

## A Faith That Boasts

James 1:9-11

Jack Napier

**What's True?** *What do I see in the Bible?*

**What's Real?** *What do I see in my life?*

- Why does *boasting* feel like a wicked word? Is it always wrong to boast?
- James uses the word *boast*, which means "to take pride in something." It's also translated as *glory, rejoice in, brag*. How do these other translations change your understanding of what *boasting* means?
- What do you *boast* about (e.g. children, grandchildren, family heritage, sports team)? Why?
- How can you boast in such a way that points to God and His work in your life and not yourself or your efforts?

**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](http://gcc-online.org) or drop your gift in one of the baskets at the exits of the Worship Center.

### Statistics from February 24

Worship Attendance: 570  
General Offering: \$9,283

### Fiscal year as of 1/31/19

Income: \$84,600  
Expenses: \$72,161  
Budget: \$86,937

# Welcome to Grace!

March 3, 2019

## REAL FAITH

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A STUDY OF  
*James*

**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're 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're a guest with us, we would love to hear from you! Go to [gcc-online.org](http://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](http://gcc-online.org).

## Next Steps

### Grace Foundations

*Sundays, March 10 - 31 | 10:30-11:45am | Fireside Room*

Grace Foundations is a four-session study of the basic elements of living as a follower of Christ. This study series can be an important investment in building a firm faith foundation in your life. It is also a great step on the path to membership at Grace, as you have the opportunity to become familiar with our beliefs.

**Next step:** If you feel God stirring you to connect at a deeper level at Grace, we invite you to join us for this upcoming Grace Foundations class.

## Ministry Spotlight

GRACE

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DOMESTIC

GLOBAL

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### New Hope Shelter

The mission of New Hope Shelter is to offer sanctuary to those experiencing homelessness in Harvey, Marion, and McPherson counties and restore hope to them through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Needs:** One of the shelter's biggest needs is volunteers. You can serve during our next week (April 17-23) by providing a meal for the residents or by staffing an evening or overnight shift.

**Next step:** If you are interested in joining our effort to serve the residents of New Hope Shelter, contact Jeff Reimer at [jreimer@gmail.com](mailto:jreimer@gmail.com).

**How to be praying for New Hope Shelter:** Praise God for blessing the ministry of New Hope Shelter throughout 2018. Pray for strategic partnerships in the community. Pray for God's blessing on their Life Restoration Program.

## Life at Grace

### FAQ sermon series

Do you have a question about what the Bible has to say regarding a certain topic? Do you have a general idea of what the Bible teaches about something but would love to have a more detailed explanation? Well, we would love to help offer a biblical response! Pastor Jack is planning a sermon series for this summer called FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), when he will address some of the most popular questions we hear.

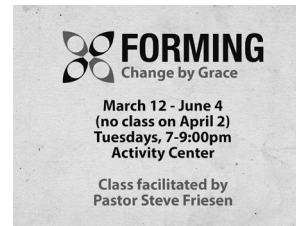
**Next step:** We want to hear from you! Send us your questions by clicking on the big green Connect With Us button at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) and telling us your question.



### Starting Point

*TODAY | 12:00pm | Fireside Room*

If you want to learn more about Grace, we would love to give you an introduction to who we are and what we are all about. Come to Starting Point directly after today's 10:30 service for a great opportunity to meet some of our staff and elders and get to know us as a church. We will even take care of your kids and feed you pizza for free.



### Forming

*Tuesdays, March 12 - June 4 | 7:00-9:00pm | Activity Center*

If you were blessed by the content of the A Praying Life seminar, Forming would be a great way to continue growing in your relationship with your loving heavenly Father. The class helps us learn how to be with God, how to develop a genuine relationship with Him, and how to engage with Him for the transformation we long for. You can find more information and register online or at the sign up station in the foyer today.



### Men's Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast

*Saturday, March 16 | 7:30-8:30am | 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. This month's breakfast will be devoted to lifting one another in prayer. You can register online or at the sign up station in the foyer today.



### LifeChange Camp

It is time for kids grades 3-8 to start looking forward to attending LifeChange Camp this summer! The Children's Camp week is June 9-14 and Junior High Camp is June 16-21. Information and registration forms are now available on our website, at the Connection Desk, and in the church office. Please fill them out then return the forms and payment to the Camp Forms folder outside the church office by May 20. A \$12 discount is available for those who register before April 1.

For more details or to register for these and other events, check out the **Upcoming Events** section at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org)