

Injustice and the God Who Sees

Genesis 16:5-15

Jack Napier

What's True?

What's Real?

- Am I currently experiencing mistreatment by those around me? If so, how can I reach out to the God who sees and hears my affliction?
- What role do I play in helping others who are afflicted and hurting?
- Which organizations or ministries that Grace supports do I (or my family) pray for?
- How am I using the time, talents, and "treasures" God has given me for His ministry to those around me?

What's Next? *[Write a prayer and a practical step in light of truth]*

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 October 28

Worship Attendance: 598
General Offering: \$13,106

Fiscal year as of 9/30/18

Income: \$769,738
Expenses: \$702,016
Budget: \$800,466

Welcome to Grace!

November 4, 2018

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THE GOSPEL IN
GENESIS

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



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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. Of, 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 at Norm's - 613 N Main)

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

Become a member of Grace

Throughout the Bible we see a clear expectation that believers "stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together;" (Hebrews 10:24-25). If you have membership in the universal Body of Christ through faith in Jesus, we believe that becoming a member of your local church is an important next step of obedience in your faith journey. Becoming a member at Grace means to identify with our purpose, as well as to commit to sharing in the responsibility and ministry of the Church.

Next step: If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to unite with us in this way, please read the membership brochure (found at the Connection Desk in the foyer), fill it out, and return it to the church office.

Ministry Spotlight

GRACE

LOCAL

DOMESTIC

GLOBAL

When you give to Grace, you give to...



Mark & Traci Thrash

The Thrashes serve with Wycliffe Associates. Mark is the Tech Advance Operations Manager. His responsibilities include training translators and technicians, as well as purchasing and shipping translation equipment. Recently, he has sent two portable studios for sign language translation video recording to Togo, two portable recording kits for audio Bibles to Indonesia, and one print shop to publish Bibles in Madagascar.

How to be praying for the Thrashes: Praise God for reaching new people with the Gospel through these international translation efforts. Pray for fruitful partnerships in the field.

Life at Grace

Give thanks to God for who He is...

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)

Psalm 136 is a beautiful celebration of who God is: he is the One True God, Creator of heavens and earth, Deliverer, Rescuer, and Provider - the God over all. In all of those truths, the theme is evident: God is good and his steadfast love endures forever. As we kick off a month of focusing on thankfulness, remember that, no matter the ups and downs in life, God does not change and he deserves our thanks simply for who he is.



Baptism Celebration

We are so excited when people chose to make a public profession of their faith and identify with Jesus and us through being baptized. Today we are celebrating the baptism of four people:

10:30am

- Alyssa Schmidtberger
- Kaylee Schmidtberger
- Tauren Greer
- Megan White

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.

Middle school Oasis conference

Friday, Nov. 30, 4pm - Saturday, Dec. 1, 9pm | Manhattan Christian College, Manhattan, KS

Oasis Middle School will be high energy, fun, while talking through topics relevant to Middle Schoolers. Our theme is SOAR, looking at how to trust in God's strength. In a culture that is increasingly hard to navigate and still follow Jesus, we want middle schoolers to be equipped to rise above - to soar - in the midst of the changes, challenges, and pressures that are beginning to face them by leaning in on His power in us. If you are interested in attending, tell Pastor Loren by filling out the form at gcc-online.org/upcoming-events or emailing lorenkurtzgcc@gmail.com.

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 gracecommunitynewton@gmail.com. We look forward to what God is going to do in Janelle's life and here at Grace!

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