

IN PURSUIT



Welcome to Grace Community Church! We are an inter-generational community of believers in Jesus Christ who gather each week to worship God and find instruction in His Word, the Bible. We also believe the best way to grow in faith is through community so if you are new to our church or not currently attending a smaller group, we would love to help you get connected.

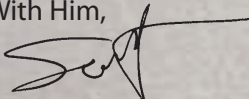
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Lobby for more information or attend the Discover Grace Coffee, held every Sunday at 10:45am in Room A1.

God is working in our midst and I am encouraged as I watch the staff and people of Grace respond with enthusiasm to His leading. I know God has heard our prayers and is revealing His will for our lives. I can see God's blessings already and sense He has much more in store for us. Get your hopes up for the future!



Discover Grace Coffee
10:45am Room A1

With Him,

Scott Jones

The Carnations on our stage represent the lives of those who have recently accepted Christ as their Savior through the outreach efforts of those at Grace.



- A woman from Grace spoke at a luncheon and a woman made a commitment to Christ.
- Six people came to the Lord at the Health Fair at Gracie's Family Thrift Store last weekend.



Today's Memory Verse
Philippians 1:29
"For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him."

The Power of Every One

Pastor Scott Jones - Philippians 1:27-30

- It takes the power of every one to _____ as a Christ _____. (27a)
- It takes the power of every one to be _____ as a _____. (27b)

"contending as one man" =
to compete _____ by _____

- It takes the power of every one to _____ as a _____. (27c)
- It takes the power of every one to have no _____ of the _____. (28)



Today's Service

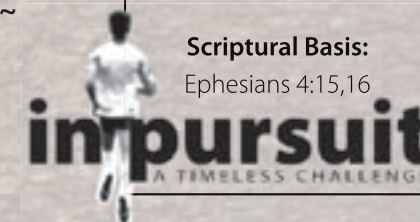
- ~ prelude ~
- ~ praise & worship ~
- ~ special - *Gonna Lift Him Higher* ~
sung by Anita Jordan and Choir
- ~ welcome ~
- ~ praise & worship ~
- ~ message - Pastor Scott Jones~
- ~ response ~
- ~ benediction ~
- ~ postlude ~

~Notes~

Core Competency:
Church

Creed: "I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish his purposes on earth today."

Scriptural Basis:
Ephesians 4:15,16



DEVOTIONAL: Put Me In, Coach! - by Richard Gottahrdt

I once heard a description of football (back in season!) that I really like. In most NFL stadiums you'll find "22 people desperately in need of rest being watched by 70,000 people desperately in need of exercise." An amusing observation about a football game is sadly all too true about most of our churches. In the average church, less than twenty percent of the people do most (eighty percent or more) of the serving and the giving. Still, many people show up regularly for services, and many in our country describe themselves as spiritual people. Why, then, are so few actually "in the game" and so many "watching from the stands"?

Perhaps one of the reasons that many people aren't involved is that they don't realize just how much they are needed. If you show up for church week after week and the services keep happening, the programs continue, and the lights are still on, you might conclude that your church can get along pretty well without you. But hold that thought for a moment. While it's true that your church may survive with a minimum of involvement, it can never truly thrive until everyone steps into the role that God has for them.

Remember, the church of Jesus is far more than programs, classes, and buildings. The church is a community- a living and growing body of people- full of needs, joys, sorrows, and opportunities to love and to be loved, to serve and to be served, to give and to be given to. If we all don't do our part, then there are things that just won't get done- and people who won't be touched and loved. Think of your family for a moment without you in it. Sure, your family might survive without you, but it won't thrive- it just won't be the same. You are indeed needed.

But I believe that there's another reason that many people view church as a spectator sport. Many Christians today have forgotten, or maybe never realized, how much impact they are meant to make in their world. Jesus told us that we are both light (shining in and overcoming darkness) and salt (preserving life and giving flavor and savor) to those around us. In case you haven't noticed- your world needs both of those more than ever before. Guess what? That's you! That's me! When we gather together, we get "refueled"- charged up for another week to go out into the world as a light-bearer and a salt-bringer.

So, if you find yourselves on the sidelines or in the stands these days in church, let us invite you, even challenge you to get in the game. Your number has been called, so go ahead, suit up, and jump in there.

- Do you feel like you are more of a spectator or a player in this church? Why do you think that is?
- What might it take for you to make the decision towards "getting on the playing field"?

Now Hiring Paid Teachers for Nursery and Preschool... September 2004 thru May 2005 during one of the following times: Insight for Moms meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 8:00am-11:30am and Sunday mornings during 9:30am and 11:05am services. For more information, call Liz Hyde at x332.

Tuesday Night Bible Study... 7:30pm-8:30pm, Room A2. Savoring the Psalms as poetry, praise, prayer and profession. Teacher: Carl Ward.

Pray for Students... Join "Moms in Touch" to pray for students of GCCS and James Madison Prep., contact Rhonda Howman, 480.899.7339.

Cancer Support Group... For cancer patients and their family. Meetings are held Mondays, 10:00am-11:30am, Room A1. Contact Karen Dilgard, 480.730.6624.

GriefShare Bereavement Support Group... Wednesdays, through Nov. 3, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Worship Center Conf. Rm. Learn to recover from grief and gain renewed hope for the future. Contact Gayle x261.

Seniors (XYZ)... will meet on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 10:30am in the Davidson Center. Program: Music by Joe Cary Family. Speaker: Len Baker, Bible Teacher. Sign up for Oct. 21-22 trip to Big Room Kartchner Caverns and Calif. Nov. 27-29. Contact Paul & Dottie Hartzler at 480.894.2201 x201 or 480.592.9186.

Women of Grace.... Single or married, at home, or in the workplace or just looking to find new friends, we have a place for you to connect. **Insight for Moms** meets Tuesday at 9:00am. **Bible Studies** offered Wednesdays at 6:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm. For more information, call the Women's Ministries office at 480.894.2201 x241.

Elder Nominating Committee... Two GCC members will be elected at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday, October 3, 2004 to serve for a one-year term on the Nominating Committee. Members are asked to submit nominations using the lock box in the Information Center.

In the Hospital... Banner Desert Samaritan: Harrison Joss, Ruth Paulsen, and Vernon Schneck.

Sympathy... Tim, Darlene, Ben & Phoebe Conrad in the death of mother and grandmother, Rosemary Conrad, September 19. Renee Ladd, Darek & Lynnette Goetzman, Christian & Becky Goetzman, Laura & J.R. Hardesty, and Lindsey Ladd in the death of brother and uncle, Mark Riggs, September 20.

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GCC Annual Business Meeting

If you consider Grace Community your Church, please attend this important meeting on **Sunday, October 3 at 6:00pm** in the Worship Center. There will be a time of worship, testimonies and encouraging ministry reports.

Church members will be voting to confirm the final Elder candidates, DeWayne Herbrandson, Mark Burtch and John Pruitt. A two-thirds majority will confirm their election. Two GCC members will also be elected for a one-year term on the Elder Nominating Committee.

First Serve



Stop by some of the booths outside for opportunities to serve for the "first time - one time" in one of the many ministries of Grace. Also meet many of the volunteers and leaders of these ministries. Krispy Kreme Donuts and Starbucks Coffee will be served (Yum). Donations will be accepted.



Global Outreach Send Off

Come forward today to pray for our career missionaries, Andy, Melody, Adelaide, Kelsey, and Andrew West as they leave tomorrow to return to their ministry on the Logos II, one of Operation Mobilization's ships.

Stewardship Update

Budget-to-date, September 21, 2004	\$ 799,500
Actual-to-date, September 21, 2004	\$ 758,750

Several surprising things happen when we get in step with the Lord's plan for our financial stewardship. Many can testify of the deepening of their spiritual life as a result of honoring Him with their finances. Why? Because where your treasure is, there your heart is as well (Matt. 6:19-20).

Put your treasure in heaven and your heart will follow. And when your heart looks around heaven, it begins to see things it has never seen before. That's the source of the excitement that people discover.

Remember Grace in your will or trusts.