



- Dec 22, 29.....No Odyssey Classes/Youth Group
- Dec 22.....Children’s Christmas Performance in Service
- Dec 24.....Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25&26Office Closed
- Dec 28-30.....Winter Youth Celebration in Portland
- Jan 2Volunteer Training for Youth
- Jan 5.....Winter Kick-off
- Jan 12Winter Odyssey classes begin

LOVE God & people by praying for: *Clifton Coulter -Pat Arnold’s Brother-in-Law (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm), Victoria Scott (the passing of her father, Dennis Gredvig), Kevin Varney (prostate cancer), Margie Fry (coping with vision loss), the family of Judy Cole (the passing of Judy), Kim Smith (healing from seizures), Joel and Betsy Eystone (Missionaries to the Philippines), Lisa Tillman (heart health), and safety during Sunday activities at Grace*

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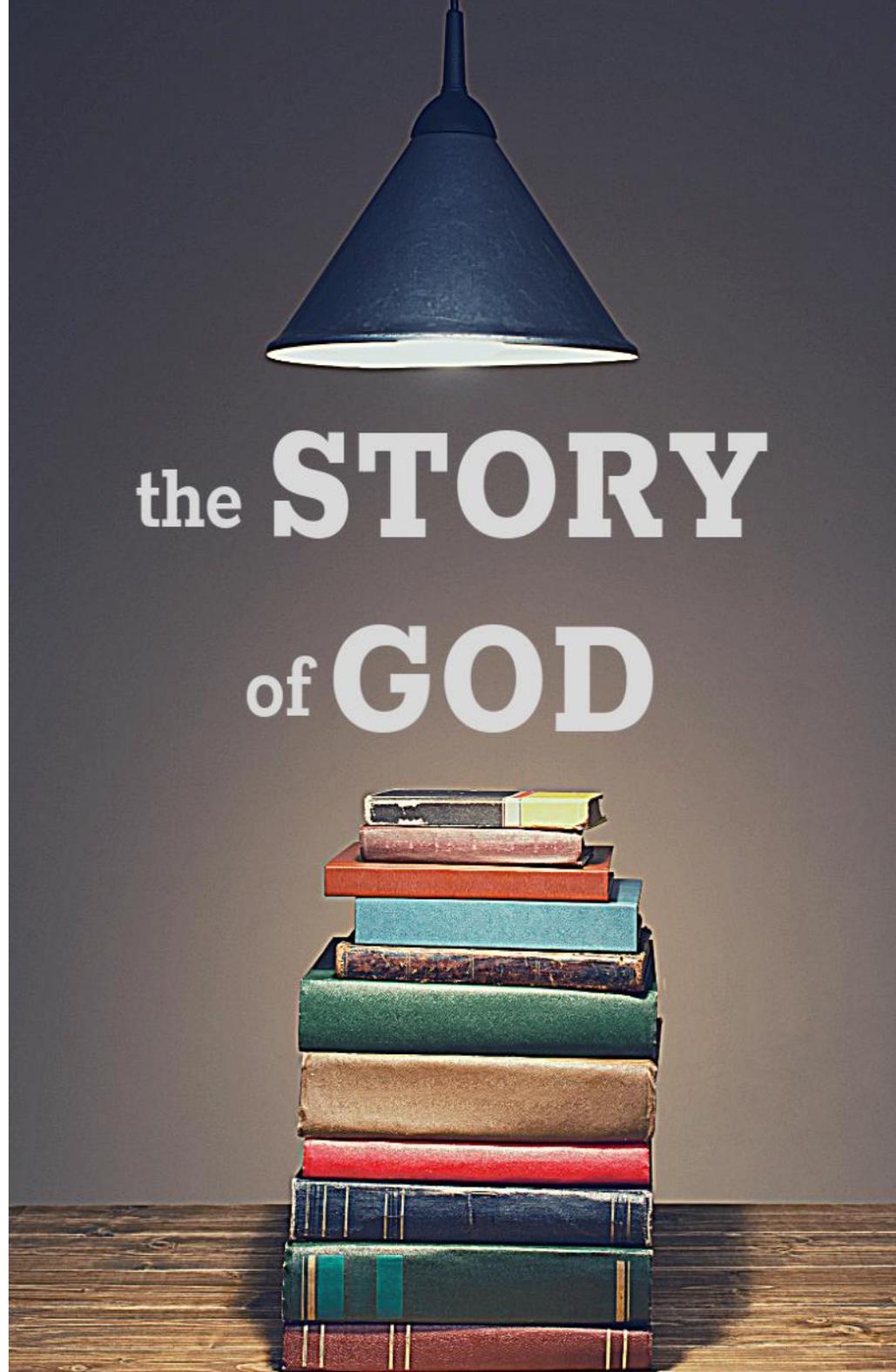
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CONNECT

Welcome to Grace! Thanks for joining us today. Feel free to bring your coffee into worship and make yourself comfortable. Take a deep breath, clear your head, and prepare your heart and mind to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Grace Church is committed to living authentically in relationship with God and others. Together we strive to meet the needs here and around the world. To learn more, grab a booklet from the Welcome Center in the foyer.

If you would like us to follow up with you, feel free to fill out this form, tear it out and drop it at the Welcome Center or in the offering plate.

today's date

name

I am a guest of

address

phone

phone (cell)

email

- How to begin a relationship with Jesus
- Want to know more about Grace
- Interested in joining a Home Community
- Interested in serving at Grace (if so where?) _____
- Address/info change
- Add me to the church email list
- Interested in baptism
- Interested in membership

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, DEC 22

- 9:00 am Odyssey Classes
- 10:30 am FAMILY WORSHIP CELEBRATION
*Classes provided downstairs for nursery-3rd
Kids activity sheets at the Welcome Center desk*
- 6:00 pm NO Youth Group

MONDAY, DEC 23

Church Office open 9am to 4 pm

TUESDAY, DEC 24

Church Office open 9am to 12pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 25

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, DEC 26

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, DEC 27

Church Office closed

SATURDAY, DEC 28

Church Office closed

SUNDAY, DEC 29

- 8:00 am Prayer - Rm 127
- 9:00 am **No Odyssey Classes**
- 10:30 am FAMILY WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 6:00 pm NO Youth Group

BUDGET THRU 12/15/2019

We are \$39,874.85 below our anticipated YTD giving.
BUDGET YTD \$272,280.00
GIVING YTD \$232,405.15
We are at 85% of budget

GRACE CHURCH exists to LOVE God & people, PROCLAIM Christ, BUILD community, EQUIP the saints, MULTIPLY ministers, and missionally SEND out followers of Christ to be the Church wherever we are.

ODYSSEY CLASSES UPDATE

Fall Odyssey classes concluded TODAY. After a 3 week break, Winter classes begin **January 12, 2020!** In the interim, two things:

- December 22 & 29, are Family Sundays, with no Children's Church, but all ages 3 and up together for 10:30am worship in the sanctuary! These will be special services!
- January 5, Winter Kickoff, with potluck breakfast in the foyer at 9am! (Seahawks swag allowed / encouraged)

Questions? Contact Pastor Mark, Pastor Lucas, or Children's Ministry Director Angela Barton!

ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Spend less. Give more. On April 13th-17th our youth group will go to Ensenada, MX to build a home and work in an orphanage. Our goal for the 5 weeks of Advent is to cover the building materials - cost \$7,700. There is a box in the back of the foyer under **The Crowded House Mexico** sign where you can deposit cash or check. Donations will be tax deductible. Consider investing in building up people on both sides of the border. See Pastor Lucas with questions.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Women's Retreat May 2020 is happening! Dates and other details coming January 5th!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We will hold our Christmas Eve service at 5:30. Join us at 4:30 for cookies, refreshments and fellowship; the Espresso Cart will be open-compilatory beverages!

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT JOB OPENING

As many of you know, Lisa Tillman has faced some health issues and is unable to come back and fill her role as Executive Assistant. We have had a wonderful temporary team filling this role since May. Thank you to this team for doing an excellent job in Lisa's stead. In the new year we plan to permanently fill the Executive Assistant position. This job has three goals: 1) to serve as Grace Church's hub of communication in order to coordinate ministries on behalf of staff; 2) to administratively support and free our pastors to focus on teaching, prayer, leader development, counseling and disciple-making (Acts 6:1-7); and 3) to develop an online presence that positively connects an internet generation to Grace Church.

The position is 28 hours per week, and pay is commensurate to skill and experience. Please let your friends know about this position; resumes are to be directed to Paul Mooring, head of the Search Team. The Job Description will be available in office this week and the welcome desk, Sunday.

WINTER KICKOFF

Winter Kickoff will be a potluck breakfast on January 5th! Please bring a dish to share and join us for breakfast at 8:45am. We will begin our meeting at 9am.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Dec. 25th and 26th. Pastor Mark will be available on call in case of emergencies. His number is: (541)404-3437.

Luke 2:8-20

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**In the mundane, it's easy to doubt God's majesty & glory.
But if you saw what Moishe saw...**

"The LORD has established His throne in heaven,
& His kingdom rules over all.
Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding,
who obey His word.
Praise the LORD, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His
will"
-- King David, in Psalm 103:20-21

"Do not be afraid. I bring you goods news of great joy that will be for all
the people"
-- An angel, Luke 2:10

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men on whom His
favor rests"
-- A whole sky full of angels, Luke 2:14

"He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in
the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.
And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends
of the earth.
And He will be their peace"
-- The prophet Micah, Micah 5:4-5

HC Questions:

- ✚ Read Luke 2:8-20, putting yourself in the shoes of a shepherd there.
- ✚ Moishe the shepherd's senses were *totally overwhelmed* by his experience that night in Bethlehem. How did it impact him?
- ✚ What observations can you make about angels from this text? How does this jibe with your ideas about angels?
- ✚ When you think of God's glory, do you think of how it expresses God's favor to people, and that it brings peace? How might you need to change your thinking about God's glory? What might you ask God to help you experience more fully & personally?