glory!

NO WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING ON MAY 29TH

The 1st-4th grade Worshipers in Training class will not meet on Sunday, May 29th due to the holiday weekend. Students are encouraged to attend the full service with their family!

SERVE ONE ANOTHER

Serving provides us the opportunity to show Christ's love to one another. Scan the QR code or visit our website to learn more about the various ways you can serve throughout the different ministries of our church.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

TODAY after service!

Enjoy a hot breakfast and support the team heading to South Africa to work with the Rebros! Begins immediately after service next Sunday. Free-will offering accepted.

SUMMER CAMP AT VILLAGE CREEK BIBLE CAMP!

June 26 - July 2: Junior Camp for kids entering grades 3-6 in the fall with speaker Glenn Schultz (AWANA volunteer & Grace member)



Come enjoy a week of making new friends, fun activities, Bible teaching, and more! Scholarships are available, don't let finances prevent you from attending. Visit villagecreek.net for more Info

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. Scan the QR code or head over to our website where you'll find a button to provide us with your email address.

