

Why Pray?

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What's True in the Bible?

God uses prayer:

1. To _____ our _____.
Mark 1:35, 9:25–29 / Matthew 14:23 / John 15:4–5

2. To _____ our _____.
Mark 1:35–37 / Matthew 6:6 / Luke 5:16 / James 4:8

3. To _____ His _____.
Mark 1:38 / Luke 4:42–43 / James 1:5

What's Real in my life?

- What is the purpose of prayer?
- How would I categorize my prayers? (Are they mostly requests? Do I ever share my heart without making a request? Do I ever stop to listen?)
- How does prayer strengthen me spiritually?
- How does prayer deepen my relationship with God? (Do I truly feel closer to Him after prayer, or is it mainly a checklist or task-oriented discipline?)

What's Next?

- Set aside 30 minutes to focus only on talking with God. Use 2–5 minutes of that time to be silent and listen; take note of your thoughts. Share your experience with a friend, and commit to enriching your relationship with God through prayer.

Welcome to Grace!

February 28, 2021



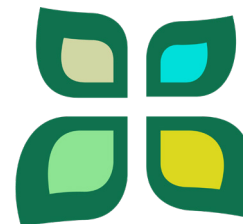
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**Grace Community Church exists to love God,
love people, and lead others to do the same.**



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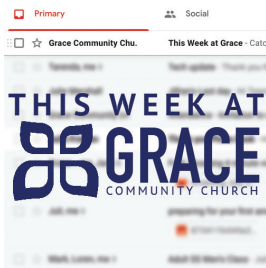
We are so glad you're joining us this morning!

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 and click the green button that says *Connect With Us* and tell us how we can serve you or pray for you. We would love to have you join us every Sunday at 9:00 or 10:45am!

If you have any questions or want more information about who we are and what we do, please take some time to browse our website at gcc-online.org.

Connect With Us



Sign up for our weekly email

Every Thursday we send the *This Week at Grace* email—a concise way to hear an update from one of the staff members, find information about upcoming events, links to register for events, and more.

Next step: Click the big green *Connect With Us* button at gcc-online.org and write "This Week at Grace".

Next Steps With Grace



We are so excited anytime someone chooses to publicly identify with the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through baptism! If that is you, we would love to celebrate with you publicly during our Easter services on April 4.

Next step: Sign up at gcc-online.org/baptism. Then attend the prep class at 4:00pm in the Fireside Room on March 14.

Giving to the LORD at Grace

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 at gcc-online.org, in the Church Center app, or at one of the baskets by the exits of the Worship Center and Fireside Room.

Statistics from February 21

Worship Attendance: 472
Peak Online Attendance: 83 devices
General Offering: \$4,560

Fiscal year as of January 31

Income: \$66,636
Expenses: \$64,028
Budget: \$84,476

Life at Grace



Today | 4:00–5:00pm | Worship Center & Online

Where is Grace headed? What are our key initiatives? How can I be involved? Our elders invite you to join them for this "state of the church" conversation—complete with snacks—where they will address these topics and more, as well as your submitted questions.

Your next step: Plan to join us this afternoon for this important conversation with our elders.

Kickoff: March 13 | 6:00–7:30pm | Fireside Room Class begins: March 21 | 9:00–10:15 | Fireside Room

Young and married and looking to connect with other couples here at Grace? Join us for a meal to meet others like you and learn more about our upcoming Sunday school class designed specifically for you.

Your next step: Register for the kickoff meal by March 7 so we can plan for appropriate food and childcare.

June 1–5

We are excited to go be the church and take the gospel to our community through Summer Quest—our annual neighborhood-based Bible school outreach. Right now, we are looking for volunteers to host a location or lead a small team of volunteers.

Your next step: Volunteer to host or be a coordinator online or at the sign up station in the foyer today.

Our values are what flavor every part of our mission.

- Upholding Biblical Integrity
- Pursuing Authentic Community
- Reaching the Next Generations
- Owning the Mission

Next step: Learn more at gcc-online.org/values.



For More Information

There are many opportunities for you to get connected and involved here at Grace! For more details, take some time to browse gcc-online.org. (We especially recommend checking out the **Upcoming Events** page!)