



Grace

Bible Fellowship

OCTOBER 2025

As If

In our series through Matthew, we've recently finished the section sometimes called the "antitheses." It's called such because Jesus challenges the assumptions many at that time were making about God's law. "You have heard that it was said... But I say to you..." All of them are difficult sayings that challenge us to live radically different lives as the salt of the earth, the light of the world. They might even feel impossible, leading us to think "As if!" As if I could live a life never losing my temper, lusting for what isn't mine, desiring a divorce, or seeking vengeance on my enemies whatever form it takes. Perhaps what Matthew 5:42 teaches is what is difficult for you:

Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Malcolm Guite considered this verse in one of his works. Guite is a writer, musician, and Anglican priest though he is perhaps best known as a poet. In his "Parable and Paradox," Guite collected a series of sonnets on the sayings of Jesus. One of his poems was written about Matthew 5:42. I was touched by his interpretation, and I wanted to share it with you. It plays on that phrase I mentioned earlier, "As if!" by using it throughout the poem as well as its title. Here is *As If* by Malcolm Guite:

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October @ Grace...

Wednesday Evenings
Bible Study @ 6:30pm

October 3-4
Men's Retreat

October 12
Prayer @5pm
Elder/Deacon Meeting @ 6pm

October 18
Women's Brunch 9-11am

October 26
Mission's Giving (Detwiler)
Reformation Sunday

November @ Grace...

Nov. 5, 12, 19
Bible Study @ 6:30pm

Nov. 1
Men's Breakfast 8-10AM

November 9
Prayer @5pm
Elder/Deacon Meeting @ 6pm

November 20
Partial Carpet Cleaning

November 23
Christmas Luncheon &
Decorating

November 30
Mission's Giving (Peterson)

The Children's Church side of the classroom will be at the far end of the room starting September 28. They will have separate desks/tables from the Sunday School classroom. There will be an open space in between the two areas for activities and movement time.

Praying for Our Family...

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."

1 Timothy 2:1

- Pray for Pastor Nathan, Eric Bjerkaas, Jeff Schenck, and Don Faux as they continue in faithful leadership of the church.
- Pray for Pastor Nathan as he weekly prepares for the Sunday School class, preaching the Word, and shepherding the flock.
- Pray for Don Faux as he continues to heal from surgery.
- Pray for Jason's upcoming ileostomy reversal surgery on October 20 and the recovery process.
- Pray for Pastor, Yessie, and Amanda as they prepare and teach Sunday school each week.
- Pray that as we hear the Word preached, our hearts and lives would be changed. Pray that we would be desiring God's Word, growing in our love for one another, and seeking to serve the Lord well in our church and community.

Our Missionary Partners...

Sillas & Wanger Campos, Brazil

Karl & Glynn Peterson, South Africa, Mozambique

Destin & Jennifer Detwiler, To Every Tribe

**If you have a prayer request you would like added or one removed, please email the office or place your request in the prayer box at the Welcome Desk.*

Women's Brunch

When: Saturday, October 18

Time: 9-11AM

Where: Miller Home

1051 Lora Ave., Princeton

What to Bring: Brunch Dish

Sign up in the narthex starting September 28 and come and enjoy a time of food, fellowship, fun, and devotion. Invite a friend!!

Men's Breakfast

When: Saturday, November 1

Time: 8-10AM

Where: GBF Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the narthex starting October 12 and come and enjoy a time of food, fellowship, and devotion.

Praying for those who serve...

Leadership

Pastor – Nathan Miller

Elder – Eric Bjerkaas

Deacon – Jeff Schenck

Deacon – Don Faux

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Hebrews 13:17

Ministry Volunteers

Eric & Andi, Paul & Renée, John & Mary,
Dan & Christine, Matt & Rebekah, Jason &
Amanda, Jeff S., Adam & Jill, Don & Angie,
Lori, Aaron, Yessie, Valerie, Patty, Kris,
Kailee, Robena, Jake & Christiane, Jeff W.,
Caleb, Lydia, Marcos

Sunday School Teachers

Pastor Nathan: Adult

Yessie Yanez – 2nd-4th grade

Amanda Lafferty: Pre-K – 1st grade

"Blessed are those servants whom the Master finds awake when He comes."

Luke 12:37a

TGCW26

When: June 11-13, 2026

Where: Indiana Convention Center
Indianapolis, IN

Cost: Dependent on when you register.
\$169 - \$329

Registration is open (link below)!!

Amanda, Denice, & Kailee will be reserving a 3-4 bed home that will sleep 6-8 ladies. If you are interested in going and would like to split the cost, please see Amanda ASAP so we know you will be staying with us. This makes it much more affordable.

<https://www.tgcw26.com/event/45cdc8e9-e0ab-4967-83cb-624ce8ec3f32/home>

October



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><u>PASTOR'S OFFICE</u> <u>HOURS:</u> MON. - THURS. 9-5</p>			<p>1 BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 MEN'S RETREAT</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9 WORSHIP @ 10</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 PASTOR - AT CGN</p>	<p>8 BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9 WORSHIP @ 10 PRAYER @ 5PM BOARD MTG. @ 6</p>	<p>13 ADMIN. OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9 WORSHIP @ 10</p>	<p>20 ADMIN. OFFICE REMOTE</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 ADMIN. OFFICE REMOTE BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9 WORSHIP @ 10 MISSION'S GIVING (DETWILER)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 BIBLE STUDY @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8TH - JASON LAFFERTY

9TH - HANNAH BJERKAAS

10TH - JOYCE MCCULLOUGH

11TH - CHRIS MISKANIS

13TH - BETH CARSON

22ND - ARIANNA KEIGHIN