

WELCOME TO GRACE

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December 23, 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 God through worship

December Chorus - *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

Hymn - *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* (#133)

Announcement Highlights

Offertory

Worshipping together in song:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#1)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#124)

What Child Is This? (#137)

Message by Dr. Frank Rice:

"Do You Believe What You're Singing?"

Hymn - *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (#145)

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.

Grace Space Kids will remain in the auditorium this morning.

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.

NO GRACE TEENS or EVENING BIBLE HOUR TODAY

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 6:00 PM tomorrow, Monday December 24th

NO MIDWEEK MINISTRIES on Wednesday, December 26th

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, December 30th:

Auditorium Entrance: Bob & Pat Landis

Office Wing Entrance: Daniel & Michelle Swisher

ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS - December 16th, 2018

Pastor's Prayer 8

Sunday School 95

AM Worship Service 155

Evening Bible Hour 23

Teen Meeting 14

Midweek Ministries:

AWANA 92

Prayer & Bible Study 11

Weekly Budget - \$5,837.00

Weekly Actual - \$9,827.00

Year to Date Budget - \$268,502.00

Year to Date Actual - \$262,642.00

Benevolence Gifts - \$44.00

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Next Sunday, December 30th, we will be having a Q & A during the Sunday School hour for those in Pastor David's class, as well as those who are not attending a Sunday School class. If you are not attending an adult Sunday School class, this will be a great opportunity to learn more about why we have Sunday School and discuss the different topics that you would like to see covered in Sunday School.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

2019 numbered offering envelopes are available and may be received from Bob Boyd or Carol Ruth in the church office today. Those not currently using numbered envelopes but interested in doing so are welcome to stop by the office. A statement of yearly offerings (for tax purpose) is given only to those who use the numbered envelopes.

**2019 NOMINEES FOR LEADERSHIP &
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING:**

Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 20th, 2019 following a luncheon after the morning worship service. In addition to adopting the General Budget for 2019 and other normal items covered in the annual meeting, we will be electing Elders and Deacons.

The following men will have completed their terms of serving:

Deacons: Christopher Grant
Steve Jellum

Both of these men are eligible to be nominated and reelected for another term.

Please refer to your bulletin for the Biblical Leadership outline regarding both Elders and Deacons. Each GFC member is asked to prayerfully consider nominations of qualified individuals.

[Only qualified voting members of Grace Fellowship Church may nominate individuals for leadership.]

Please complete the nomination form and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to a member of the church leadership no later than **Sunday, December 30th**.

If you have any questions, please see one of the Pastors, Elders or Deacons.

In Christ,

Josh Allen
Leadership Chairman
Email: gfchurch@gfchurch.net

NURSERY DEPARTMENT WORKERS:

Next Sunday, December 30th:

-Sunday School:

Infant Nursery - Christi Kinter & Judi Upham
First Steppers - Fran Grant & Karen Weber

-Worship Service:

Infant Nursery - Tamara Brummel & Ruth Stauffer
First Steppers - Janel Dick & Steph McGarvey
Preschool - Abby & Dustin Stauffer

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS:

When GFC leadership deems it necessary to cancel church services because of inclement weather, WDAC and WJTL radio stations will be informed and asked to announce our cancellations on the air and their websites: www.wdac.com; www.wjtl.com. Cancellations will also be posted on our website: www.gfchurch.net

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES INFO:

Ladies' 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 11th. 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.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

GFC Family,

I want to thank you for your prayers and calls during and after my surgery. I greatly appreciate it.

Bill Eberly

Grace Fellowship Church,

Thank you so much for your partnership with us in ministry with Athletes in Action. Your prayers and financial gifts mean so much to us. I found myself surprised again this year by your generous Christmas gift. It truly is a blessing to have a financial gift for Christmas before we can even worry about finances. Thank you for your care of us. We appreciate you greatly. We are praying for you in your pastor transition and trust God will continue to move mightily in you and through you.

Grateful,

Beth & Ryan MacFarlane

BIRTHDAY GREETING CARD SHOWERS:

January 2nd - Pastor David Johns' birthday
1330 Lincoln Heights Avenue
Ephrata, PA 17522

January 9th - Mr. David Leventry
2501 Golf Avenue
Longview, TX 75602

January 14th - Becky Johns
1330 Lincoln Heights Avenue
Ephrata, PA 17522

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!

Jan. 3 - Thursday at 6:30 PM. M.O.S.T. will interview Jeff & Laurie Smith, followed by their monthly meeting in church library.

***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

**GRACE TEENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY - 5:45-7:15 PM this evening in
the Teen Room here at church**

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

Dr. Rice teaching: "The LORD Is Serious About Instructions."

Joshua 7:1-26 (p.198)

Joshua and his people find themselves in an extremely precarious situation! They're trapped! They've followed the LORD's instructions and have met with defeat, and that by a lesser army! *Now what!?!*

MIDWEEK MINISTRIES for Wednesday, December 19th:

6:20-8:05 PM - AWANA *Always Present Night*

7:00 PM - Bible Study & Prayer Time

Children's Church is offered during the morning message:

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