

November 13, 2016

A special welcome for those who are visiting with us today for the first time or those who are relatively new to Grace. We want to get to know you better, so please take a moment and stop by the **Welcome Desk** in the Narthex and say “hi” to the folks there as they will be happy to answer any questions you might have about our church.

Happening Today

It's Angel Tree Time!

This is our 5th year to serve with Angel Tree, a ministry of Prison Fellowship. This ministry seeks to connect parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. As a church family, we purchase, wrap and deliver the gifts on behalf of these children's parents who are incarcerated.

We get the blessing of helping these parents remind their children of the love they have for them as well as the opportunity to encourage the children, their parent in prison, and their caregivers with the love of Christ.

Angel Tree for the Children & Prisoner:

Follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Select an Angel Tag (the child you would like to purchase a gift for)
2. Fill-out a Tracking Card (so we make sure all kids are accounted for)
3. Grab a Buyer's Packet (all the info you will need-Read before buying)

All gifts must be returned unwrapped on or before Sunday, November 20th.

Wrapping Party on Thursday, December 1st @ 6pm:

No need to sign up, just show up and help wrap the Christmas gifts for these special kiddos.

Gift Delivery on Saturday, December 3rd @ 1:30pm:

If you would like to help deliver these gifts of love to some very excited kids, please sign-up at the Angel Tree Table or email Hanna Randolph at angeltree@gepc.org.

Angel Tree for the Prisoner's Family:

We have the opportunity again this year to bless any new Angel Tree families with a family Bible that matches the ages of their children. Please feel free to pick up a “Bible Donation” envelope at the Angel Tree Table and help us put the Good News of Jesus in the laps of these little ones and their caregivers.

Welcome to Grace
Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Sermon Notes



what goes in a
shoebox gift is fun...

what comes out can
change lives forever

NOVEMBER 16 PACKING WILL BEGIN AT 6:45,
FOLLOWING FAMILY DINNER

BRING SHOEBOXES.

Drop the shoeboxes off in the lobby near the kitchen/gym.

BRING GIFTS.

See below for gift ideas. Drop off gifts in the OCC bins near the gym/kitchen.

HELP FILL SHOEBOXES.

Come to Family Dinner Night on November 16th and help participate in wrapping, filling, and praying for the shoe boxes alongside other Grace families.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS: balls, dolls, kazoos, jump ropes, harmonicas, cars

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils, crayons, pads, solar calculators, coloring pages

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, hair clips, deodorant
(No liquids or lotions)

OTHER: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches,
flashlights (with extra batteries)

Interested in being part of OCC team this year? Contact Jenny Boettcher.

Operation Christmas Child
Family Service Project

November 13-20, 2016

Grace Calendar of Activities and Events

(Asterisk "*" Indicates Oread Center/College Ministry)

All activities or events located at the church-house unless otherwise noted; details are in the Life of Grace or on our website: www.gepc.org

<i>The Order of Worship is posted each Friday at www.gepc.org/resources</i>	
Today:	8:15am & 10:45am Worship Angel Tree 9:00am College Sunday School* 9:45am Sunday School 4:00pm YoG Small Groups (7th-12th) 8:00pm Waffles and Worldviews (Oread Center, 912 Illinois)*
Monday:	6:30am Men's Bible Study (Signs of Life, 722 Massachusetts St.)
Tuesday:	12:00pm Lunch at the OC (Oread Center, 912 Illinois)* 5:30pm Women's Book Club (Oread Center, 912 Illinois)* 7:00pm Men's Bible Study (1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly) 8:00pm Women's Bible Study
Wednesday:	6:30am Men's Bible Study 5:15pm Kids Choir 6:00pm Family Dinner Night (L-Z bring dessert) 6:00pm YOG NoG 6:30pm Operation Christmas Child 8:00pm College Bible Study (Oread Center, 912 Illinois)*
Thursday:	6:00am Women's Bible Study 9:00am Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Men of Integrity Small Group
Friday:	No activities scheduled
Saturday:	7:00am Men's Bible Study
Sunday:	8:15am & 10:45am Worship Angel Tree Gift Return 9:00am College Sunday School* 9:45am Sunday School 4:00pm YoG Small Groups (7th-12th) 5:30pm Friendsgiving (Oread Center, 912 Illinois)* 8:00pm Waffles and Worldviews (Oread Center, 912 Illinois)*

Happening This Week

Wednesday Night Family Dinner

Join us this Wednesday night at 6:00pm for the first Family Dinner of the semester (\$4 per person/\$7 per couple/\$10 per family; L-Z bring dessert), Operation Christmas Child follows at 6:45pm.

Dinner menu: Chili and Crackers, Romaine Toss Salad, Cornbread and Butter.

The children will have the same with Carrots & Ranch Dressing in place of Salad, Bananas, and Oreo Cookies for dessert.

Oread Center/College

College Ministry

- **College Sunday School:** Meets Sundays at Grace and includes hot breakfast at 9am and teaching at 9:30am.
 - **Waffles & Worldviews:** Sundays, 8pm at the Oread Center (912 Illinois).
 - **Lunch at the OC:** Come enjoy good food, conversation, and friendship every Tuesday from 12-1:30pm. For those who want to help cook, we start at 11am.
 - **Bible Study:** Freshmen - seniors, join us for worship and Ephesians Bible study led by Chad Donohoe Wednesday nights, 8pm at the OC.
 - **Friendsgiving:** Come celebrate the 3rd Annual Friendsgiving at the OC, 5:30-7:30pm Sunday Nov. 20th. Waffles & Worldviews will follow immediately after. To sign-up to bring a Thanksgiving side or dessert to share, please email hannah-johnson@ku.edu.
- For more information about Oread Center events and programming, please visit our website, www.oreadcenter.com, or contact Chad Donohoe (chad@gepc.org), Kevin Lee (kevin@oreadcenter.com), Ryan Mayo (ryan@gepc.org), or Kelly Clark (kelly@oreadcenter.com).

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Studies

Our Read through the Bible is underway — and there's still time for YOU to join in on the adventure. Choose from Tuesdays at 8pm or Thursdays at 6:15am, 9:15am, 1pm and 7pm. Rise & Shine children's programming for ages birth to five runs in conjunction with the 9:15am study.

Men's Ministry

Men of Integrity Small Group

Men of Integrity is a 5 week small group study using Proverbs as a starting point for addressing issues in our lives that "sabotage our integrity" as men. The group will begin Thursday, October 20, 7pm at Grace and will run through November 17. The study will be led by Rick Pratte, Kim Grubbs, and Chris Bryan. If you are interested in being a part of this group or need more information, please contact Rick Pratte (rick@gepc.org, 785-550-3334).

Missions

Mexico Mission Trip

Our next trip to Children's Haven International is March 18-25, 2017. We will have an informational meeting in Room 4, at 12:15 pm on Sunday, December 3 (right after 2nd service). Applications, costs, and details will all be available at that time. Any questions, contact Vince or Julie Avila at 785-213-6817 or vinceavila@gmail.com.

Prayer

Elders available for prayer after the service: If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

8:15am: Mike Bartlow & Darby Ritter

10:45am: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs

Personal prayer during the week: The sanctuary is open during office hours each day for personal prayer. Entrance will be through the Lobby (southwest entrance).

Prayer for the Church: It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation, please call the church office or send an email to rick@gepc.org with your request.

Prayer & Grace Life Email Updates

- If you would like to receive the **all-church email announcements and prayer updates**, send an email to Betty at the church office (betty@gepc.org) and we will be happy to add you to the list.
- **Hey YoG Parents** - if you aren't getting email updates from the YoG office, check with Tyler (tyler@gepc.org).
- **Grace Women's Newsletter:** get connected and stay current on what's going on for the Women of Grace via our weekly newsletter. To sign up, visit our website www.gepc.org / ministries / women / Newsletter. You'll get mail!

This Week's Fighter Verse

"And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Colossians 1:17

Adult Education Classes

Sept. 11-Dec. 4

- Where Does My Help Come From? (Rm 17)
- The Gospel According to John (Rm 5)

Oct 30-Dec 4:

- Grace 101 (Rm 4)

Details of classes can be found in the Christian Growth & Education flier; copies are available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

Prayers of Confession

A compilation of the Prayers of Confession from our corporate worship are now available. A few copies are available at the Welcome desk in the narthex, they can also be downloaded from the website at www.gepc.org / resources / worship and newsletter downloads.

Financial Updates

For an update on Grace EPC financial information, you can visit the Grace website (www.gepc.org), click "Resources" then Financial Update." Contact Bob Woods (bob@gepc.org, 843-2005 ext. 7003) if you have any questions.

Lost and Found

Bibles, books, and journals are located in the kiosk between the gym doors in the southwest lobby. Dishes and clothing are located by the kitchen on the coat rack & shelves, and in the green plastic bin. Small items, jewelry and items of value are taken to the church office. Please check these locations for any items you are missing and take home what belongs to you. We encourage you to write your name in your Bible, journal or books so they can be easily identified. Please note: lost and found items are periodically donated to charity.