

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

GraceFirst Worship Service 9/8/24

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Luke 15:17

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Ephesians 3:1-13, "Paul: A Man on a Mission"

Hymn of Commission

Benediction

"The Apostle makes this appeal as 'the prisoner of Christ'. Thereby I believe that he is saying in effect, it is because I am loyal to Him and preaching His gospel that I am in prison, but that does not worry me; I am in His charge, I am not in charge of myself. He has called me and I am His bondslave, His servant, His prisoner, and you also are to live as prisoners of Jesus Christ." – D. Martyin Lloyd-Jones

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

Looking ahead

SEPT

- 9 Ladies' Bible Study
 9:30 am | Study: Five minor prophets and five short epistles | Led by Peggy R. | Sign up in the Lobby.
- 10 Men's Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Old Chicago on E. Kellogg (Towne East parking lot)
- 12 Children's Ministry Prayer Team 9:00 am ¦ Anyone is welcome to come pray with us.
- 12 Men's Ministry
 6:30 pm | Brandon N. leads discussion "Should Christians be involved in politics? How should we understand church and politics?"
- 15 Fall Fun Night Meeting 11:30 am Come and see what's going on and how you can help. The meeting will be only 15 min.
- 15 Middle School Lunch Out 11:45 am | Watch for more info. | To be notified of youth group events, text @GFCYTH to 81010
- 21 Adults w/ Special Needs Event 3 - 6 pm ¦ @ 1st Free
- 22 High Schoolers Lunch Out 11:45 am | Watch for more info. | To be notified of youth group events, text @GFCYTH to 81010
- 22 Concert of Prayer 6:00 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Dr. Jahansooz continues the series on Ephesians

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Giving Report

Sept. 1: \$ 7,967 Last 4-wk avg: \$ 11,332 '24 YTD Giving: \$391,878

Our Elders

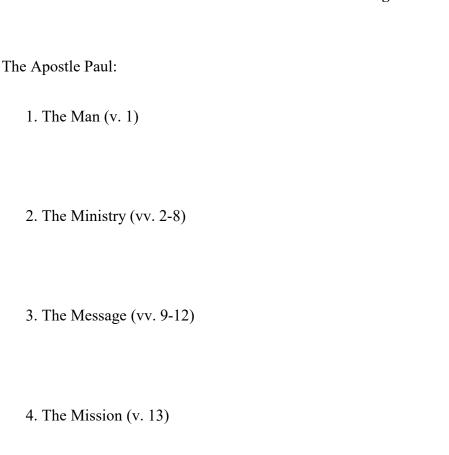
Mark Goldberg, Chairman Dave Sitz, Vice-Chairman Sean Jahansooz, Secretary Brian Werner, Stewardship Kevin Angell Mike Kuss Pastor Tim Cho

"Paul: A Man on a Mission" Ephesians 3:1-13

Pastor Tim Cho Sept. 8, 2024

Q: Why should we not lose heart when we suffer for the gospel?

BI: Sinners' souls saved for Christ is worth our suffering on earth



Michael & Jenay O'Shaughnessey

welcomed their daughter, Aislin, into their home this past week.

We'd like to shower them with gift cards from Walmart, Amazon, and/or diapers (receipt attached please).

Cards can be put in the basket on the sign up table.

Recommended Reading for September (All books listed are in the library):

- 1. The Apostle Paul:
 - a. Bruce Shelley, Church History in Plain Language 5th Edition,
 Ch. 1: Wineskins Old and New The Apostle Paul, 27-32.
- 2. The Church:
 - a. Gregg R. Allison, Historical Theology, Chs. 27-29: Church Government, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, 588-658.
 - b. Mark Dever, Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Chs. 4-5: Church Membership and Church Discipline, 121-170.
 - c. J.I. Packer, Knowing God, Ch. 19: Sons of God, 181-208.
 - d. Evangelical Convictions 2nd Edition, Article 7: The Church, 131-160.
- Greek Philosophy:
 - a. John Frame, A History of Western Philosophy and Theology, Ch. 2: Greek Philosophy, 46-81.

GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
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
10/27/24	Eph. 5:15-21, "Wise Life is Spirit-filled Life"	Pastor Tim
11/3/24	Eph. 5:22-33, "Dear Husbands & Wives"	Pastor Tim
11/10/24	Eph. 6:1-9, "Dear Children, Fathers,"	Pastor Tim