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

GraceFirst Worship Service

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 128

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Children's Church dismissed (Pre-K - 1st grade)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Matthew 13:24-43, "Don't Be a Weed Puller!"

Hymn of Commission - #200

Benediction

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." – Matthew 25:31-32

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 Church Picnic

5:30 pm | Chicken and drinks will be provided by the church.
Families bring a side dish or dessert to share that feeds at least 10 people.

JUL

1 NO Youth Group

1 Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm

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9 Tired but Inspired
9 am

13 Make a Kokedama (moss ball)
6:00 pm | Come and make a kokedama plant ball. | Cost: \$10
| Sign up in the lobby. Last day to sign up is Wed., July 8. |
Contact: Amy K.

14 Men's Lunch Out
11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg

15 Youth Group @ Genesis
6:30 pm

22 Youth Group @ GraceFirst
6:30 pm

22-25 Kids' Great Get-away
@ Camp Quaker in Ark City

23 Tired but Inspired
9 am

Giving Report - June 21

'26 Budget:	\$ 671,649
Needed weekly:	\$ 12,916
June 21:	\$ 16,747
4-wk giving avg:	\$ 17,365
YTD rec'd:	\$ 312,817
YTD budget req'd	\$ 322,900
YTD ahead(behind):	\$ (10,083)

Next Sunday

No Sunday School thru 8/2

Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Tim will be preaching.

Our Elders

Kevin Angell, Chairman
Brandon Nemechek, Vice-Chairman
Dave Sitz, Secretary
Mike Kuss, Stewardship
Lowell Bergen
Marlin Penner
Pastor Tim Cho

“Don’t Be a Weed Puller!”

Matthew 13:24-43

Pastor Mike Andrus June 28, 2026

Introduction: In this series on parables, we come today to one known as “the parable of the weeds.” Jesus used this story to explain something about the nature of the Kingdom of heaven.

What is Jesus talking about when He speaks of the Kingdom of Heaven?

It is not heaven itself

It is not the Millennial Kingdom.

Nor is the Kingdom the result of woke progress in the Church.

It is simply the rule of God in the hearts and lives of His people.

It is “already, but not yet.”

The Parable of the Weeds (Matt. 13:24-30)

Jesus Himself identifies the key characters and elements of the parable.
(Matt. 13:36-43)

The field is the world.

The farmer is the Son of Man, Jesus Himself.

The squatter is Satan.

The harvest comes at the end of the age.

The harvesters are God’s angels.

The theme of the Parable of the Weeds: it is not our responsibility as followers of Jesus to be weed pullers.

Believers are not called to pull weeds out in the world.

Believers are even to be *cautious* about pulling weeds in the church.

Why should we refrain from becoming professional weed pullers?

We can damage the wheat if we pull the weeds too soon.

Weed pulling is someone else’s job—someone better equipped than we are.

Conclusion: “*He who has ears, let him hear.*”

Pray for our Church Family

Kandy Jones
Mark Goldberg
Debbie Buhler

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

Recommended Reading for April - July:

(All books listed are in the library)

- A. John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 16: God's Attributes: Power, Will, 335-358.
- B. John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 25: God's Written Words, 562-590.
- C. Mark Dever, Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Ch. 4: A Biblical Understanding of Church Membership, 121-144.
- D. J. P. Moreland and William Lane Craig, Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview, Ch. 13: Free Will and Determinism, 267-284.
- E. J. I. Packer, Knowing God, Ch. 11: Thy Word is Truth, 98-105.
- F. Scott B. Rae, Moral Choices: An Introduction to Ethics (4th Ed.), Ch. 16: Immigration, Refugees, and Border Control, 459-479.

GraceFirst Sermon Plans

Date	Sermon	Preacher
7/5/26	Luke 18:9-14, "Pharisee and the Publican"	Pastor Tim
7/12/26	Lk. 12/Mt. 24, "Master and Servant"	Dr. Jahansooz
7/19/26	Luke 16:19-31, "Rich Man & the Beggar..."	Pastor Tim
7/26/26	Lk. 19/Mt. 25, "The Talents"	Jordan Green
8/2/26	Matthew 25:1-12, "The Ten Virgins"	Kevin Angell
8/9/26	Lk 14/Mt 24, "The Great Marriage Feast"	Pastor Jake
8/16/26	1 Tim. 1:1-11, "The Goal..."	Pastor Tim
8/23/26	1 Tim. 1:12-20, "Hold on the Gospel..."	Pastor Tim
8/30/26	1 Tim. 2:1-7, "The Universal Scope..."	Pastor Tim