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

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## GraceFirst Worship Service

9/15/24

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 139

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture Reading: John 16:5-15

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Ephesians 3:14-21, "Strengthened by the Spirit"

Hymn of Commission

Benediction

"Our trouble springs from the fact that we who follow Christ inhabit at once two worlds, the spiritual and the natural. As children of Adam, we live our lives on earth subject to the limitations of the flesh. In sharp contrast to this is our life in the Spirit. There we enjoy another and higher kind of life; we are children of God; we possess heavenly status and enjoy intimate fellowship with Christ." – A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*.

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

## TODAY Fall Fest Meeting

11:30 am | Come and see what's going on and how you can help.  
The meeting will be only 15 min.

## SEPT

### 21 Adults w/ Special Needs Event

3 - 6 pm | @ 1st Free

### 22 High School 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

### 24 Ladies' Lunch Out

11:30 am | Doc Green's, 13th & K-96

### 26 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | Josh R. leads discussion "How do we effectively pass the gospel to the next generation of believers?"

### 27 Paint Night

6:00 pm | We will be painting a poppy w/ bee. Everyone is welcome to attend. | Cost: 8 x 10 = \$12; 5 x 5 = \$5 (12 available) | Sign up in the Lobby.

### 29 Middle School Lunch Out

11:30 am | To be notified of youth group events, text @GFCYTH to 81010

## OCT

### 6 Dominican Republic Trip Meeting

11:30 am | \$200 deposit due

### Next Sunday

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Tim continues  
the series on Ephesians*

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### Giving Report

Sept. 8:	\$ 6,933
Last 4-wk avg:	\$ 9,646
'24 YTD Giving :	\$398,811

### Our Elders

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

**“Strengthened by the Spirit”**  
**Ephesians 3:14-21**

Dr. Sean Jahansooz

Sept. 15, 2024

I. Themes

a. Unity

b. The Inner Person

c. The Love of God

II. Application

a. Repent

b. Resist

c. Meditate

d. Study

e. Serve

f. Evangelize

## Pray for our Church Family

Harold Roesler  
Brian Plank  
Dale McCollum  
Bubecks

**For additional prayer needs, pick up the prayer sheet at the Welcome Desk by the main entrance.**

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

1. The Apostle Paul:
  - a. Bruce Shelley, Church History in Plain Language 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Article 7: The Church, 131-160.
3. 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>
9/22/24	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
11/17/24	Eph. 6:10-20, "Gear Up for Battle"	Pastor Tim