

Grace Bible Fellowship

APRIL 2024

April @ Grace...

Every Wednesday

Bible Study (All Ages) @ 6:30pm

April 4, 18

Women's Bible Study @ 4pm

April 14

Prayer Service @ 5pm

April 16

Elder/Deacon Mtg. @ 6:30pm

April 20

Women's Brunch 9-11am @

Lafferty Home

April 27

Spring Clean-Up 9AM- Noon

May Special Dates...

May 12

Baby Bottle Coin Collection Begins

NO Prayer Service

May 19

Graduate Sunday

Church Picnic Fellowship Meal

Forgiven & Resurrected

"And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-14

We sometimes sing this glorious line, "We stand forgiven at the cross!" But do we ever stop and think, "How can I, a sinner, stand forgiven at the cross? Is it because God ignores my sin? Is it because God sweeps my sin under the rug, pretending it's not there? Is it because God downplays my sin as if to say it's not really that bad?" Colossians 2:13-14 tells us how we can sing this line with confidence.

It begins by reminding us of the reality of our lives B.C., "Before Christ." We were those dead in our sins. Enslaved to our sinful nature means we were spiritually dead. We also were dead in the uncircumcision of our flesh. That is to say, we were committed to following sinful desires and unwilling (and unable) to submit to God's will. The Bible calls us "sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2) before we receive salvation. All of this drives home the truth that we were sinners needing forgiveness.

God, in His grace and mercy, did not leave us in a spiritually dead state. He resurrected us from death to life. God made us alive with Christ, uniting us to Him in His resurrection. The only way we

can be alive with Christ is to have our sins forgiven. To make us alive, God had to forgive *all* our sins. Not some. Not partial forgiveness. Not forgiveness with fingers crossed. We are talking about total and complete forgiveness of all our sins (past, present, and future). "As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:12). Do we daily, dear Christian, remember we are forgiven of all our trespasses before the righteous and holy God? But how could this God forgive all our sins?

He canceled the record of debt that stood against us. As sinners, we accrued a debt we could never repay. No matter how hard we tried and how much effort we exerted, no good work could chip away at the mountain of debt that stood against us (remember, we were dead). The legal demands demanded the payment of a price. That payment came through the costly sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. God set aside the record of debt by nailing it to the cross. Often, the offenses of the criminal were nailed to the cross so everyone would know what they had done to deserve such a horrific execution. When Christ died on the cross, He died because of our sins, our offenses before God. He paid the price of redemption we could never repay ourselves. He bore our sins in His body on the tree so we might die to sin and live to righteousness (1 Peter 2:24). May our hearts be filled with thankfulness for the cross.

This the power of the cross

Christ became sin for us

Took the blame

Bore the wrath

We stand (resurrected with Christ) forgiven at the cross!

*In Christ,
Pastor Tyler*

Women's Ministry

Ladies will be having a brunch at Amanda Lafferty's home on April 20th from 9-11 AM. Sign-up and address cards are in the narthex by the entry doors. We ask that you bring a brunch dish to share as we gather together with our Sisters for a time of food, fellowship, games, and devotion. Please see Amanda with any questions and feel free to invite friends.

Thursday Bible study will meet on April 4th and 18th at 4pm. We are currently on Chapter 3 in the book, *Behold & Believe*. Please join us at any time and see Amanda about getting the book/Scripture to study.

Spring Clean-Up

This year's Spring clean-up day will be Saturday, April 27th. We will begin at 9AM and finish around noon. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please sign up in the narthex and join us as we get things ready for the Spring/Summer seasons.

Introducing.... Alaina Mabel Cherny

Born March 11, 2024

11:55 AM

8 lbs. 5 oz.

22 Inches



Alaina was welcomed by Mom, Christiane and Dad, Jake, and her two sisters. Braelyn is excitedly accepting the role of being a big sister again while Nadia is learning to balance her profound love.

Worship Through Prayer...

Specific Prayer Requests...

- Pray for the Cherny family as they adjust to a new routine with sweet Alaina.
- Pray for Jason Lafferty as he pushes through pain and discomfort as he awaits his May 16th surgery for a rotator cuff tear.
- Pray for John Lindenmeyer to find rest and refuge in the Lord while he suffers with pain.
- Praise the Lord for the recent relief He has provided for Don Faux. Please continue to pray for Don and Angie as they trust the Lord for each and every trial.

**If you have a prayer request you would like added or one removed, please email the office, place your request in the prayer box at the Welcome Desk, or drop a note in Amanda's mailbox across from the offices.*

Our Missionary Partners...

- Sillas & Wanger Campos, Brazil
- Karl & Glynn Peterson, South Africa
- Destin & Jennifer Detwiler, Sioux Outlook, Canada

Elders/Deacons

Elder - Pastor Tyler

Elder - Eric Bjerkaas

Deacon - Jason Lafferty

Deacon - Jeff Schenck

Ministry Volunteers

Pastor Tyler & Alyssa

Eric & Andi

Paul & Renée

Dennis & Lori

John & Mary

Dan & Christine

Matt & Rebekah

Jason & Amanda

Jeff & Jill

Aaron, Christian, Graeham

Yessie, Valerie, Patty, Kris, Kailee

Evangeline, Caleb, Lydia, Marcos, Ashley

Sunday School Teachers

Pastor Tyler Sultze: Adult

Amanda Lafferty: 3rd - 8th grade

Elder Eric Bjerkaas: Pre-K - 2nd grade

Wednesday Kid's Bible Study Teachers

Renée Kim & Kris Wallin

Women's Conference - TGCW24

Behold & Believe - June 20-22, 2024

Indianapolis, IN

Ladies, check out this Gospel-centered conference happening this summer.

Amanda & Denice Lafferty have rented a 4 bedroom villa and there is room for 2 or 3 more ladies!

See Amanda or check out the link for more details!

[TGCW24 Behold & Believe Conference](#)



**Graduate
Sunday - May 19**

*Please see Amanda if you have a
child graduating 8th, High
School, or College*

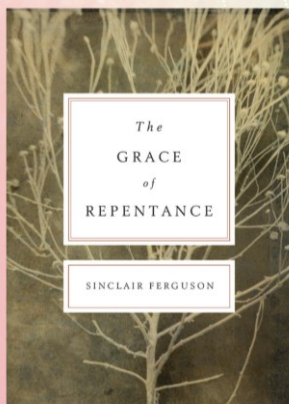


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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3 BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM	4 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ 4:00 PM	5	6
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE: 10AM	8	9	10 BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM	11	12	13
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21 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE: 10AM	22	23	24 BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM	25	26	27 SPRING CLEAN-UP 9AM - NOON
28 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9AM WORSHIP SERVICE: 10AM	29	30	WE WILL BEGIN OUR BABY BOTTLE COIN COLLECTION FOR ABIGAIL WOMEN'S CENTER ON MOTHER'S DAY. PLEASE WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.			

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY 9TH – Jeanette Underwood 12TH – Lydia Bjerkaas

Book of the Month



The Grace of Repentance
by Sinclair Ferguson - \$6.00

Out of the Protestant Reformation came several important doctrines, including a renewed understanding of repentance. Instead of viewing repentance as a one-time confession, the reformers began to teach what the Bible teaches—that it is both radical and perpetual.

In this redesigned, concise volume Sinclair Ferguson examines how the Bible defines repentance and how the doctrine has fared in today's evangelical churches. He finds many sorely lacking in proper theological understanding: "Once again we need to proclaim the full-orbed doctrine of repentance within an evangelical world that has begun to manifest symptoms of the same medieval sickness." This reversion to a kind of medieval theology includes the viewing of repentance as an isolated, emotional event.

Ferguson combats this trend by pointing us toward repentance in the Bible. As we embrace continual confession and turning from sin, we will find our spiritual walk transformed and our fellowship with Christ renewed. This is an important book for every Christian who wants the grace of repentance to regain rightful prominence in evangelical churches.