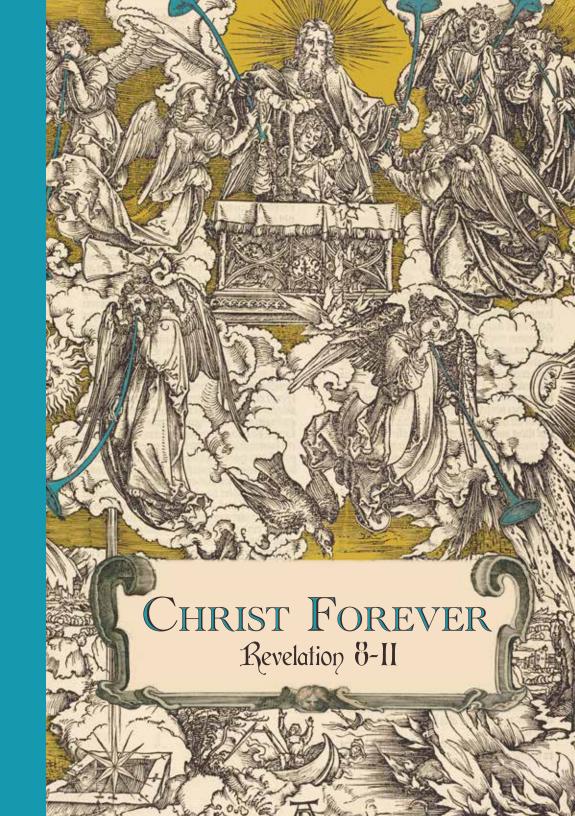
To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known



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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 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. Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to meet 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 Call To Worship "The Way (New Horizon)" "Christ Is Mine Forevermore" Pastor Matthew Lautz Psalm 124

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal "He Will Hold Me Fast" Joe Kobriger, Co-Director of Missions

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Prayer of Illumination Preaching of the Word

RESPONSE

"O Church Arise (Arise Shine)" Benediction

Revelation 11:1-14

Pastor Mike Matheson

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

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

On the passing of Chris Booth, we extend our deepest sympathy and love to his wife, Patti, son Patrick (Lori) and daughter, Kristen (James) Hodgen.

The Booth family extends their thanks and gratitude for the many visits and cards sent to Chris and Patti the past 20 months. Please join them as they celebrate the life of Chris Booth on Saturday, March 4th at Grace Church. *Visitation will be held from 2pm-4pm. Service to follow from 4pm - 5:30pm.*

After the service all are invited to stay for a fellowship dinner and celebrate *Chris's life by telling stories in the commons.*

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 <u>celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com</u>



The Lenten season has begun and we want to equip you to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection during this season! The bookstall is stocked with some great Lent and Easter resources including daily Lenten devotionals, family devotionals, and picture books for your littles.

ATTENDANCE &GIVING

LAST WFFK Attendance: 546 Giving: \$20,581

2023 GIVING Year to Date: \$215,180 +/- Budget: -\$25,605

Pastor Matthew Lautz

The sanctuary will continue to be used for prayer and reflection following the service. We invite you to come down front if you have a prayer need. Head to the Commons for fellowship after service.

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.

Last week in chapter 10, the Apostle John, the author of Revelation, received a commission from God to "prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings." Now in this vision, John receives a measuring rod to measure the temple of God and those who worship there. Then he is told about the two witnesses and what will happen to them. This whole scene takes place in the context of the sixth trumpet blast back from chapter 9, which is also the second of three woes first referenced at the end of chapter 8. Which is to say, things are really starting to get confusing. But while we can get lost in the details of this winding road, we mustn't lose sight of the purpose of this highly symbolic vision—this revelation is given to strengthen the faith of the church as it waits for the return of Christ.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Are you the type of person that tends to complete a task before starting a new one, or do you start new tasks before completing the last one?
- 2. In verses 1-2, John is told to measure the temple and those in it, but not the court outside because it will be "given over to the nations" which will "trample the holy city." Given this contrast between those inside and those outside the temple, what seems to be the purpose of John's measuring?
- 3. What do the two witnesses represent, and how would you describe their power? What is the significance of this power given the context of the original audience of Revelation?
- 4. What happens after the witnesses finish their testimony? Compare what happens to them to what happened to Jesus after he "finished" his work. What's the significance of this parallel?
- 5. How does fear control your testifying of the gospel of Christ? How might this passage help calm your fear and give you courage to complete the work of making Christ known?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 Revelation 11:1-14 Pastor Mike Matheson

WITNESS IN THE World

FAMILY MINISTRY

DISCIPLE-MAKING PARENT CONFERENCE

with Chap Bettis, Author of The Disciple-Making Parent

March 17: 6:30pm - 8:30pm & March 18: 9am - 12pm Childcare is available, you must <u>register by Wednesday, March 1st!</u>

Who is this conference for? It's for parents, grandparents, those who serve with students and children, and for anyone who wants to come alongside others who are raising up children. Basically, it's for everyone. So, please come and invite others as well. Grab a few postcards & fliers after service to share with others!

Raising our children to love and follow Jesus Christ is our highest parenting priority. But most parents are woefully uninformed and unequipped in this area. They are leaving it all to the church. In this seminar, we want to inspire, encourage, exhort and equip parents in this vital area of living the Christian life.



COMING UP AT VILLAGE CREEK BIBLE CAMP: 2023 SUMMER CAMPS

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Junior Camps: Entering Grades 3-6 in the Fall Junior 1 - June 4-10 // Junior 3 - August 6-12

Middle School Camp: Entering Grades 6-8 in the Fall Middle School Camp - July 9-15

Teen Camps: Entering Grades 7-10 in the Fall Teen Camp 1 - June 11-17 // Teen Camp 2 - July 23-29

Senior High Camp - Grades 9 - Graduating Seniors Senior High Camp - June 18-24

Stop by the Info Center for brochures on everything coming up at Village Creek this summer!

GRACE HAPPENINGS

PRAYER GATHERING

February 26 // 5pm

Prayer is essential at Grace Church. Join us for prayer and then stay for a meal together.

Meal details: Breakfast!

We'll provide a variety of egg bakes and need you to bring (based on 1st letter of last name):

- A G: Fruit
- H L: Sweet rolls (such as donuts, muffins, etc)
- M S: Savory rolls (croissants,

biscuits, English muffins, bagels, etc) T - Z: Juice (apple, orange)

MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM CLASS

Saturday, March 25 // 9 - Noon If you're interested in membership, join us at the upcoming class. Our next baptism opportunity will be on April 9 (Resurrection Sunday!). If you are planning on being baptized, plan to attend the first hour of the membership class. Register at graceinracine.com or scan the QR code.

BOARD GAME DAY

Saturday, March 11 // 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! This is an open house style event - come and go as you please!

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Thank you Grace for your generosity to help meet some of the immediate needs in Turkey & Syria. You donated over \$15,000!

WOMEN'S GATHERING

March 4 // 9am

Libby Jansson will be speaking on "Assurance" from 1 John 4:7-21. This is part of our continuing series on discipleship and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus - while reading through the book of 1 John.

Come and connect with other ladies from Grace, lifting your heart in songs of worship, prayer, and discussion around God's Word... to know Christ and to make Christ known.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Are you an organized person who enjoys being behind-the-scenes? Then the meal team could use you! An individual is needed to coordinate the meal team which involves arranging meal trains as needed and making sure families are taken care of in their time of need. Contact Angie Vail: 262-989-3309

