# The Urgency of the Gospel

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 Dave Reimer

I. Compelled by the	of the	_, v. 11-13
II. Compelled by the	_ of	, v. 14-15
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<b>IV.</b> Compelled by the promise of a $\_$		, v. 17
<b>V.</b> Compelled by a		, v. 18-21

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's provision for us. You can give online and set up automatic withdrawals at *gcc-online.org* or drop your gift in one of the baskets at the exits of the Worship Center.

**Statistics from November 4** Worship Attendance: 599 General Offering: \$19,207

**Fiscal year as of 9/30/18** Income: \$769,738 Expenses: \$702,016 Budget: \$800,466

# Welcome to Grace!

November 11, 2018



Grace Community Church exists to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.



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GraceCommunityChurchNewton

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## Welcome to Grace

We are so glad you are here!

We have a strong desire to know and experience God's love. It is God's love for us which, in turn, inspires us to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.

If you are a guest with us, we would love to hear from you! Go to *gcc-online.org* and click the green button that says Connect With Us and tell us how we can serve you. Or, if paper is more your speed, there are Connection Cards available by the offering baskets at the doors of the Worship Center or at the Connection Desk in the foyer.

In addition to our worship services, we have a number of other opportunities for you and your family to engage today:

- Sunday school classes for adults (find a complete list of classes at the Connection Desk)
- Sunday school classes for children age 3 through 8th grade
- Nursery for children birth through age 3
- Igniter gathering for high school students (tonight at 6:30pm in the Activity Center)

If you have any questions or want more information about who we are and what we do, visit the Connection Desk in the foyer or check out our website at *gcc-online.org*.

## **Next Steps**

## **Adult Sunday school classes**

We offer Sunday school classes as an additional way for adults to explore the Bible and Christian faith in an encouraging and edifying environment. We are currently offering three adult Sunday school classes during the 9:00 service:

- Christian Living in a Secular World (all adults) | Fireside Room
- Colossians (all adults) | Room 205
- That the World May Know (men) | Room 201/203

You are welcome to join any of these classes at any time. For a more detailed description, you can find a list at the Connection Desk in the foyer.

# **Ministry Spotlight**

GRACE

LOCAL

**DOMESTIC** 

**GLOBAL** 

When you give to Grace, you give to...
Fellowship of Evangelical Churches (FEC)

The Fellowship of Evangelical Churches is the network of 60+ like-minded churches across the midwest to which we belong. The FEC exists to help the local church accomplish the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. To this end, FEC's mission is establishing reproducing churches worldwide.

**How to be praying for the FEC:** Pray that the gospel would spread through the efforts of the FEC. Pray that churches would be equipped and encouraged by belonging to this network. Pray for wisdom for the leaders of FEC.

## Life at Grace

#### Give thanks to God for who He is and for what He has done...

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:8)

This is the opening line to a song of thanksgiving written by King David after the ark of the covenant - representing God's power and presence among His people - was safely placed in the tent prepared for it. David instituted a daily rhythm of worshiping God through song, and central to that worship was singing of what God has done among His people. Reiterating what God has done serves three purposes: it glorifies Him, it reminds us of his faithfulness, and it tells others about what He has done. The Bible tells the story of God's faithful dealings with His people - with us - all to the end of showing His love for us by offering salvation from sin and eternal communion with Him. Now, that is something to be thankful for and something to sing about!

## Men's Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, November 17 | 7:30am | Fireside Room

The monthly men's ministry prayer & fellowship breakfast is a good way to connect with other men at Grace while being encouraged and challenged in your faith. You can always count on good food, encouraging prayer and fellowship time, and an interesting speaker. This month, Jason Reynolds - Executive Director of the Community Chaplain Response Team in Newton - will be speaking on Suicide Among Our Youth: Contributing Factors and An Appropriate Response by Christians. You can register at the sign up station in the foyer or by filling out the online form at gcc-online.org/upcoming-events.

## **Community Thanksgiving**

Thursday, November 22 | 11:30-1:30 | Activity Center

Hosting the community Thanksgiving meal is a tangible way for us to love the people around us. We are excited about this opportunity to meet physical needs, while also ministering to the spiritually hungry people in our community. If you are interested in providing food or volunteering to serve food or interact with the guests, please visit the sign up station today or fill out the form at *gcc-online.org/upcoming-events*.

#### Office news

We are so thankful for Janelle Paden - our office manager - and her 15 years of faithfully ministering to the people of Grace through her work in the church office. Janelle feels the Lord moving her into a new season that will no longer include working in the office, effective at the end of this year.

We are looking for help in the office, starting immediately. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving the church by answering the phone, greeting people, and doing miscellaneous office tasks, please email <code>gracecommunitynewton@gmail.com</code>. We look forward to what God is going to do in Janelle's life and here at Grace!

#### **New member**

We will be welcoming Ericka Pope as an adult member on November 25!

For more details about these and other events, check out the **Upcoming Events** section at *gcc-online.org*