

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Visit graceinracine.com or scan the QR code on the next page to let us know you visited.

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

"You've Already Won"
Welcome

Pastor Chris Amundson

PRAISE

Call To Worship

Psalm 138:1-3

"The Way (New Horizon)"

"Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)"

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal "Turn Your Eyes"

Evan Petras, Student Ministries Director

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Prayer of Illumination

Matthew 7:13-23

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Isaac Miller

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

"Christ Is Enough"

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

Congratulations to Seth and Shauna Hunter on the birth of their daughter, Ruth Elizabeth Annora Hunter, born August 16!

JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Begins Tuesday, September 10 // 6:30pm

Meets on Tuesdays for 12 weeks (you will receive a schedule after your application is submitted)

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. Journey groups provide opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact care@graceinracine.com for more information.

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

GRIEFSHARE

Begins Saturday, September 21 // Meets from 9am - 11am

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through the loss of a loved one. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join us as we look to the Lord for healing, care, and comfort. To learn more and register, scan the QR code at the back of your worship guide.

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.
- Email prayer@graceinracine.com



2024 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,146,240 +/- Budget: \$-53,707

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 740 Giving: \$61,362

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.

Matthew 7:13-23 presents to us some of the most difficult teaching from Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. It is a passage that draws attention to the fact that real followers of Jesus must be a transformed people and that there is no room in the kingdom for mere pretenders.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Review: Why is the "Golden Rule" so simple and so difficult at the same time? Are there relationships in your life where you are failing to practice it?
- 2. Jesus begins this section with the illustration of gates and ways (or paths) in 7:13-14. Explain the illustration. What does this teaching mean for us if we are set on following Jesus?
- 3. In 7:15-20, Jesus warns us about and gives instructions on how to recognize false prophets. What does bad fruit from false teachers actually look like? Why do you think so many people within the church get deceived by false teaching?
- 4. Matthew 7:21-23 contains some of Jesus' most difficult words in the Sermon on the Mount. Is Jesus teaching that some who follow him will be rejected in the end? What exactly is he teaching and how should it shape us in our Christian life?
- 5. What does this week's passage teach us about the nature of the gospel? How does it affect the way that we share the gospel with others?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Matthew 7:13-23
Pastor Isaac Miller

TWO WAYS,

Next Week: Matthew 7:24-29

MISSIONS

HALO SPECIAL COLLECTION

HALO is our local homeless shelter in Racine and is one of our Local Partners. There is a major need for supplies and monetary donations. Donations are way down over the past couple years and the needs are great.

Starting Sunday August 25 we will begin collecting donations for HALO. The last day of collections will be Sunday, September 15. Bring items to Grace to the Mission table by the map wall.

Donate Supplies:

- Fresh produce (bring on Sunday mornings only)
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Powder laundry detergent
- Dry pasta, sauce
- Fans
- Disposable silverware
- Canned pantry items
- Feminine products

Donate Financially:

We are donating \$10,000 from our benevolence fund to HALO and we would love for you to add on to this. You can do this in Church Center by choosing HALO, or if writing a check, please make the check to Grace Church and write HALO in the memo. If using an envelope, please write HALO on the envelope.

Contact Paul Durbin at 262-672-0686 or email pdurbin1@wi.rr.com with any questions or how to get involved with serving at HALO.

DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP STRATEGY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 29 // 11:15am

Join us at the first of 4 workshops where we will teach our local body how to disciple others toward growing in the knowledge and enjoyment of the Lord. The focus of this workshop we on what it looks like to *Engage* non-believers. With our vision in mind, *To Know Christ and Make Christ Known*, disciple-making is every Christian's calling.

Childcare available.

Register for the workshop by scanning the QR code.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

IG-Nite (Intentional Growth Nite)

Registration for the 2024-25 IG-Nite year is now open. IG-Nite is for any child in the community who is at least 3 years of age and fully potty trained through children in fifth grade.

IG-Nite begins on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:15 pm.

Serve in Children's Ministry! Needs:

IG-Nite (Meets every Wednesday from Sept 11-May14 excluding holidays)

- Male small group co-leaders (needed 1 in upper elementary and 3 in middle elementary)
- Female small group co-leader (need 1 for upper elementary)
- 1 games co-leader

Sunday Mornings (one Sunday a month)

Classroom Helpers in the following classrooms

- 3 year old room
- Preschool classroom
- Kindergarten classroom
- Worshipers In Training (WIT)

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

Monday, September 2 // 7pm Join us for a screening of the film, "American Gospel: Christ Alone." Anyone ages 18-29 is invited for a movie night filled with fellowship, popcorn, and discussion!

STUDENT'S MINISTRY

Burning Questions

Wednesday, August 28 // 7pm

This is a Q&A night for middle and high school students to dig deeper into living for Christ in a broken world. Students should meet on the west lawn at 7pm as we kick off with games and time to connect with each other. We ask that middle schoolers are picked up by 9pm while high schoolers can stay until 10pm.

THE MOMCO

(Formerly known as MOPS/Mothers of Preschoolers)

Begins September 19 // 9:15am

MomCo, short for The Mom Community, encourages and equips moms to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.

MomCo is for moms with children of any age and is for moms all around the community.

Childcare is provided for children ages 12 months and up (under 12 months old are welcome to stay in the meetings with their moms).

Register by scanning the QR code.

