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Leading Non-Believers

Matthew 9:9-13; 35-38

September 2, 2018

Next Steps:

What's True? God desires to seek and to save that which is lost. He modeled how to do this by creating an atmosphere of belonging for people, demonstrating mercy and compassion. He then tells us to follow Him in His mission by praying and laboring for the salvation of others.

What's Real? Am I leading non-believers to love God and love people? Do I create an atmosphere of belonging for them, desiring mercy and compassion for them? Do I pray for God to use me and others for His mission in saving them? Do I work hard to "become all things to all people that I might win some?"

What's Next?

You can listen to current and archived sermons on our website at
gcc-online.org/current-series



TODAY at GRACE September 2, 2018

Let's worship together!

9:00 & 10:30am
Nursery & nursing mothers room available

Let's grow together!

9:00 & 10:30am
Adult & Children's Sunday School
Complete list of classes available at the Connection Desk

Middle School Igniter

9:00am | Activity Center
Ephesians | 9-Square in the Air

High School Igniter

6:30pm | Norm's (613 N Main)

Norm's Night

Sign Up Station in the Foyer

Awana registration
Men's Encounter



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(Shoot us an email and let us know
that you want to receive our
This Week at Grace emails)



Connection Desk in the foyer

(Stop by to browse our print
materials and get answers to
questions you may have)

Dear Guests,

Thank you for joining us. We realize there are many places you could be on a Sunday morning. We are so glad you are here! If you need any assistance, please see an usher or visit our Connection Desk.

If you are a **first-time guest**, please complete the Communication Card (attached to this program) and bring it to the Connection Desk in the foyer to receive a free gift as a thank-you for joining us.

We invite you to **receive the blessings** of this morning's service without feeling compelled to give.

Grace Community Church family

LIFE at GRACE

Awana registration

It is time to register for Awana - the Bible-centered children's and youth ministry that we offer at Grace on Wednesday evenings. You can register this morning or when you arrive for the first night of Awana on September 5. The \$20 cost is due at the time of registration. Forms are available in the Church office or to download at gcc-online.org/awana-registration.

Wednesday evening men's Bible study

Wednesdays, beginning September 5 | 6:30pm | Music Room
Allen Graber will be leading a study for all men called "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes," which will take an in-depth look at various Scriptures through the cultural context of first-century Judaism. This study follows the Awana schedule.

Men's Encounter: Encounter the Cross

September 7-9 | 5:00pm | Webster Conference Center, Salina, KS
This powerful weekend experience is an opportunity to encounter the presence of God and grow & learn what He has in store for you. Take this opportunity to recharge, recommit, and experience the Love of Jesus. The cost of \$125 covers room, meals, and snacks. Register in the foyer today or at gcc-online.org/upcoming-events.

Women's Philippians study

Sundays, September 9-30 | 9:00am | Room 204
The latest addition to the women's ministry Bible study line-up is this four-week study meeting during the 9:00am Sunday school hour. The class, facilitated by Sarah Friesen, will have a fellowship time as well as a study of the book of Philippians.

Miss PattyCake Pajama Party

Saturday, September 15 | 6:30pm | Worship Center
Kids, come join us for a pretend slumber party as we sing songs and tell stories with Miss PattyCake. Make sure to come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed toy. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased in the office, at the door, or at gcc-online.org/upcoming-events.

Restarting

Tuesdays, beginning September 18 | 7:00pm | Activity Center
Restarting is a 12-week class led by Pastor Steve that provides hope and healing for the soul, meeting from September 18 through December 4. In this class we get training in new skills that build capacity for joyful connection with God and others and also learn how to return to joy from negative emotions. A \$22 textbook is required, and scholarships are available. Childcare is provided. Find more information about the class and register at gcc-online.org/upcoming-events.

THIS WEEK and BEYOND

September

- 3 Office closed for Labor Day
- 5 Awana & Refuel begin | 6:30pm
- 5 Men's Bible study begins | 6:30pm | Music Room
- 6 Weekly Prayer Meeting | 3:00pm | Worship Center
- 7 Men's Encounter | 5:00pm through 9/9 5:00pm | Salina, KS
- 15 Men's Prayer & Fellowship Breakfast | 7:30am | Fireside Room
- 15 Miss PattyCake Pajama Party | 6:30pm | Worship Center
- 16 Parenting class with Miss PattyCake | 10:15am | Fireside Room
- 17 Growing in the Dark | 7:00pm | Norm's (613 N Main)
- 18 Restarting class begins | 7:00pm | Activity Center
- 19 Serve week at New Hope Shelter through 9/25

For more details about these and other events,
check out the **Upcoming Events** section at gcc-online.org

Grace Community Church Ministry Team

Lead Pastor: Jack Napier **Worship & Community Life:** Kyle Schanbacher
Counseling, Discipleship: Steve Friesen **GraceKids:** Juli Dirks
Student Ministries: Loren Kurtz **Nursery Director:** Lori Jordan
Creative Arts Director: Nathan Ehresman **Office Manager:** Janelle Paden

Grace Network Churches

Grace Community Fellowship (Hillsboro): Mike Barter
Grace Crossing (Moundridge): Jason Rains
New Anthem Community Church (Park City): Landon Jordan
Emmanuel Church (Bolivia): Roberto Torres

Board of Elders

Chairman: Marc Friesen	Vice Chairman: Jeff Couchman	Treasurer: Gene Pankratz
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		David Landis
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Statistics from August 26

Worship Attendance: 596

General Offering: \$14,435

Giving

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's generosity and provision for us.

You can **give online** and set up **automatic withdrawals** at gcc-online.org or drop your offering in one of the **offering baskets** at the exits of the Worship Center. **Fiscal year as of 7/31/18**
Income: \$577,280
Expenses: \$551,545
Budget: \$640,886