

We are a family, building Christ-centered homes who impact their world.

GraceFirst Worship Service

8/11/24

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Moment: Rod Bevans w/ ISI

Call to Worship: Colossians 1:15-22

Offering

Hymns of Praise Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:15-25

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Sermon: Ephesians 1:3-14, "God's Plan of Redemption"

Hymn of Commission - #385

Benediction

"Remember, therefore, it is not thy hold of Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not thy joy in Christ that saves thee—it is Christ; it is not even faith in Christ, though that be the instrument—it is Christ's blood and merits; therefore, look not so much to thy hand with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of thy faith." - Charles Spurgeon

If this is your first time at GraceFirst, we hope you'll give us the chance to get to know you better by filling out a Connection Card from the pew rack in front of you, then drop it off at the Welcome Center as you leave and pick up a small gift.

Wireless access: Username=GraceFirstGuest; Password=Psalm145:9

<u>Looking ahead</u>

- AUG 13 Men's Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Old Chicago, E. Kellogg (Towne East parking lot)
  - 17 Creation Seminar 1 - 4 pm ¦ 1 pm: Creation & the Gospel Connection; 2 pm: Dinosaurs & Fossils; 3 pm: Q & A. ¦ Invite your friends! ¦ Contact: Ron F. or Jennifer H.
  - 17 Adults w/ Special Needs Event 3 - 6 pm ¦ here at GraceFirst
- 18 & 25 Exploring Membership
   9 am ¦ If you are interested in knowing more about our church, contact Pastor Tim or Pastor Jake. This class does not commit you to join the church.
  - 19 Women's Dinner
     6 pm ¦ Fiesta Bowl ¦ Join us for a fun evening of fellowship and good food. ¦ Cost: \$5 ¦ Sign up in the Lobby.
  - 27 Ladies' Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Jimmy's Egg, Central & Webb
  - 31 Dinners for 8 6 pm ¦ This is an opportunity for people to share a meal and get to know one another in a small group setting. ¦ Watch for sign ups.

#### SEPT

2 Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

### Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Jake continues the series on Ephesians

# Visit our website

www.gracefirst.church

### Giving Report

Aug. 4:	\$ 18,560
Last 4-wk avg:	\$ 10,950
'24 YTD Giving :	\$327,990

### **Our Elders**

Mark Goldberg, Chairman Dave Sitz, Vice-Chairman Sean Jahansooz, Secretary Brian Werner, Stewardship Kevin Angell Mike Kuss Pastor Tim Cho

## "God's Plan of Redemption" Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastor Tim Cho August 11, 2024

### Q: What is God's plan for his creation?

Big Idea: God has chosen a people to be redeemed forever for his glory.

1. The Father has chosen a people for himself before the creation (vv. 3-6)

2. The Son has redeemed sinners for adoption into God's family (vv. 5, 7-12)

3. The Holy Spirit has guaranteed our unification with Christ (vv. 13-14)

### Sunday School resumed

### TODAY, 9 am

### <u>Adult Classes</u> -Apologetics - Ron F., et. al. - Parlor -Book of Revelation - Kevin A. - Room 108 -The Gospel Project - John R. - Library -\*Keys of Freedom (women's study) - Karen D. - East Office

\*Keys To Freedom: an eight-week interactive discipleship study to educate and equip women with biblical principles to live free and stay free will be offered as a Sunday morning class starting on August 11th. Sign up is required to insure a workbook. Please see or call Karen DeWerff, 316-648-4130, to sign up.

### GraceFirst Recommended Reading for August (All books listed are in the library):

- Doctrine of Election and Salvation:

   John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 40: Calling, 934-943.
   A.W.Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy, Ch. 22: The Sovereignty of God, 115-120.
- 2. Human Responsibility and Freedom:
  - a. John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 35: Human Responsibility and Freedom, 809-844.
- Sovereignty of God and Calvin:
   a. Bruce Shelly, Church History in Plain Language 5<sup>th</sup> Ed., 308-311.

GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans		
Date	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
8/18/24	Eph. 1:15-23, "Prayer of Thanksgiving…"	Pastor Jake
8/25/24	Eph. 2:1-10, "Saved by Faith Not Works"	Pastor Tim
9/1/24	Eph. 2:11-22. "A New Family"	Pastor Tim
9/8/24	Eph. 3:1-13, "Paul: The Man on Mission"	Pastor Tim
9/15/24	Eph. 3:14-21. "Strengthened by the Spirit"	Dr. Jahansooz
9/22/24	Eph. 4:1-6, "Unity in the Church"	Pastor Tim
9/29/24	Church and Politics	Pastor Tim
10/6/24	Eph. 4:7-16, "Growing Together"	Kevin Angell
10/13/24	Eph. 4:17-5:2, "New Clothes in Christ"	Pastor Tim
10/20/24	Eph. 5:3-14. "Walking in the Light"	Pastor Jake