

Call to Worship | Philippians 2:8-9

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Reading of The Law | Mark 10:23-27

²³ And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Scriptural Assurance | 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES - 9:15AM - SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30AM

To begin the process of joining the church as a member, please touch base with the Elders.

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22 MARCH 2026 ✠ LORD'S DAY 12

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#68 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayers of Praise ^{Adam}

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading | Proverbs 8 ^{Brayden}

Only A Holy God / Holy, Holy, Holy

Offering & Kids Message

Reading of The Law | Mark 10:23-27

#239 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Prayers of Confession & Silence ^{Franklin}

The Gospel Song

Scriptural Assurance | Lord's Supper (p. 8 Worship Guide)

Jesus Thank You

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Request ^{John}

Sermon Text | Matthew 4:12-17

Sermon | "Jesus Begins His Ministry"

The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Benediction

THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS CHRIST SAVES SINNERS.

So then: Repent, Believe, and Follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission gifts given in March will benefit: Our Deacon's Fund
Bring in those baby bottles from February.

Marianna's Fundraiser to support our VBS 2026:
Money and orders are due to Lori on Sunday March 29. Hoagies and Pizzas are \$10 each. Please make any checks out to Grace Community Church VBS. Items will be delivered to the church on Wednesday April 8, and available for pick-up around 1:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at: 301-707-3476. Thank you for all your support!

The Calendar

Sun. March 22	VBS Team Meeting (noon)
Fri. March 27	VBS Fundraiser Paint Party (6:00pm)
Sun. March 29	Palm Sunday & Egg Hunt (noon)
Sun. March 29	Hoagie/Pizza Orders Due (noon)
Fri. April 3	Good Friday Meal (6:00pm) and Service (7:00pm)
Sun. April 5	Easter Sunday
Wed. April 8	Hoagie/Pizza Pick-Up (1:00pm)
Sun. May 17	Joint Council Meeting (noon)
Sun. May 24	Pentecost Sunday
June 21-25	Vacation Bible School (6:00-8:30pm)
November 20-22	Weekend To Remember – Williamsburg, VA



Save the dates for: Vacation Bible School 2026

Emerald Crossing

An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23
Sunday-Thursday - June 21-25, 2026



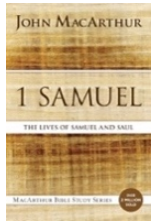
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/3 Eric Llewellyn	3/21 Harvey Hershberger
3/6 Michele Carey	3/24 Matt Widder
3/12 Gracie Enlow	3/27 Wilma Hutzal
3/13 Lincoln Widder	3/29 Lilly Brenneman

SUNDAY MORNINGS (9:15-10:15am)

Adult / Teen Bible Study: 1 SAMUEL – THE LIVES OF SAMUEL AND SAUL

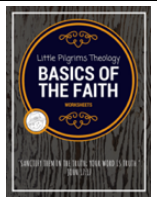
- 3/22 7. Saul's Failure as King – 1 Samuel 13:1-15; 15:1-35 John
- 3/29 8. Transfer of Power – 1 Samuel 16:1-23 Matt
- 4/5 9. Slaying A Giant – 1 Samuel 17:1-51 John
- 4/12 10. David and Jonathan – 1 Samuel 20:1-42 Matt



SUNDAY MORNINGS (9:15-10:15am)

Kids Bible Study: LITTLE PILGRIMS THEOLOGY – BASICS OF THE FAITH

- 3/22 What is Holiness? – 2 Corinthians 7:1
- 3/29 Resurrection The Suffering Servant – Isaiah 53:10
- 4/5 Resurrection He Is Risen – Matthew 28:6
- 4/12 Resurrection Resurrection Results – 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

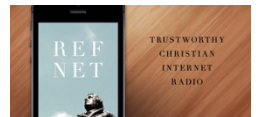


Mid-Week Bible Study in the Gospel of John:
Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome!



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Those Serving

	COFFEE BREAK	PRAISE	SCRIPTURE READING	CONFESSION	THANKS. & REQ.	SERMON
3/22	Amanda	Adam	Proverbs 8 Brayden	Franklin	John	Matthew 4:12-17 Jesus Begins His Ministry
3/29	Sherry	Jack	John 12:1-19 Jeff	John	Matt	1 Peter 1:18-19 His Own
4/5	Allison	Larry	John 20:1-31 Lincoln	Jeff	Matt	Romans 8:34 Our Mediator
4/12	Amanda	Jess	Proverbs 9 Larry	Matt	John	Matthew 4:18-22 Jesus Calls
4/19	Kelly	Harvey	Proverbs 10 volunteer?	Johnny	John	Matthew 4:23-25 Jesus Ministers

Prayer List

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Memorize, Meditate, and Pray this week:

Philippians 2:8-9

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Pray using prayers of the Puritans - In Prayer:

In prayer may we be lifted above the frowns and flatteries of life. May we taste heavenly joys; entering into the eternal world. We give ourselves to You with all our hearts, to be Yours forever.

Pray using our Prayer Points for this week:

MONDAY

*for Saudi Arabia

*for Jess & Michele Carey

WEDNESDAY

*for Sec. of Labor Chavez-R

*for battling discouragement.

FRIDAY

*for focus on God.

*for gospel assurance.

TUESDAY

*for giving God glory.

*for killing racist thoughts.

THURSDAY

*for childlike faith.

*for trusting the promises.

SATURDAY

*for John & Sherry.

*for Springs Mennonite

Pray for our fallen world & global concerns:

The call & response of the lost. Matthew 18

The end of abortion practices & the close of the abortion mill. Exodus 20:13

The sins of sexual rebellion. Genesis 1:27; Romans 1:18-23

Peace and Justice in Israel, and in Nigeria. Psalms 25:22

Pray for those serving our country: Isaiah 41:10

Nathan Brenneman (and the family)

Pray for those in nursing homes: 1 Timothy 5:1-3

Helen Bender
Shirley Bender

Pray for health/comfort for: Psalms 121:1-2

Allison Broadwater

Steve Hershberger

Nevin & Wilma Hutzler

Eric & Bri, Emmett, & baby Emery Grace.

Patty Rice

Ruth Yoder

Kari Galica (friend of Johnny Carey)

Fred Holiday (friend of the Broadwaters)

Becca Kilgus (friend of Linda Upole)

Stephanie McBride (mother of Michele Carey)

Sandy McKenzie (friend of the Broadwaters)

Tim Sherbin (son of Michele Carey)

Ronnie Stanton (brother of Linda Upole)

Lewis Vrankovich (family of Amanda Carey's sister)

Pray for those battling cancer: John 14:27

Nick Brown (young local boy)

Linda Handwerk (daughter of the late Wanda Sheffield)

Shelbi Knauer (friend of Hannah Hershberger)

Daisy Murray (friend of John Carey)

Cindy Widder (family of the Widders)

George Winkelvoss (father of Adam Winkelvoss)

Wyatt Wilkens (friend of Jack Carey)

Indy Yoder (young local girl)

Gay Ziegler (friend of Linda Upole)

Pray for:

Our Soldiers.

Those battling addictions.

The family of Mabel Beiler.

Question 31. *Why is he called CHRIST, that is, Anointed?*

Answer: Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost,^a to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,^b who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and our only High Priest,^c who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father;^d and our eternal King,^e who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.^f

- a. Hebrews 1:9.
- b. Deuteronomy 18:18; Acts 3:22; John 1:18; John 15:15; Matthew 11:27.
- c. Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 7:21; Hebrews 10:14.
- d. Hebrews 7:25.
- e. Psalm 2:6; Luke 1:30-33.
- f. Matthew 28:18; John 10:27-29.

Question 32. *But why are you called a Christian?*

Answer: Because by faith I am a member of Christ,^a and thus a partaker of His anointing;^b in order that I also may confess his name;^c may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him;^d and may with free conscience fight against sin and the Devil in this life,^e and hereafter, in eternity, reign with Him over all creatures.^f

- a. 1 Corinthians 6:15.
- b. 1 John 2:27; Joel 2:28-29.
- c. Matthew 10:32.
- d. Romans 12:1; Revelation 1:5-6.
- e. Ephesians 6:10-12; 1 Timothy 1:18-19.
- f. 2 Timothy 2:12.

22 March 1758

Death in New Jersey from smallpox of Jonathan Edwards. A congregational minister of the First Great Awakening, Edwards produced one of the most thorough and compelling bodies of theological writing in the history of America. Edwards is regarded as America's greatest evangelical theologian.

23 March 1744

In London, composer George Frederic Handel's famous oratorio "Messiah" was performed for the first time.

24 March 1603

Death of Queen Elizabeth I of England who had taken the final steps to make Anglicanism the state religion of England.

25 March 1533

During one of his recorded "Table Talks," German reformer Martin Luther declared: "That the Creator himself comes to us and becomes our ransom - this is the reason for our rejoicing."

26 March 1655

A bullet is fired into the house where Puritan pastor Richard Baxter is preaching, but it whizzes past him, narrowly missing the head of a sister-in-law.

27 March 1555

Nineteen-year-old William Hunter is burned to death in Brentwood, England, by Queen "Bloody" Mary for refusing to accept the Catholic dogma of transubstantiation. He had resisted both threats and bribes.

28 March 1521

Pope Leo X condemns Luther by name on Maundy Thursday in the bull *In Coena Domini*, along with all his adherents.

Why is going to church important?

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Simply put, the Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth.

The early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (Acts 2:42).

We should follow that example of devotion—and to the same things. Back then, they had no designated church building, but “every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts” (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God’s Word.

Church attendance is not just a “good suggestion”; it is God’s will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should “not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Even in the early church, some were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that’s not the way to go.

We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), “spur” one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its “body parts” need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14–20).

Why is going to church important? (continued)

We are not to attend church as if we are mere spectators. We are actually part of our church.

Not only does our church help equip us for ministry, it is a place where we serve, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11-13). A believer will never reach full spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21–26).

As we serve, worship, and live in community together, the body of Christ reflects who God is. Together, we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14–16).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer’s life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense “required” for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

Jesus is the Cornerstone of the Church (1 Peter 2:6), and we are “like living stones . . . being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5).

As the building materials of God’s “spiritual house,” we naturally have a connection with one another, and that connection is evident every time the Church “goes to church.”

