

WELCOME TO GRACE

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December 2, 2018

Morning Worship Service - 10:30-11:45 AM

"for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Luke 19:10

Connecting with the Word through instruction

Hymn - *All Creation Sing/Joy to the World*

Announcement Highlights

Offertory

Worshipping together in song:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#2)

How Great Thou Art (#4)

You Are My King/Amazing Love

Message by Pastor David Johns:

"Come to the Table"

2 Samuel 9:1-13 (p.281 in Pew Bible)

Hymn - *O, Come to the Altar*

The pages of this bulletin contain events and information pertaining to our purpose (mission statement) as a church.

Please review them. Pray and plan to be actively involved for the encouragement of others and the glory of God.

Pastor's Prayer Time (Sun. 8:30 AM, Pastor's Study)

Sunday School - 9:30-10:20 AM

Letters to the Church - Teacher, Pastor David Johns (Young Adults, H.H.)

1 Corinthians - Teacher, Mr. Dave Marks (Auditorium)

Hebrews - Teacher, Rev. Argyl Dick (Library)

Sunday School classes for children are meeting on the church's lower level.

Children's Church is offered during the morning message:

Grace Space - 1st-4th Graders (Hunsicker Hall)

CD Ministry: A CD of the morning message is available after the service.

The library is open for 20 minutes following the morning worship service.

JR. HIGH DISCIPLESHIP GROUP - 5:45-7:15 PM this evening in the Teen Room here at church

NO EVENING BIBLE HOUR TODAY

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:30 PM tomorrow, **Monday December 3rd** in the church library

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 AM this Tuesday, **December 4th** in the church library

GRACE FOR MOMS CHRISTMAS DINNER - 6:00 PM this Tuesday, **December 4th** at the home of Tricia & Bart Trainer.

MIDWEEK MINISTRIES for Wednesday, December 5th:

6:20-8:05 PM - AWANA *PJ Night*

7:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer Time

COMMUNION SUNDAY, December 9th - Benevolence gifts will be received.

ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS - November 25th, 2018

Pastor's Prayer	6
Sunday School	93
AM Worship Service	140
Midweek Ministries:	
AWANA	86
Prayer & Bible Study	6

Weekly Budget - \$5,837.00

Weekly Actual - \$3,660.90

Year to Date Budget - \$250,991.00

Year to Date Actual - \$228,579.00

Benevolence Gifts - \$47.00

Please remember that your contributions are tax deductible only when GFC maintains control of the donated funds.

We express deepest sympathy to Barry, Tina, and Jordan Strepko on the home-going of Barry's mother, Bernice, on Sunday, November 25th.

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, December 9th:

Auditorium Entrance: Judy Wise & Bonnie Wise

Office Wing Entrance: Dustin & Abby Stauffer

NURSERY DEPARTMENT WORKERS:

Wednesday, December 5th - Ruth Gosnell

Next Sunday, December 9th:

-Sunday School:

Infant Nursery - Abby & Dustin Stauffer

First Steppers - Fran & Chris Grant

-Worship Service:

Infant Nursery - Jill Jochum & Ericka Miller

First Steppers - Steph McGarvey & Ruth Stauffer

Preschool - Dolly Youndt

TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Teens, please join us for a Christmas party on Sunday, December 16th, 5:45-7:15 pm here at GFC.

2 childcare workers are desired during the teen's Christmas party. If you are willing to help, please see Becky Johns.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP:

Christmas Eve is around the corner, and at Grace Fellowship Church, we are really getting into the Christmas spirit! On December 23rd and 24th, we will be singing Christmas carols during the worship service, accompanied by a brass sectional. If you play a brass instrument and would be interested in playing in this sectional, please contact Bryan Hoover at hoov1226@lbc.edu for more information!

GFC SKILL SEARCH:

Do you play an instrument or sing? Are you free Thursday nights and Sunday mornings? Are you looking to use your talents for worshipping God? We are looking for volunteers who would like to play a part in leading the congregation in the musical worship of our Lord and Savior! We are looking for singers, bassists, guitarists, pianists, and anyone looking to honor God with their talents! If this sounds like you, join us at our Skill Search, taking place after the service today from 1-2:30 PM. Sign-up at the bulletin board, or see Bryan Hoover. Hope to see you there!

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

Wanted to say thank you for the planter. It is right next to my Dad's planter that the church sent at his passing.

In times like this I really appreciate the support of my church family.

Thanks again.

Barry

Dear Pastor Rice and Grace Fellowship,

We are beyond grateful to call you one of our faithful partners!

Your faithful support is why we are looking to now grow and expand our mental health program and why we are able to explore offering Hope Within Dental Services late 2019/20.

He has much for us to be working on as we work to broaden our services and kingdom impact. We are so very humbled to be able to care for all who come through our doors in need. Should you want to be one of our legacy partners, we would be honored to see you take on sponsoring a counseling or dental suite!

Thank you for allowing a bit of time to share our hearts and all He is doing!

Gratefully Serving,

Donita

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES - Community Christmas Activities:**Piercing Word - "Christmas Through the Ages":**

Today at Calvary Church [lower auditorium], 3:00 & 6:00 pm

Tickets are free, but seating is limited: See www.piercingword.org to obtain tickets.

Landis Valley Village & Farm Museum welcomes the community to spend an evening with us, free of charge, as we celebrate a Pennsylvania Dutch Christmas on Friday evening, December 14th, from 6-8:30 p.m. See additional information at www.landisvalleymuseum.org

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

Congregational Christmas card boxes will be located in both foyers of the church again this year to receive Christmas greetings you wish to share with those in our GFC family. Please write the full name of the recipient(s) on the envelope clearly and place your cards in the boxes **by Sunday, December 16th**. They will be sorted alphabetically and placed in file boxes on a table in the office wing for the addressee to pick up. Please mail greetings to shut-ins directly to them.

You may prefer to express one special greeting to the entire church family. Mark it "GFC Family," place it in one of the boxes; it will be displayed in the auditorium for all to see.

This page is not part of this week's bulletin:

- **Connecting with God through worship**
- **Connecting with the Word through instruction**
- **Connecting with one another through fellowship**
- **Connecting with the lost through evangelism**

Worship Instruction Fellowship Evangelism
Connecting with the lost!

***Christmas gifts given for our outreach workers are considered personal gifts by the IRS and not tax deductible.**

LEADERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 PM this Tuesday,

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:30 PM
tomorrow, Monday in the church library**

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - 9:30 AM this Tuesday, October 17th in the church library

GRACE FOR MOMS - 9:00 AM this Thursday, October 26th

EVENING BIBLE HOUR.....6:00 PM

Dr. Rice teaching: "Putting Our Priorities in Order!"

Joshua 5:1-15 (p.197)

Thus far we've noticed that *chronology* hasn't been a major factor in our story, but rather the *fact* of the events. But things have suddenly changed! The order of things indicates their priority or importance!

Message by Dr. Frank Rice:

"A Pair of Parables on Prayer"

Luke 18:1-14 (p.927 in Pew Bible)

For December 9th bulletin:

GIRLS' NIGHT!

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens...what does this have to do with Girls' Night? Only that the evening will be filled with all *your* favorite things! Bring a favorite item of

yours (\$5) to swap, a favorite snack or beverage to share and a favorite board game to play. We'll meet at 6:30 pm at Becky Rice's, January 11. Please sign up on the office wing bulletin board. (\$5 item suggestions/thoughts: a favorite lip balm, hand cream, magazine, nail polish, etc.). Questions? See a member of the women's committee: Becky Rice, Becky Johns, Elizabeth Morrison, Kim Ranck, Christi Kinter, Abby Stauffer, Lisa Allen.

Dear Grace Fellowship,

Our deep thanks for your generous Christmas gift. It is a fine example of God when He gave us His greatest gift = Jesus Christ. We are thankful that we not only that truth, but get to show it and proclaim it to so many here in Brandon who don't know it. Thanks for allowing us to represent all of you here in Brandon, not just at Christmas, but all year.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year for Him.

In Christ Always,
Larry & Kathleen Leach
Brandon, England