

WELCOME TO GRACE

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December 30, 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

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

Hymn - *It Is Well with My Soul* (#493)

Announcement Highlights

Church Family Life

Offertory

Worshipping together in song:

Standing on the Promises (#271)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (#97)

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (#350)

Message by Pastor David Johns:

"Live with Anticipation"

Acts 1:3-14 (p.965 in Pew Bible)

Hymn - *I Am His, and He Is Mine* (#490)

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

Sunday School Q & A - Teacher, Pastor David Johns (Hunsicker Hall)

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.

NO GRACE TEENS or EVENING BIBLE HOUR TODAY

NO MIDWEEK MINISTRIES this Wednesday, January 2nd

M.O.S.T. MEETING - 6:30 PM this Thursday, January 3rd in the church library; committee members will interview Jeff and Laurie Smith, followed by their regular monthly meeting.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - 7:00 AM this Saturday, January 5th at Udder Choice

GREETERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, January 6th:

Auditorium Entrance: Harleigh & Jean Moyer

Office Wing Entrance: David & Carol Ruth

ATTENDANCES & OFFERINGS - December 23rd, 2018

Pastor's Prayer	6
Sunday School	89
AM Worship Service	171
Christmas Eve Service	121

Weekly Budget - \$5,837.00

Weekly Actual - \$7,768.50

Year to Date Budget - \$274,339.00

Year to Date Actual - \$270,410.00

Benevolence Gifts - \$47.00

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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to our recent college graduates!

Denise Shope, receiving her bachelor's degree in nursing

Seth Weber, receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration

**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 **today**.

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, January 6th:

-Sunday School:

Infant Nursery - Jeannie Long & Shaelyn Baas

First Steppers - Tina Strepko & Judi Upham

-Worship Service:

Infant Nursery - Sharon Yoder & Carol Ruth

First Steppers - Kay Angelucci & Charlene Stauffer

Preschool - Michelle & Daniel Swisher

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.

BIRTHDAY GREETING CARD SHOWERS:

January 18th - Mrs. Sue Johns
Email Sue at 4suendick@gmail.com

January 18th - Mrs. Nancy Leventry
2501 Golf Avenue
Longview, TX 75602

January 21st - Mr. Ryan MacFarlane
1010 South Detroit Street
Xenia, Ohio 45385

January 23rd - Mr. Larry Leach
7 Teal Walk
Brandon, Suffolk
1P27 OBG England

January 30th - Rev. Douglas Howe
2910 NE 59th Place
Gladstone, MO 64119

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: "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

Midweek Ministries:

AWANA 92

Prayer & Bible Study 11

Message by Dr. Frank Rice:

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A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

Dear friends at Grace fellowship Church,

What a surprise for us to receive your generous Christmas gift of \$486.00; we were stunned by your generosity! It makes us happy to be able to share with our family and some needy friends in prison at this time of "glad tidings."

It is good to send a "Blessed Christmas Greeting" with a devotional booklet along with the Bible study lessons to our friends in prison!

December is a dreary time for the incarcerated, when they think of their loved ones and contemplate the "why" of their sentence. Often times the Bible lessons are the one cheerful event at mail call for the lonely ones. We are so privileged to reach out to our students on your behalf – into their dark cell of despair.

One of our students has very bad eyesight and keeps asking us for a large print Bible. We will search for a soft cover one and have the book distributor mail it to him! We thank you so very much.

Another student had his only sweater jacket stolen. Now he has to catch and brace the wind and rain at times, as he walks to the mess hall for his meals. As we rejoice in your gift, we want to remember our needy friends in prison also.

Gratefully – in His Service –

Gregory & Christine Miller