



Grace Bible Fellowship

SEPTEMBER 2023

You're Invited!!!

I want to invite you to join us for Wednesday Evenings this Fall. Beginning on September 6, we will meet at the church from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to study the book of Revelation. There will also be Kid's Bible Study for Pre-K to 6th Grade and nursery for the little ones. I know there can be many reasons to keep you from attending (you are too tired, busy, etc.), but I want to give you a few reasons why you should participate in Wednesday night Bible study.

1. It will refresh your soul.

One of the reasons why we might skip a Wednesday night Bible study is because we are tired or have had a rough first part of the week. Instead of seeing those as reasons to avoid Wednesday night, I think those are reasons why you should attend. The Word of God will refresh your soul and soothe your restless heart. When we meet as Christ's church, we are renewed so we can persevere in this life. See our time together not as a drain to your spiritual life but as something that would strengthen and encourage it.

2. It will refresh the souls of others.

Your presence and interaction with others on Wednesday night will benefit them. Just as you want your soul refreshed, see it also as a time when you can refresh the souls of those around you. Your brothers and sisters in the faith need you there. So when you come, find someone you can encourage with the truth of God's Word. Share something from the study that had an impact on your heart and the way you live. You being there and looking out for others will help refresh the souls of others. And, who knows, maybe that's what your soul needs too.

3. You might be surprised by the book of Revelation.

For many, Revelation is one of the most intriguing and mysterious New Testament books. Do you know what it is about? You might be surprised by what you learn from Revelation as we dig into it. It is more relevant than many of us can imagine, just as it has been relevant to the church throughout the ages. Studying Revelation will make us want to read it more so that we will see it as indispensable to our Christian life.

4. You will grow in your walk with the Lord.

Isaiah 55:11 says, “So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” God transforms His people through the Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. Studying Revelation will not leave you the same. It will make you more like Jesus and grow your faith in Him. God’s Word is “living and active” (Heb. 4:12) and always accomplishes God’s purposes in our lives.

5. You will grow in your desire to make Christ known.

What opportunities have you had this week to make Christ known to other people? How many of those opportunities did you take advantage of? Hearing about Christ and learning more about who He is should make us want to tell other people about Him. We desire to spread the gospel of the glory of Jesus Christ to everyone. Revelation 12:11 tells Christians they will conquer Satan, “by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony” (Revelation 12:11). As those washed and freed by the blood of the Lamb, may the word of our testimony concerning the Lord Jesus Christ go out into all the world. Join us on Wednesday nights so that together, our desire to make Christ known will increase all the more.

*In Christ,
Pastor Tyler*

Men’s Retreat at Williams Bay, WI

The men’s retreat will be October 6-7th this year. The cost is \$114 and all will be in standard rooms. Please sign up in the narthex no later than September 23rd (Payment is due by October 1st). Please see Pastor Tyler with any questions. This year’s title is “The Spirit of Glory.”

Men’s Ministry

We will gather for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, November 4th. We will be discussing chapters 5 & 6 in the book, *Made For Friendship*, and will wrap up around 10am. If you are in need of a book or have other questions, please see Eric Bjerkaas. Sign up will be in October.

Women’s Ministry

Ladies will gather on Saturday, December 2nd (the October study is cancelled) from 9-11am for a time of coffee, light breakfast, and a discussion of chapters 7 & 8 in the book, *Gentle & Lowly*. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join us even if you have not in the past. Sign up will be in November.

Upcoming at Grace...

September 6th

Wednesday Evening Bible Study
Begins for All Ages @ 6:30pm

September 10th

Prayer Service @5pm

September 19th

Board Meeting @6:30pm

October 6-7th

Men’s Retreat at
Williams Bay, Wisconsin

October 17th

Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

October 22nd

Missions Giving Sunday
(Karl & Glynn Peterson)
Karl will preach this day.

Admin. Office Hours Change

Sept. 18- Oct. 5^h

Administrative Office closed for
Amanda’s vacation & surgery.
(Available via email Sept. 27th.)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Men's & Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

September 6th – Revelation 1

September 13th – Revelation 2: 1-11

September 20th – Revelation 2:12-29

September 27th – Revelation 3:1-13

October 4th – Revelation 3:14-22

October 11 – Revelation 4

October 18 – Revelation 5

October 25 – Revelation 6

November 1 – Revelation 7

November 8 – Revelation 8

November 15 – Revelation 9

November 22 – No Bible Study (Happy Thanksgiving)

November 29 – Revelation 10

December 6 – Revelation 11

Winter Break Until January 31st – Recap of Revelation 1-11

Children's Bible Study Gym (PreK-6th)

Unit 1: Trust & Obey God

- Rahab, Deborah, Esther, & a Widow

Unit 2: God's Plan for Families

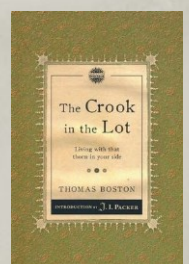
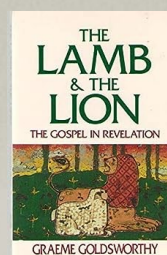
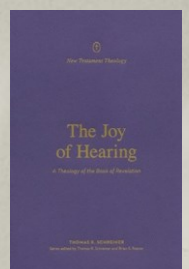
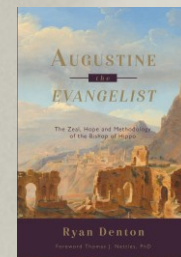
- Isaac/Rebekah, Abram, Moses, Ruth, & Paul

Unit 3: A Powerful God

- The Israelites, Jonah, Daniel, & David

Pastor's Suggested Reading...

1. ***Signs of the Messiah*** by Andreas Kostenberger
2. ***The Joy of Hearing*** by Thomas Schreiner
3. ***Augustine the Evangelist*** by Ryan Denton
4. ***The Gospel In Revelation*** by Graeme Goldsworthy
5. ***The Crook in the Lot*** by Thomas Boston



Worship Through Prayer

Our Ministry Volunteers

Elders/Deacons

Pastor Tyler, Eric, Jason, and Jeff

Ministry Volunteers

Pastor Tyler & Alyssa, Eric & Andi, Paul & Renée,
Dennis & Lori, John & Mary, Valerie, Dan &
Christine, Aaron, Christian, Graeham, Matt &
Rebekah, Jason & Amanda, Jeff & Jill, Yessie, Patty,
Kris, Kailee, Evangeline, Caleb, Lydia, & Marcos.

Sunday School Teachers

Pastor Tyler Sultze: Adult

Amanda Lafferty/Yessie Castro-Yanez: 3rd – 8th grade

Elder Eric Bjerkaas: Pre-K – 2nd grade

† Pray for our church leadership (Pastor Tyler, Eric, Jason, and Jeff) as they continue to shepherd us. Pray the Lord would grant them wisdom, discernment, boldness, and patience. Pray that as these men make decisions regarding Grace, the wisdom of the Lord, through the work of the Holy Spirit, would give them clarity and peace.

† Pray for our church. Pray that as the world would seek to persecute and divide the Church, that we would remain steadfast in suffering keep our eyes fixed on Christ. Pray we would continually be a place where the gospel is proclaimed with boldness and love. Pray we would remain faithful to reading, studying, and sharing the gospel. Pray we would be a place that encourages meaningful discipleship and spiritual growth among our brothers and sisters.

† Pray for our missionary partners in the Gospel, Karl & Glynn Peterson, Destin & Jennifer Detwiler, and Sillas & Wanger Campos. Pray the Lord would sustain and guide them while He softens the hearts of those who hear the Word shared by them.

† Pray for Jennifer Detwiler's Dad who is being transported back to the states after falling ill while visiting them in Canada. He is currently in septic shock.

† Pray for John Lindenmeyer's health and strength in his daily walk with the Lord. Pray the Lord would sustain Mary as she cares for him in his pain.

† Pray for Amanda Lafferty as she has spinal fusion surgery on September 15th and then wrist surgery on November 17th. Pray for the doctors and her recovery. Pray for Jason as he cares for her. Pray the Lord would be their source of strength, provision, and refuge during this time.

† Pray for our Wednesday evening Bible study on the Book of Revelation. Pray the Lord would prepare both Pastor and those who will attend.

† Pray for the single men and women in our church. Pray they would see the sufficiency of Christ and would earnestly seek His face in their times of loneliness or waiting.

† Pray for our youth and young adults. Pray they would see the Lord is always worthy of their time and study.

† Pray for our college-aged kids who have headed off to college. Pray they would be convicted to seek Christ-honoring relationships and activities.

† Pray for Don & Angie Faux as they continue to press on, trusting the Lord, to care for Don's headaches and sustain them through this trial.

† Pray for our parents and the challenges they face raising children of all ages. Pray the Lord would provide wisdom, grace, rest, and strength for them as they raise up and point their children to the Lord.

† Continue praying for Yessie's uncle Max as he is still on the transplant list.

† Pray for our Sunday school teachers as they continue to teach. Pray the Lord would sustain them as they prepare, pray, and teach each week.

† Pray for our community and for us to have a heart that longs to share and spread the Gospel among the Illinois Valley.

† Pray for the ministries of Grace Bible Fellowship. Pray that they would remain Christ-focused and seek to glorify the Lord.

September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| If you are able to provide a meal for the Lafferty's while Amanda is home recovering from a spinal fusion, please let Yessie know or sign up at: https://mealtrain.com/oe4013 | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Sunday School @9am Worship @10am | | | Bible Study @6:30pm | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Sunday School @9am Worship @10am Prayer Service @5pm | | | Bible Study @6:30pm | | Admin. Office Closed | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Sunday School @9am Worship @10am | Admin. Office Closed | Admin. Office Closed Board Mtg. @ 6:30pm | Admin. Office Closed Bible Study @6:30pm | Admin. Office Closed | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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Happy Birthday

14th – Jim Bennett
 21st – Remi Eichelkraut
 26th – Renée Kim
 29th – Peter Underwood
 30th – Rebekah Hays

Happy Anniversary

1st – Peter & Jeanette Underwood
 15th – Brad & Patty Eichelkraut

Celebrating God's Good Gifts