

IN PURSUIT



Welcome to Grace Community Church. I am glad you've joined us this morning and pray our time together inspires you to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. We are a community of believers who believe in and have a relationship with Jesus. It is by His grace we enter into the family of God and enjoy life to the fullest.

If you are new to our church or the Christian faith, we would love to help you get connected to others to help you on your spiritual journey. Visit the Discover Grace Counter in the Lobby for more information or attend the Discover Grace Coffee, held every Sunday at 10:45am in Room A1. This could be your first step in a rewarding journey.

Pursuing Him,

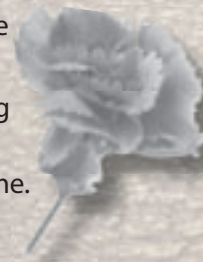
Scott Jones



Discover Grace Coffee
10:45am, Room A1

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.

- Three students made decisions to follow Christ during our Wednesday night programs.
- Two chaplains led a woman to Christ in a nursing home.
- A woman from Grace led her sister to Christ.
- Two brothers led their next door neighbor to Christ.



Today's Memory Verse

Philippians 3:10-11

"¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."

Losing Your Religion

Pastor Scott Jones - Philippians 3:1-11

peritome = to cut _____

katatome = to cut _____

• Beware of anyone who adds _____ to _____. (1-2)

grace + _____ = works

• Religious Heritage

• Religious Achievements

• Religious Zeal

• If we want to know _____, we have to _____ our _____. (7-9)

Today's Service

~ prelude ~

~ praise & worship ~

~ welcome ~

~ offertory - *Were It Not For Grace* ~
sung by Worship Team & Choir

~ drama ~

~ message - Pastor Scott Jones ~

~ response ~

~ benediction ~

~ postlude ~

~Notes~

Core Competency:

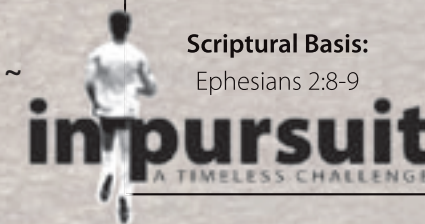
Salvation by Grace

Creed:

"I believe a person comes into a right relationship with God by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ."

Scriptural Basis:

Ephesians 2:8-9



Losing Your Religion

Philippians 3:1-11

10/24/2004

On "Getting Good-er" - by Richard Gotthardt

This week, if you'll indulge my strange mind, I'd like to try something very different. See, I think that Dr. Suess could be pretty profound sometimes (just sometimes). So, what if Dr. Suess had gotten hold of today's passage? How would he have written on the subject? Maybe like this. But, as you read, you need to think with the rhythm of Dr. Suess. Give it a try...

DEVOTIONAL



Pile up your efforts
Stack them high
One on another
Let them reach the sky...

Ponder your deeds
Think on your stuff-
Is there enough merit?
Have you done enough?

Maybe your goodness
Could have been "good-er"
Perhaps it was lacking,
It ends up in the "should-er":

The place where the "almosts"
And all the "not quite's",
End up on the trash pile
When seen in clear light.

For all of our efforts
And for all of our trying
Can't quite measure up
Even when we lay dying...

So what will you lean on?
What will you embrace?
Will you fall onto mercy
and lean into grace?

Do you think it'll matter
When you stand at those gates
If you've been a good child,
Will you enter that place?

I hope that you're thinking
And starting to choose,
Don't wait for too long, now,
There's too much to lose...

So choose what you'll count on
And Who you'll trust in,
Will you count on His mercy?
Please, listen to Him.



Drama Workshop

Dramatic Arts interests? Get your feet wet. Oct. 27, Wed., 7:00pm, Lamb Chapel. Contact Deneice Vance, 480.897.0004.

Voter Guides

Non-partisan voter guides from the Center for Arizona Policy are on the porch this morning.

Car Care Clinic

Volunteer to service vehicles, be a parts runner, serve as a host(ess) to waiting single parents or other serving opportunities. Nov. 6, 8:00am, Gracie's Family Thrift Store. Contact Bob/Clare Dorsch, 480.545.7792.

Full-Time Ministry Assistant

Support facilities staff with strong administration, organization and communication skills. Must enjoy an environment of varied tasks and customer svcs. Contact HR at x215.



Men's Bible Study

Personal groups with accountability and a way to grow closer to God. Contact Ken Kohlmeier, kenkohlmeier@gccaz.org or x262.

Extraordinary Women Conference

Women at the Well: Finding Life, Love & Relationships. Today is the **last day** to register for discounted tickets to the Oct. 30 event. Visit the porch today for more information.



Get Connected

Come to the porch today to find out how you can get connected into a Home Group and/or Community Group.

Seniors XYZ Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 28, 10:30am, Davidson Center. Music by Louise Bateman in Concert on her Yamaha Clavinova. Speaker: Ken Travilla. Sign up now for the Calif. trip Nov. 27-29 "Glory of Christmas" Crystal Cathedral, Saddleback Church, Tour of TBN. Call Paul/Dottie Hartzler 480.592.9186.



Missions Dessert

Hear and rejoice at what God is doing in many different countries. **Tonight, 6:00pm,** Davidson Center.

International Turkey Network

For anyone interested in Turkey Missions. Word of Grace Church in Mesa, Nov. 10-12. Cost is \$110 but free after 7:00pm. Contact Pat Lew 480.464.3983.

Grace Series Begins Today

Are you wanting to grow closer to God, but aren't sure how? **Discover 201 "Discovering Maturity"** teaches the dynamics of spiritual growth, why we need to be committed to growing spiritually, how to accomplish it and how to develop a life of worship. **Begins today, Room B3, 11:05am-12:30pm.**

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"The Night Without the Fright"

This Sunday on the porch you can sign up to help at the Harvest Festival. Volunteer to help with game booth areas, set-up, greeting, and clean-up. Take part in this huge outreach event! Flyers are available to invite your friends and neighbors to join in this fun evening. If you need further information, contact Shirley Brothwell, x331 or shirleybrothwell@gccaz.org.



Tons of Candy Needed

Please bring unopened bags of individually wrapped candy to church this week. The candy is used for children's prizes at the game booths. There are drop-off boxes in the Worship Center Lobby and in the Information Center at all times. Contact Shirley Brothwell, x331 or shirleybrothwell@gccaz.org with questions.

Singles Serving Opportunity

Help with set up, cashiering, filling orders, cooking and clean up for the Harvest Festival. For more info or to help contact Claudia Novak, 480.664.0992.

Cakes, Cakes and More Cakes

Women of Grace, please bring a cake to the Info. Center Oct. 31 for the Harvest Festival cake walk. We need lots of cakes, brownies and bar cookies to help make this a fun event. Thanks for your help and support. Contact Darlene Conrad, x241 with questions.

Coat Drive

Fourth Grade KidCommunity West will be collecting coats to give to Neighborhood Ministries as well as hosting a wheelchair race to raise awareness of Disabilities Ministry. Please bring coats on the night of the Harvest Festival to the booth by the A-building. Contact Gina DeGuglielmo, x219 for more info.



Financial Stewardship Update

Budget-to-date, Oct. 19, 2004	\$ 1,101,900
Actual-to-date, Oct. 19, 2004	\$ 1,041,648

From a recent article, entitled "A Half-Price State of Mind," by Mary Hunt, *The Cheapskate Monthly*:

Current figures are in and they're not pretty: The average American is spending \$1.22 for every \$1.00 of income. If you're "average," you are in trouble. You are digging yourself into a horrible pit of debt... If you are living from paycheck to paycheck, and one thing goes wrong, you'll be in trouble.

The key to achieving financial freedom is to live below your means. Impossible? No. It takes skill, effort and determination. It takes desire and commitment to live below your means - without giving up your style and your quality of life.

Remember Grace in your will or trusts.