

**James**  
James 1:1-4, 12  
Jack Napier

**What's True?** *What do I see in the Bible?*

**What's Real?** *What do I see in my life?*

- What would it be like to be ripped from your home and exiled out of your hometown? (James 1:1)
- How do you trust God when life is difficult? How do you consider it joy? (James 1:2-3)
- What does joy look like in the midst of trial?
- When has God used a bad situation and worked it out for your good? (James 1:4) Did it help your faith or hinder it?
- What is it you still lack (James 1:4)? What is necessary to help you grow?

**What's Next?** *Write a prayer and a practical step in light of truth.*

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's provision for us. You can give online and set up automatic withdrawals at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) or drop your gift in one of the baskets at the exits of the Worship Center.

**Statistics from February 10**

Worship Attendance: 554  
General Offering: \$16,228

**Fiscal year as of 1/31/19**

Income: \$84,600  
Expenses: \$72,161  
Budget: \$86,937

# Welcome to Grace!

February 17, 2019

## REAL FAITH

### A Tested Faith

James 1:1-4, 12

A STUDY OF  
*James*

**Grace Community Church exists to love God,  
love people, and lead others to do the same.**



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## Welcome to Grace

We are so glad you're here!

We have a strong desire to know and experience God's love. It is God's love for us which, in turn, inspires us to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.

If you're a guest with us, we would love to hear from you! Go to [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) and click the green button that says Connect With Us and tell us how we can serve you. Or, if paper is more your speed, there are Connection Cards available by the offering baskets at the doors of the Worship Center or at the Connection Desk in the foyer.

In addition to our worship services, we have a number of other opportunities for you and your family to engage today:

- Sunday school classes for adults (find a complete list of classes at the Connection Desk)
- Sunday school classes for children age 3 through 8th grade
- Nursery for children birth through age 3
- Igniter gathering for high school students (tonight at 6:30pm in the Activity Center)

If you have any questions or want more information about who we are and what we do, visit the Connection Desk in the foyer or check out our website at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org).

## Next Steps



### Starting Point

*Sunday, March 3 | 12:00pm | Fireside Room*

If you want to learn more about Grace, we would love to give you an introduction to who we are and what we are all about. Come to Starting Point directly after the 10:30 service on March 3 for a great opportunity to meet some of our staff and elders and get to know us as a church. We will even take care of your kids and feed you pizza for free.

**Next step:** Join us in two weeks for Starting Point. Not only will you learn about who we are, but Starting Point is the perfect place to begin your journey of getting more deeply connected with Grace Community Church.

## Ministry Spotlight

GRACE

LOCAL

DOMESTIC

GLOBAL

When you give to the LORD at Grace, you support our...  
Grace Care Team

The Grace Care Team exists to serve the needs of those in our church family who are unable to attend Sunday morning services.

**How to be praying for the Grace Care Team:** Pray for strength and grace for the team. Pray for deepening bonds between the team and the home-bound members of our body. Pray for unity within our church family.

## Life at Grace

### A note from Pastor Dave & Marilyn Reimer

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to you, our Grace family, for the outpouring of love, encouragement, and affirmation of our 30 years of ministry here. The retirement celebration last Sunday afternoon will always be a wonderful memory. We have the same confidence for you and the future of Grace as Paul had for his friends in Philippi:

*And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)*

With much love,  
Dave and Marilyn Reimer

### Girl Talks/Guy Talks (High School Igniter)

*Sundays, February 17 - March 24 | 6:30-8:30pm (during regular Igniter time)*

We know that growing up and passing through the high school adolescent years can be a challenge. These years are a key stage in human development as well as in our spiritual formation. High School Igniter is planning six weeks where we will separate the guys and girls in order to focus on important topics unique to each gender. High school students, please plan to join us for this special time starting tonight and running through March 24.

### Forming

*Tuesdays, March 12 - June 4 | 7:00-9:00pm | Activity Center*

Most of us know what it's like to mean well and try harder to become the person we think God wants us to be. In Forming we call that "rowing." Often we ask the Lord for strength - to row harder! Often we get exhausted and discouraged by this process. Forming is different from traditional discipleship models because it teaches us to "sail." The class helps us learn how to be with God, how to develop a genuine relationship with Him, and how to engage with Him for the transformation we long for. We hope you'll consider joining us this spring!

### Summer Quest Hosts & Coordinators Needed

Summer Quest - our annual neighborhood-based Bible school outreach - is quickly approaching and we need your help! Right now, we are in search of hosts & coordinators. Hosts offer their yard as a meeting space where neighborhood kids can come together and learn about God. Coordinators work to put together- and coordinate the team of volunteers who make Summer Quest happen. If you are interested in reaching your community with the Gospel in either of these ways, let us know by clicking the big green Connect With Us button at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org).

### RightNow Media

It is our joy to equip you with whatever tools we can for you to grow in your love for God, love for people, and ability to lead others to do the same. One of the ways we do this is by offering you a subscription to RightNow Media that you can access for free. Think of it like a Netflix for Bible studies & kids shows. Whether you watch alone, with your family, or with your Community Life Group, these are valuable resources for growing in your faith. If you would like an invitation to join RightNow Media for free, send an email to [gracecommunitynewton@gmail.com](mailto:gracecommunitynewton@gmail.com).

For more details about these and other events, check out the **Upcoming Events** section at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org)