

March 2024

GRACE FELLOWSHIP



March

NEWSLETTER

IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

BIRTHDAYS

Coleman Williamson	3/1
Matthew MacLeod	3/3
Mya Alexander	3/4
Jayden Roberts	3/4
TJ (Robert) Mitchell	3/4
Germaine Copeland	3/9
Mary Moorhead	3/9
RoseAn Davidson	3/9
Dallas Miller	3/14
Jinger McElhannon	3/16
Kaitlyn Nunn	3/17
Hilda Stewart	3/18
Lake Ferman	3/21
Mary Lyn Choate	3/21
Joyce Michael	3/22
William Webb	3/22
Marissa Malone	3/23
Donna Moon	3/24
Melvin Rhodes	3/25
Kenji Reid	3/25
Mary Livingston	3/28
Gail Lynn	3/29
Ray Warwick	3/30

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ANNIVERSARIES

Fletcher & Livingston	3/6
Melvin & Helen Rhodes	3/14
Randy & Pam Scott	3/20
Kyle & Stefanie Andrews	3/28



Congratulations to Nolan & Cassidy Callaway on the birth of their second son!

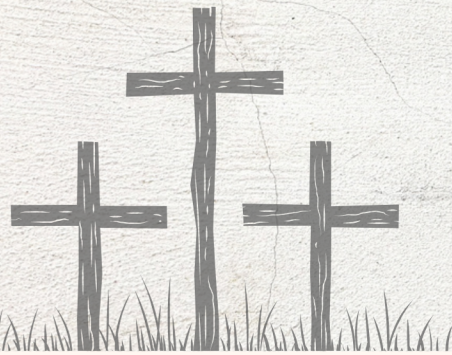


EASTER

SERVICES

**PALM SUNDAY
SERVICE**

**March 24, 2023
10:30 a.m. Worship**



Good

March 29 **FRIDAY**
5:30PM **SERVICE**

MARCH 31 **SONRISE** **7:00**
SERVICE **AM**

MARCH 31 10:30AM

EASTER
SERVICE



HIGHLIGHTS

The Hunt is On

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
invites you to an

Easter

EGG HUNT

MARCH

30TH

TIME

10^{AM}

*Fun for the
whole family*



MINISTRY UPDATES



SMALL GROUPS

JOIN AND GROW WITH A SMALL GROUP THIS YEAR!

On the 24th of March, we are thrilled to announce an engaging training day dedicated to our small group leaders and host members, taking place immediately following the service. Lunch is included. This session aims to serve as a platform for guidance to support the management of existing groups, while also fostering the growth of new groups. If you've ever been interested in creating a new space for a small group, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.

Moreover, a unique opportunity is unfolding within our groups this month - the introduction of the Spiritual Assessment Test (S.A.T.). This thoughtful evaluation, intended to offer a meaningful opportunity for individual reflection, comprises a short and concise questionnaire designed to assess and nurture an individual's spiritual journey. With completion only requiring a few moments of your time, the S.A.T. offers a step toward deeper spiritual growth.

Let's continue building our church together with these exciting offerings this March.

Pastor Joey

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's a joy and an honor to serve and teach your children each week. They have hungry minds and it's amazing to watch them learn and grow in the Lord.

We need you! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the children's ministry, please contact Cassidy Callaway at children@gracefellowship.ws to get plugged in or to ask any questions.

KIDS COVE

OUR MARCH UNIT FOR KIDS COVE IS 'MAISY'S EASTER SURPRISE'. EASTER IS COMING AND MAISY THE MAILBOX HAS A PACKAGE FOR THE KIDS! WHENEVER MAISY LIGHTS UP, IT MEANS A NEW EASTER SURPRISE HAS ARRIVED. EACH SURPRISE HELPS THE KIDS LEARN AND CELEBRATE JESUS, THE RISEN SAVIOR. BEST OF ALL, AS THE STORIES UNFOLD, THE KIDS WILL DISCOVER THE GREATEST SURPRISE OF ALL TIME- "HE IS NOT HERE! HE HAS RISEN, JUST AS HE SAID HE WOULD." WE WILL BE SPENDING THIS MONTH FOLLOWING JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES FROM HIS RIDE INTO JERUSALEM, TO THE GRAVE, TO HIS RESURRECTION! PARENTS, ASK YOUR KIDS TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE WEEK'S LESSON! YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON EACH WEEK AT THE BULLETIN BOARD BY CHECK IN, AND FROM THEIR TAKE-HOME SHEETS. WE WISH YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY EASTER AS WE CELEBRATE OUR RISEN SAVIOR, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE EGG HUNT!



KIDS @ GRACE



IT'S CHRISTMAS IN MARCH! AFTER LEARNING ABOUT MALACHI AND THE SILENT YEARS IN JANUARY AND THEN CONNECTING THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS LAST MONTH, WE WILL BE SPENDING THIS MONTH GOING THROUGH THE CHRISTMAS STORY AND THE BIRTH OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH! THESE LESSONS ARE RELEVANT YEAR-ROUND, BUT DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOUR KIDS WANT TO GET THE DECORATIONS BACK OUT! AND WHAT A POIGNANT JUXTAPOSITION TO HAVE THE CHRISTMAS STORY FOLLOWED BY EASTER SUNDAY ON THE 31ST! WE WILL NOT MEET FOR K@G ON EASTER TO GIVE YOUR FAMILIES A CHANCE TO SPEND THAT TIME TOGETHER IN THE SERMON. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN 1ST -4TH GRADE WHO IS NOT YET PLUGGED INTO KIDS@GRACE, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME WITH THEM TO CLASS AT THE DISMISSAL ANNOUNCEMENT! YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT CASSIDY CALLAWAY AT CHILDREN@GRACEFELLOWSHIP.WS TO GET THEM SET UP AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS. REMINDER: KIDS@GRACE OFFERS A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AS WELL, FROM 9-10AM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BE IN THIS CLASS, STOP BY AT THE KID'S CHECK-IN DESK FOR MORE INFO!

STUDENT

MINISTRIES

YOUTH 20 TOTAL SURRENDER CAMP 24

This May, we are thrilled to announce that our youth will be embarking on a faith-filled journey to GENERATE Camp! We kindly request all parents of participating teenagers to reach out to Pastor Joey to receive detailed information for this upcoming event, including the 'Parents Packet'. The packet includes resources such as the camp teachers, location details, a suggested packing list, the daily itinerary, and essential forms requiring signatures.

Moreover, we extend an open invitation to our congregation members who might not have children participating but are eager to contribute. Your support can help provide a teenager the opportunity to attend this Christ-Centered, Gospel-focused camp. We welcome the chance to provide scholarships for our vibrant young believers and are honored to partner with you in embellishing their spiritual journey. Your generosity truly exemplifies the communal strength of our congregation.

Email Pastor Joey for more info on how to sign up!

Joey@gracefellowship.ws

ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communication for the March 2024 Newsletter

The Elder Meeting occurred on Tuesday, February 20th, with Jimmy Long leading the devotion. During the meeting, the minutes from the January session and the Financial Report were read and unanimously approved.

In line with the monthly practice, the elders engaged in a discussion focusing on the prayer needs of our membership and individual elders. Jimmy offered prayers for the listed names and respective needs, as well as for each elder and their families.

Effective March, Kevin Smith, our Administrative Coordinator, will transition to a 30-hour workweek, operating remotely from his residence in Florida. While working virtually, Kevin will play a pivotal role in hiring and onboarding a new Administrative Coordinator. We extend our gratitude to Kevin for his dedicated service over the past years and wish him a fulfilling retirement.

Acknowledging the service of Luke Miller and Bobby Thomas as Elders, we express our gratitude as they transition out. The Elder Council welcomed the four newly-affirmed Elders: Stuart Harris, Tom Lynn, Mac Manley, and Mike Moore. A commissioning service was held during morning worship on Sunday, February 25th.

As Easter approaches, a range of activities is planned for the weekend, including a Good Friday service including communion, a Saturday Easter Event with an egg hunt and various kids' activities. The celebration will culminate in a SONrise service at 7 AM on Easter Sunday. The Dominican Republic Missions Team will host a pancake breakfast immediately following the SONrise service. All donations will go toward support of the upcoming mission trip. Small Groups and Worship will be at their usual times.

The 2024 board of officers has been elected, with David Torbert assuming the role of chairman, Steven Brondyke as vice-chairman, and Randy Scott as our new secretary. Please pray for these men as they step into these places of servant leadership.

In addition, the Elders reviewed our ministry teams assignments. Each Elder will serve as a liaison between the ministry teams and the elders, ensuring effective communication of needs and concerns.

ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communication for the March 2024 Newsletter (continued)

Child and Youth Protection Policies were discussed to prioritize the safety of children under our care. Information regarding these policies and required training will be disseminated to all nursery, childcare, and youth volunteers in the coming weeks. Implementation has begun, and will continue until all our current and new workers have completed the process.

To enhance safety measures, the Security Team has approved the installation of electronic locks and a remote monitoring system for key doors. These locks will be app-operated, providing detailed access records and one-time access codes as needed.

Notable progress includes the commencement of construction for the new Welcome and Connection Center in the Gathering Area. This initiative, approved during the Elder Council meeting, is expected to be completed before Easter, thanks to Nolan Callaway's leadership.

Cassidy Callaway, our Children's Director, has introduced a new Sunday School curriculum for the 1-4 grade class, supported by updated technology and additional classroom supplies. Plans for VBS and securing a VBS intern/coordinator are underway.

Youth curriculum advances under Phase 2, focusing on "The Fall" and providing increased responsibilities and mentoring for young leaders. Small groups have seen growth following strategic planning and leader training enhancements, with a forthcoming Spiritual Assessment Test and training day for leaders.

The choir has resumed weekly rehearsals and active participation in worship services. Pastor Matt, our Worship and Community Pastor, has initiated a monthly worship newsletter, inviting interested individuals to engage in Worship activities.

Lastly, this year commemorates the 20th anniversary of Grace Fellowship. The "20 Years of Grace" Planning Team is diligently preparing for a memorable weekend on July 7, 2024, featuring a catered meal for charter members on Saturday, July 6, and a special worship service followed by a dinner on the grounds on Sunday. Save the date for this significant celebration!