

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

GraceFirst Worship Service 10/6/24

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy. 6:1-13

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Pre-K to 1st grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:1-10

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Eph. 4:7-16, "Growing Together in Spiritual Maturity"

Communion

Doxology & Benediction

"God never ceases to be our Father, and we never cease to be his children. But he wants us to become his grown-up children. Dependent and obedient we must always be, yet the obedience we are to give to him must not be slavish, mechanical or grudging, but intelligent, glad, and free." – John Stott

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 Dominican Republic Trip Meeting 11:30 am ¦ \$200 deposit due

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- 8 Children's Ministry Prayer Mtg 9 am ¦ Anyone is welcome to attend. ¦ Meets in the Library.
- 8 Men's Lunch Out 11:30 ¦ at Old Chicago, E. Kellogg (Towne East parking lot)
- 10 Men's Ministry 6:30 pm ¦ Adam K. leads discussion "What are the different biblical models of church polity?" et. al.
- 11 HS & MS Guys @ Sizemores'
- 20 & 27 Exploring Membership Class
 9 am | If you are interested in knowing more about our church, contact Pastor Tim or Pastor Jake.
 - 20 Combined Worship Service w/ Genesis 10:15 am ¦ Here at GraceFirst
 - 22 Ladies' Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Los Cocos, across from Dillons in Andover.
 - 24 Men's Ministry
 6:30 pm | Bobby G. leads discussion "What are the essentials of the gospel?"
 - 26 Dinners for 8 6 pm ¦ Watch for sign ups.

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Tim continues the Ephesians series

Visit our website www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Sept 29: \$ 9,408 Last 4-wk avg: \$ 9,777 '24 YTD Giving: \$430,985

Our Elders

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

"Growing Together in Spiritual Maturity" Ephesians 4:7-16 Kevin Angell Oct. 6, 2024

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Big Idea: Christian unity is enriched by the diversity of our gift
1. Who is the giver of the gifts?
2. What is the character of the gifts?
3. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?
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Application: The maturity of our growth is essential to our unit

Pray for our Church Family

Jim McLaughlin Rhonda TenClay Joel & Janelle Rich Dale McCollum

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

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

- 1. Growing and Maturing in Christ (Sanctification):
 - a. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, Chs. 7 & 30: The Visible Community, 115-119 and 248-271.
 - b. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Growing in the Spirit, Ch. 7: Be Filled with the Spirit, 79-91.
 - c. Francis Schaeffer, How Should We Then Live, Ch. 13b: Special Note, 255-258.
 - d. John Stott, The Cross of Christ, Ch. 13: Suffering and Glory, 303-328.
 - e. A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, Ch. 10: The Sacrament of Living, 111-121.
- 2. Ephesians Chs. 4-5 Overview and Summary:
 - a. Wenham, Motyer, Carson, and France, New Bible Commentary, Ephesians 4-5, 1237-1240.

GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	
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	
11/24/24	Eph. 6:21-24, "The Power of Grace"	Pastor Tim	
12/1/24	Advent series	Pastor Tim	
12/8/24	Advent series	Pastor Tim	