

Waiting on God: The Journey from Pain to Praise

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Welcome to Grace!

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love people, and lead others to do the same.**

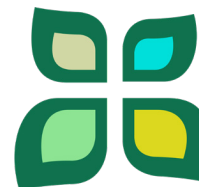
We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's provision for us. You can give online and set up automatic withdrawals at gcc-online.org or drop your gift in one of the baskets at the exits of the Worship Center.

Statistics from November 18

Worship Attendance: 602
General Offering: \$16,992

Fiscal year as of 10/31/18

Income: \$896,867
Expenses: \$773,541
Budget: \$884,114



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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



Join a Community Life Group

Our Community Life Groups exist to love people by connecting in authentic relationships that lead to spiritual transformation. In these groups we practice the many "one another" statements in the Bible - for example, we love one another, we encourage one another, and we care for one another.

Next step: Fill out the Connect With Us form on the homepage of our website - gcc-online.org - and say that you are interested in Community Life Groups. You can also do the same on a Connection Card found by the Worship Center doors or at the Connection Desk. Pastor Kyle will follow up with you soon.

Ministry Spotlight

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LOCAL

DOMESTIC

GLOBAL

Emmanuel Church

Emmanuel Church is the church we are partnering with Compassion International to plant in Turbot, Montero, Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The church has 25 active adult members and welcomes as many as 80 people for a Sunday gathering. Emmanuel Church is reaching the community by hosting Tuesday night Bible studies, Thursday night prayer services, Saturday night youth services, Sunday morning gatherings, and Sunday evening outreach services. Check out more at gcc-online.org/bolivia/

How to be praying for the Emmanuel Church: Praise God for four men who were baptized. Pray for work to be completed and the upcoming building inauguration.

Life at Grace

Give thanks to God - for who He is and for what He has done by saving us - always.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

These verses are part of a section toward the end of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonian church. In this section, Paul is giving final instructions to the Christian community on how they should conduct themselves. Here he outlines three postures which are to be characteristic of Christians: rejoicing (we have hope in Jesus!), praying (we are constantly in communion with God!), and giving thanks (we have the peace of Christ in our hearts!). The theme to these verses is clear: these postures are to be markers of the Christian life at all times - always, without ceasing, in all circumstances. This does not mean that everything that happens in your life is going to stir up in you an attitude of gratitude. However, our good God's steadfast love endures forever and that is something for which we can always be thankful.

Our next week to serve at



New Hope Shelter, Inc.

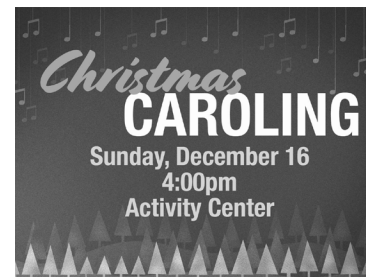
Following Christ, Building the Community

is November 28 - December 4!

New Hope Shelter

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New Hope Shelter offers sanctuary to those experiencing homelessness in Harvey, Marion, & McPherson counties and restores hope to them through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Several times a year, we take a week to reflect the love of God to these people by serving meals and spending time with the residents. If you are interested in volunteering during our upcoming serve week, visit the sign up station today or contact Jeff Reimer at jreimer@gmail.com.



All-Church Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 16 | 4:00pm | Activity Center

Whether you can carry a tune or you simply make a joyful noise to the Lord, this is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with others while spreading Christmas cheer. We will divide into teams for caroling, then all gather back in the Activity Center for a family soup supper. Please sign up to join us for caroling and/or to bring food at gcc-online.org/upcoming-events by Sunday, December 9th or at the sign up station today.

Introducing All-In Events & Initiatives

We are one body of believers, united by our love for God and our common purpose, so it is important for us to be equipped together and to serve together. To that end, we are excited to introduce a series of all-in events & initiatives! We are excited about these opportunities to band together in order to maximize our efforts in loving God, loving people, and leading others to do the same. These will be all-hands-on-deck events; we expect everyone to be involved by either participating, serving, or supporting. Be on the lookout for more communication about upcoming all-in events!

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