## TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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# WORDSTO HE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## 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 the QR code on the next page to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.

Need a Bible? Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to get one to you and also 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**

### **PRE-SERVICE**

"<u>Drenched In Love</u>" Welcome

Pastor Mike Matheson

## PRAISE

Call To Worship "<u>Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)</u>" "<u>In Christ Alone</u>" <u>Isaiah 12:1-2, 5-6</u>

## RENEWAL

Missions Moment with Brenda Rebro

## PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Prayer of Illumination Preaching of the Word <u>Matthew 5:3-10</u>

Isaac Miller, Care Ministry Director

## RESPONSE

Silent Reflection "<u>Hallelujah, What A Savior</u>" "<u>Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy)</u>" Benediction

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.

## **CARE MINISTRY**

## **PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY**

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

*Congratulations to Joe and Kelsey Kottke on the birth of their daughter, MaKenna.* 

## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING: TODAY @ 11AM

Members of Grace Church are invited to our Annual Member Meeting. All Grace attendees are welcome to attend, however, only members can participate in the meeting, and you need to be present to vote.

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to sign-in for the meeting and receive a voting card. The voting card will be held up by members during the meeting to indicate their choice in the vote, and make it easier for the volunteers to get an accurate count. You can also pick up an agenda and a report if you need one. We have some light snacks and water available if you'd like to grab something before the meeting.

#### **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

Copies of the 2023 Annual Report are available at the Info Center. The theme of this year's report is "Generations of Grace," sharing stories of many of the volunteers and staff members who grew up in our church, were invested in by many of our long-time members, and are presently serving the next Grace generations.

#### **2024 ELDER CANDIDATE**

Complete bio is available with the Annual Report.

The 2024 Elder candidate is Isaac Miller. Isaac previously served at Grace as the Children's Ministry Pastor, under Jerry Worsham. Isaac returned to Grace staff in 2023 as the Care Ministry Director.

Read more about Isaac and his family when you pick up an Annual Report.



**2024 GIVING** Year to Date: \$133,912 +/- Budget: \$41,533

**LAST WEEK** Attendance: 743 Giving: \$53,222

## 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.

This week Pastor Isaac took us through the second beatitude from the Sermon on the Mount. In this short statement, Jesus teaches something that should strike us as odd. It is the ones who mourn that are truly blessed. This is another signal to us and all of his hearers that reminds everyone that his kingdom is unlike any other kingdom. And the people who he seeks out to populate this kingdom are not the type that anyone would expect.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What is the value of going through each beatitude one week at a time?
- 2. Describe those who mourn. Is it just describing people who go through hard times? How could the people that Jesus is describing possibly be considered blessed?
- 3. How does the first beatitude (5:3) inform this one? How are they connected?
- 4. What kind of comfort is Jesus talking about? Where else in the Bible do we see this idea of comfort?
- 5. Do you think we deal with the concepts of mourning and sorrow well in our culture? Our church? What do you think is the reason for the tendency of many to avoid or escape mourning and sorrow?
- 6. How does this beatitude shape our approach when talking to our neighbor about the gospel of Jesus Christ? How does this teaching transform us to be more like him in regard to others?

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

THE FLOURISHING Life of Sorrow

<u>Matthew 5:4</u> Isaac Miller Care Ministry Director

> Memorize The Beatitudes together. This week: Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

SERMON

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Next Week: Matthew 5:5

## MISSIONS

## CONNECT WITH MISSIONARIES BRENDA & CRAIG REBRO SERVING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Craig & Brenda are Grace-sent field workers serving in White River, South Africa. They are directors of Sinani (sinani.org), a South African non-profit with a vision to mobilize the church to care for the spiritual and physical needs of orphans and vulnerable



children and widows. They do this through 10 community life centers where children are known, fed, fathered & mothered. They are taught the word of God, hear the gospel message, and when they come to faith are discipled. They have planted churches in three of these communities and desire for all communities to have a viable church led by local believers. Stop by the Mission Table in the Commons before or after church to pick up a prayer card and connect with Brenda, or email: brenda@sinani.org.

## **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.

Scan the QR code for complete class descriptions and to register. Childcare is available.

#### Classes begin Sunday, February 4 and meet after service.

#### Family Discipleship: What is the Church? Teachers: Chris Amundson and Rachel Menke

The class is designed for families to attend together and not only learn about God's design for what the church is, but to also get some guided practical experience in walking through these things together as a household.

#### Seeing Jesus in All the Scriptures // Teacher: Ryan Boyer

In this six week class, you will be equipped to see Christ in both the Old and New Testaments, exploring the different types of literature found in each.

#### We Behold His Glory: Science and Faith // Teacher: Dave Jansson

We will look at science and faith in a way that everyone can understand, and marvel at the ways in which the Living God is revealing more of Himself to mankind — those He has made in His own image.

## **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

#### WOMEN'S GATHERING

**Sat., February 3** // **9am - 11am** Speaker: Erin Fleming Topic: "Do You Feel Invisible?" Extend an invitation to ladies in your circle of life to come and connect with other ladies from Grace. We will lift our hearts in songs of worship, prayer, and discussion around God's Word. Scan the QR code to register.

#### PARENTING WORKSHOP

Topic: Talking With Your Kids About Sex

**Sat., February 10 // 9am - 11am** The aim of this seminar is to help you think about these conversations and how you can have them in a way that demonstrates grace and hope with your kids and points them to our compassionate Savior. This workshop is for parents of young children, elementary kids, teens, and college students.

Childcare is available at a limited capacity and will be available on a first registered basis. Scan the QR learn more and register.

## 2023 GIVING STATEMENTS

2023 giving statements have been emailed. If you need assistance accessing or printing yours, please contact: Dion Gracyalny, Financial Secretary, 262.639.6192.

#### **NEWCOMER GATHERING**

#### Sunday, February 11 // 11am

If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know a little bit more about us, we would like to invite you to our Newcomer Gathering. This will be a time for you and your family to grab a bite to eat, meet a few of the staff, and hear a little about the vision of Grace Church. Let us know you'll be joining us by stopping by the Welcome Table or scanning the QR code to RSVP.

### **2024 MEN'S RETREAT**

Save the Date! April 19–20, 2024 Grand Geneva Resort & Spa We are inviting men of all ages to come together on this 3rd weekend of April to gather in Lake Geneva and discuss what it looks like to depend on the Lord and walk confidently in our God given mission as his sons. Registration opens February 4th.

