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**Grace Community Fellowship**

**Today's Message**

**Advent**

Advent: Love

1 John 4:7-21

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Dec. 23, 2018

Mike Barter

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.    Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.

## Welcome to Grace Community Fellowship!

Welcome to Grace Community Fellowship! We are very happy that you are here. Help yourself to refreshments in the lobby and make yourself at home.

If you are new to Grace, please take a moment to **fill out the communication card** attached to the program and bring it to the Connect desk near the front door. We would like to welcome you with a small gift.

Parents, please know that nursery is available for ages 0-3 yrs. Children's church is also available, only during the message time, for ages 4-1st grade. The children's classes are through the double doors at the back of the auditorium.

## What's Happening at Grace

### Holiday Schedule

- The Wednesday evening activities have concluded for this year. We will resume Jan. 9th.
- There is no Children's Church today or December 30.
- There are no Sunday School classes on December 30th.

We hope this slowdown in schedules will allow you to have more time to concentrate on celebrating the birth of Jesus with your family!

### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

ALL of our VOLUNTEERS are greatly appreciated and we want to celebrate all of you! If you volunteered on a team during 2018, you and your family are invited to our celebration Saturday, Jan. 12! We will have dinner here at the church at 6:30 p.m. A pizza meal and child care will be provided for children up to age 10. **Please RSVP to the church office no later than Dec. 30.** You may use a communication card or email the office at [gcfhillsboro@gmail.com](mailto:gcfhillsboro@gmail.com). Your RSVP needs to include number of adults for the volunteer dinner and children and their ages who will participate in the child care and pizza meal.

### New Year's Eve Party

We hope you will join us at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve for an evening of games and fellowship here at the church. We plan to play Bunko which is a game even younger children can play. You may also bring your favorite table games. And, please bring snacks to share!

### Men's Encounter

Join other men as we encounter Christ. We will leave Thursday, Jan. 31 in the evening and return Saturday night Feb. 2. To register go to [www.encounterthecross.com](http://www.encounterthecross.com). For more information contact Merle Flaming.

### Special Called Business Meeting

On Sunday, Jan. 6 we will have a business meeting immediately following services to take a vote to affirm Jim Villanueva and Dennis Funk as elders for a 2 year term. All regular attendees will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

### Correction

Please note in your church directory - Pastor Mike's phone number should be: (316) 779-6468.

## Statistics from Sunday, December 16

Attendance: 193

General Fund Offering: \$7,539.00

## Ways to Connect with Us



[gcfhillsboro.net](http://gcfhillsboro.net)



[gcfhillsboro@gmail.com](mailto:gcfhillsboro@gmail.com)



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Connect Table in Foyer

### This Week:

December 24 Christmas Eve Service 5:30 p.m.

### Upcoming:

December 31 New Year's Eve Party 7 p.m.

Jan 31-Feb 2 Men's Encounter

Feb 8 & 9 IF:Hillsboro Women's Gathering

### Grace Community Fellowship Elders

Chair: Jim Villanueva, Vice Chair: Dennis Funk, Cal Jost, Doug Olson, Mike Barter - Lead Pastor

### Grace Network Churches

Grace Community Church (Newton): Jack Napier

Grace Crossings (Moundridge): Jason Rains

New Anthem Community Church (Park City): Landon Jordan

Emmanuel Church (Boliva): Roberto Torres

## Giving

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 during the offering or you can give online as a one time gift or set up automatic withdrawals at [gcfhillsboro.net/give-online](http://gcfhillsboro.net/give-online)

General Budget Income to Date: \$186,142.03

Overall Amount Given to Building Fund: \$571,981.25

Remaining Building Fund Balance: \$7,532.48