

*Behold*  
THE LAMB OF GOD

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**THE WITNESS**

**John 1**

*God introduces people to Jesus through the witness of ordinary people.*

I. John's \_\_\_\_\_

II. John's \_\_\_\_\_

III. John's \_\_\_\_\_, **Matthew 3:1-2, 4-6**

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ of a witness

A. A witness knows his \_\_\_\_\_, v. 6-8, 19-34

B. A witness knows his \_\_\_\_\_, v. 6,  
Matthew 28:18-20

C. A witness knows his \_\_\_\_\_, v. 29

D. A witness's goal is \_\_\_\_\_, v. 7

E. A witness doesn't assume \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ are born again

F. A witness isn't \_\_\_\_\_

G. A witness isn't afraid to share the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

KEY

(I. ...OFFICE; II. ...WORK; III. ...MINISTRY; IV. MARKS; A. ...ROLE; B. ...ASSIGNMENT;  
C. ...MESSAGE; D. ...BELIEVING FAITH; E. ...RELIGIOUS PEOPLE; F. ...CASUAL; G.  
...HARD TRUTH)

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CDs may be purchased at the Connection Desk.*

December 11, 2016

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**JOHN 1**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

**Worship & Children's Christmas Program**

9am & 10:30am  
Nursery & nursing mothers room available

**Adult, Youth & Children's Sunday School**

9am & 10:30am  
Complete list of classes available @ Connection Desk

**High School Igniter**

6:30pm ~ Activity Center

sign up station in the foyer

Christmas Caroling  
New Hope Shelter (formerly HCHS)

new @ connection desk

November Treasury Report  
2017 Budget  
2017 Bible Reading Plans  
2017 Calendars

baby congrats to...

Dan & Sara Sigley on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Jane, on Thursday, December 1.  
Josh & Jennifer Budde on the birth of their son, Luke Albert, on Friday, December 2.

Dear Guests,

*Thank you for worshipping with us. We realize there are many places you could be on a Sunday morning. We are so glad you are here! If you need any assistance, please see an usher or visit our Connection Desk.*

*If you are a first-time guest, please complete the Communication Card (attached to the worship folder) and bring it to the Connection Desk in the foyer to receive a free gift as a thank-you for visiting.*

*You may notice that no offering basket is passed during today's service. Baskets are at the doors. We invite guests to receive the blessings of this morning's service without feeling compelled to give.*

Grace Community Church Family

**christmas caroling**

**December 18 | 4:30-8pm | Activity Center**

Join us for a church-wide evening of Christmas Caroling! We will split up into groups and share the Christmas story through song all over Newton. Afterward, we will meet back at the church facility for a soup supper and fellowship. Sign up at the sign up station or online. Today is the deadline!

**growing in the dark**

**December 19 | 7pm | Fireside Room**

Ladies, if you're struggling with depression and anxiety, join this monthly support group. We will be discussing topics from the book "A Confident Heart: How to Stop Doubting Yourself & Live in the Security of God's Promises." Buying the book is not necessary to participate.

**sunday school & nursery holiday schedule**

**Dec 25 - Sunday School & Nursery on break.**

We wish to give our faithful volunteers a break to celebrate with their families. Two nursery rooms will be open for you to use (with parental supervision), should you have need.

**Jan 1 - Sunday School on break, Nursery provided.**

Please consider serving in the nursery on Jan 1 to allow our regular volunteers a break. Contact Lori Jordan, lorijordangcc@gmail.com, if you are available to serve.

**serve at new hope shelter (formerly HCHS)**

**December 28-31 | New Hope Shelter**

As of January 1, 2017, HCHS will be named New Hope Shelter. Grace's week to serve is coming up! If you are interested in taking a meal to or spending time at the shelter during our week, please visit the sign up station today or contact Brandon Buerge at microflight@gmail.com.

**year end gift**

Please consider giving a year-end gift to help meet our deficit of \$98,000 as of November 30, 2016. To qualify for the 2016 tax deduction, your gift must be deposited at GCC by 5pm on December 30 or postmarked December 31, 2016. Giving statements will be issued by the end of January.

**starting point**

**January 8 | 12pm | Fireside Room**

New to Grace? Come to Starting Point to learn more about GCC! Childcare and pizza are provided at no cost!

**December**

- 15 Elder meeting 6pm Deck Room
- 18 Christmas Caroling 4:30pm Activity Center
- 19 Growing in the Dark 7pm Fireside Room
- 21 AWANA & Men's study on break
- 24 Family Christmas Candlelight Service 2pm & 4pm
- 25 Family Christmas Candlelight Service 10:30am
- 25 Nursery, Sunday School & Igniter on break
- 26 Office Closed
- 28 AWANA & Men's study on break
- 28 Grace's week to serve at the Homeless Shelter, thru Dec 31

**January**

- 1 Sunday School & Igniter on break (Nursery is provided)
- 2 Office Closed
- 8 Starting Point 12pm Fireside Room
- 13 Women's Bunco Night 7pm Fireside Room
- 13 Polar Bear Campout 5:30pm Activity Center, thru Jan 14 10am

**Grace Community Church Ministry Team:**

**Senior Pastor:** Dave Reimer  
**Counseling, Discipleship:** Steve Friesen  
**Student Ministries:** Loren Kurtz

**Worship & Community Life:** Kyle Schanbacher  
**GraceKids:** Juli Dirks

**Grace Network Churches:**

**Grace Community Fellowship (Hillsboro):** Adam Utecht  
**Grace Crossing (Moundridge):** Jason Rains  
**New Anthem Community Church (Park City):** Landon Jordan

**Board of Elders:**

<b>Chairman:</b> Joe Freud	<b>Vice Chairman:</b> Allen Graber	<b>Secretary:</b> Brian Loewen
<b>Treasurer:</b> Gene Pankratz	Steve Friesen	Dave Reimer
Gary Jantz	Mark Olsen	
Marc Friesen	Jeff Couchman	

**STATISTICS FROM DECEMBER 4**

<b>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</b>	514	<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$24,667.55
		<b>FREEDOM 2017</b>	\$1,800

**GIVING**

**Automatic and online giving** available at gcc-online.org or scan the QR Code.  
**Fiscal year** as of 11/30/2016:  
Income \$926,279  
Budget \$1,178,746

