

WORDS OF GRACE

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Praying With Jesus

(Jesus) lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you...." John 17:1

As Christ was going to the cross, He prayed the prayer in John 17. In seeing how Christ prays, we learn how to pray. We are also comforted in knowing that Jesus is praying in this same manner for us every second of every day. Here are the highlights of our Lord's prayer.

Eternal life is not the result of correct theology or moral behavior, but comes by having a personal and ever-growing-closer relationship with Christ Jesus as Forgiver of your sins and Master of your lifestyle.

The chosen people of God are Father God's greatest gift to His Son, and Jesus is thrilled about us! Joy, spiritual warfare, sanctification, truth, mission, unity, and agape are to be the seven traits of God's people.

As Father God sent Christ into this world to suffer on behalf of sin, to demonstrate what God is really like, to overcome evil with justice, and to bring the wounded and wandering back home to God, so now Christ sends us into this world to do likewise.

Christ invites us to join in with the Trinity's mutual delight, conversation, dancing, and creative works. It is through such God's-glory -demonstrating fellowship that people

are allured to Christ as Messiah and King.

Christ is praying that the same depth and quality of love that the Father has for the Son will be in us. Because the Holy Spirit is in us, we *can* love Jesus as much as the Father loves Jesus. We *can* love the Father as much as Christ loves the Father. We *can* love others as much as the Trinity loves others.

Christ invites and empowers us to pray with the same intimacy with the Father, and for these same topics. Our prayers become mighty for tearing down strongholds of the evil one, when our perpetual praying joins in with Christ's unceasing intercession. When you pray, envision yourself praying *with* Jesus. Pray as Jesus prays, with humble boldness and urgent compassion.

Moreover, know that your prayers, no matter how feeble or how far away God feels, are always powerful because Christ takes our prayers and presents them to the Father as perfect.

Father, Son, and Spirit are praying for you unceasingly. Thus, all things *will* ultimately work together for God's glory and for your good. You *will* endure! Christ *is* using your life for grand purposes. We *will* someday gaze upon the glorious face of our risen Lord, forever!

Pastor Chris



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- 9 Carolyn Arnold

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Summer Worship Schedule

This summer worship schedule will run from May 25 through August 31. We will resume our regular worship and GracePath schedule on September 7.

Prayer for Worship/Personal: 9:05–9:25am**GracePoint Summer Worship: 9:30–10:40am****Fellowship: 10:40–11:00am****GracePoint Building Use.**

All requests for the use of any and all rooms and equipment belonging to GracePoint **MUST** be requested at least a week before the use and a Use Request Form **MUST** be filled out and submitted to the Elder of the Stewardship Property Ministry Team. This year that is Doug Storlie.

This extra paperwork is to ensure we know who is using the building and when so there won't be any situations where two different parties are planning to use the same room (usually the Fellowship Center) at the same time.

The informal reservation method had been in use for many years, but with the newly remodeled Fellowship Center, we are anticipating more demand for its use. Please note, this formal reservation policy includes the entire GracePoint building and all of its rooms. The formal reservation is required of all GracePoint members using the building for **personal** activities (i.e., birthdays, baby showers, graduations, etc.). All regularly scheduled meetings are exempt.

Any equipment or furniture taken out of the building requires a form be filled out. This will be mostly tables and chairs. A member of the property team or a staff person will check them out and in.

The request forms can be picked up in the church office, and once filled out, given to the Elder responsible or put in that person's mailbox in the church office. The sooner the request is submitted, the better for all parties involved. Once it has been approved, it will be noted on the church calendar.

Doug Storlie, Elder to Stewardship Property Ministry Team

GraceCompany Worship



Prayer Pillows



***The Equipping Team thanks all of
our teachers for 2013-2014.***

Rev. Alan Crandall
Pastor Chris English
Beverly VanDerZyl
Pam Hillary
Brenda Schwarzmann
Andy Baumann
Mary Hirschey
Frank Grote
Gaye Grote
Judy Godwin
Paulette Kress
Kelly English
Katy Perreard
Stephanie Lange
Doug Mulder
Steve Lemon
Andrew Linden

*Without these dedicated volunteers, we
would not be able to provide you with such
great opportunities to be equipped for king-
dom service. Please thank them for their
hours of preparation and teaching.*

June 2014



Don't forget to sign up to bring treats for fellowship time on Sundays.

You may also honor a birthday, anniversary, or special event.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Center.

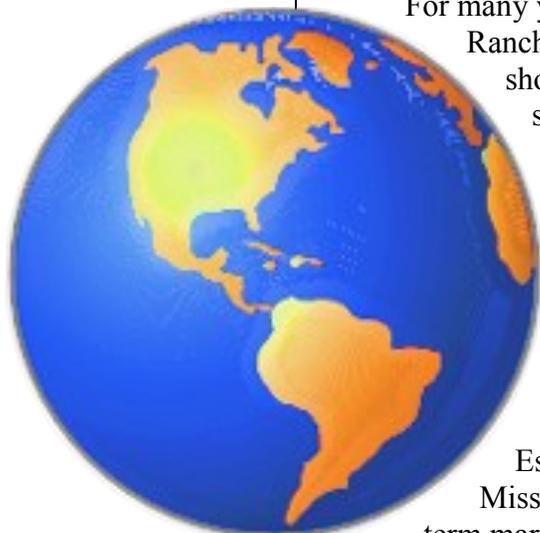
GLOBAL MISSIONS

JIM THOMAS

TO VISIT GRACEPOINT CHURCH

JUNE 29, 2014

Please save the date for the visit by Jim Thomas on June 29th. Jim is a stewardship representative working at Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch, which is located in Shelbina, Missouri. Details regarding his visit will be made available to GracePoint's congregation as the date approaches.



For many years GracePoint has supported Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch through our quarterly mission budget. Shiloh's mission is shockingly pictured on the cover of their recent newsletter. A small child is sitting down and gently holding an Easter chick. Beside the picture are the words So Sweet and Innocent. Then follows, In real life so many of the children have been robbed of their innocence at an early age. Thank you for helping many of us provide so many children with a safe, secure, and sane family life at Shiloh.

That statement describes exactly Shiloh's mission. Established in 1979 at two separate rural farms in northeast Missouri, Shiloh provides a home, a family consisting of long-term married house parents and siblings, beneficial work on a productive farm, schooling and extra curriculum activities at a nearby public or Christian School, and weekly attendance at local community churches' worship services and activities.

The children come to live at Shiloh at various ages and from all kinds of situations. They may stay at Shiloh short term and then return to bettered home situations or they may call Shiloh their home for the rest of their lives. The children are placed at Shiloh voluntarily by parents or guardians or under the jurisdiction of juvenile state or county courts.

Plan on hearing more about Shiloh and the significant work they are accomplishing by attending the program June 29th.

For the Global Missions Team
Scott Arnold

2014

JUNE

2014



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:05a Prayer for Worship 9:30a Worship Service 10:40a Fellowship Time	2 6:00p Food Pantry	3	4 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst	5	6	7
8 PENTECOST Confirmation Sunday 9:05a Prayer for Worship 9:30a Worship Service 10:40a Fellowship Time 1:30p Bethany Home	9 6:00p Food Pantry	10	11 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst 7:00p Deacons Meeting	12	13	14
15 10:30a Worship in the Park Potluck Follows	16  6:00p Food Pantry	17	18 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst 7:00p Elder Ministry Teams	19 EPC General Assembly	20	21
22 9:05a Prayer for Worship 9:30a Worship Service 10:40a Fellowship Time	23 6:00p Food Pantry	24	25 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst 6:30p Session	26	27	28
29 9:05a Prayer for Worship 9:30a Worship Service 10:40a Fellowship Time Mission Presentation	30 6:00p Food Pantry					

Membership to Date:

Active	143
Inactive	8
Perm. Inactive	<u>3</u>
Total	154

CLERK'S REPORT

Death of Janet Marshall on April 29ht: Funeral services at GracePoint Church on May 3rd.

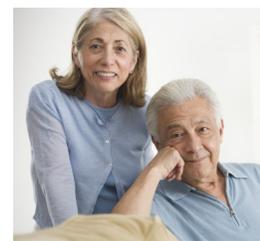
Dedication of Connor Gordon, infant son of Heather (Kress) and Jason Gordon, on Sunday, May 4th.

Blood Drive will be Wednesday, July 16th, from 3:00–6:00pm. Confirmation Sunday, June 8th. Worship/Picnic at the Arboretum on June 15th at 10:30am. General Assembly is June 18–21st in Knoxville, TN.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT:

General Fund Beginning Balance, April 1, 2014	\$9,571.79
Total General Fund Receipts	<u>20,259.80</u>
Subtotal Beginning Balance & Receipts	\$29,831.59
General Fund Disbursements	\$16,051.85
Allocations & Transfers	<u>1,474.99</u>
Subtotal Disbursements, Allocations & Transfers	\$17,526.84
General Fund Ending Balance April 31, 2014	\$12,304.75

Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session



GOLDEN OLDIES

Please watch the bulletin announcements for the June get-together. If you have questions contact Bob Boelk at 557-9166.

**ALL SENIORS ARE
WELCOME!**

Calling



Calling
School Supplies
Giveaway Ministry
Leader

Calling all people passionate about kids going to school with the proper supplies! Barb Berg is ready to pass on the supply collection containers to the next person (or team of people) willing to coordinate a School Supplies Give-Away.

If you are that person, please contact one of the Missional Outreach Team elders, Ken Godwin or Pam De Meester.



**Monday
June 16**

BIRTHDAYS

03 Al Hakanson
 07 Dawn Buol
 11 Howard Higley
 12 Dori Breitbart
 14 Kim Bell
 16 Roger VanDerZyl
 17 Pete Jenner
 19 Dan Baker
 23 Marilyn Learn
 25 Tony Trenkamp
 28 Kristina Bell
 28 Rachel Schwarzmann
 29 Benjamin Jensen



ANNIVERSARIES

07 Mike & Erin Barsema
 07 George & Diane McIlrath
 11 Mike & Phyllis Kelley
 13 Joe & Mary Burns
 16 Jerry & Kim Bell
 21 Kent & J'Neane Briden
 23 Ken & Marla Irion

Check Out the Library

There is always something new in the library, and it is open Sundays from 8:30am till noon.

Donations of new books or videos are always welcome. Contact Mable or Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Drive Fellowship Center July 16, 2014 3:00–6:00pm

The time has come once again to serve the people in our community by donating blood at GracePoint, through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. This gives us another opportunity to fulfill our mission of serving Dubuque.

The process takes about an hour of your time, and you can touch as many as three patients with that single donation. Please prayerfully consider donating blood; your decision is critical to ensure the availability of blood products in our community.

By giving blood on a routine basis and encouraging others to do the same, volunteer blood donors help save lives by providing a critical resource that can come from NO other source! May 23rd is the last date you could have donated in order to be eligible for the July 16th blood drive. There will be a sign-up sheet beginning in June where you can pick a time that fits your schedule.

We plan to pamper our heroes who donate blood with root beer floats. In addition, we feel it would be nice to have treats such as cookies and bars. If you are unable to donate blood, please sign up for the food and drink donations on the Blood Donation table. If you have any questions, contact Pam De Meester.

A Note from Paul Both

Dear Rev. English and GracePoint Church,

May the grace and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with all of you! On behalf of South Sudan Education Mission (SSEM), I would like to thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to learn and to be your student pastor, as well as for helping me transport the medicines and choir robes to the new nation of South Sudan for the last three years.

I, Paul, personally want to thank you also for your generosity in giving us \$5,000 that was given to me to help build the church in Pinythor, South Sudan in 2013.

I would like to inform you that my heart has been burning to return to South Sudan and the mission work in June 2014 to help the local community, to help train the church leaders with all that I have learned in America.

I also want to share with you a challenging ministry opportunity that God has presented to me during my return trips to South Sudan over the past three summers. God has developed in me a greater heart of compassion and a strong desire to help our brothers and sisters in the new nation of South Sudan.

I sincerely appreciate the support that you have been offering to me and my family throughout my seminary education at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

I am pleased to inform you that I will be graduating May 17, 2014. I would like you to know that I could not have done this without your prayers and financial support. As the scripture reminds us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matt 25:40).

Your earnest prayers and support are still needed to help with the following: chairs for the new church building that you have built, five windows for the church, money for the church dedication, and \$350 for the one suitcase that was left over from last year's mission trip.

Likewise, I strongly believe that whatever you have done here you have done it indeed to our risen Christ! Once again, thank you so much for prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you and our church families!

Sincerely,

Paul Gatluak Both
Director, South Sudan Education Ministries

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Loving, Growing,
Serving**

PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler or Lois Trausch-Wolfe.

Daytime Prayer Chain

Pat Kohler 583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg 583-5338

Ramona Hennings 583-8739

Wilma Sanders 582-7346

Mable Boelk 557-9166

Sue Lemon 583-4454

Lois Trausch-Wolfe
583-0534

(Lois starts the evening chain.)

Evening Prayer Chain

Sharon Baker 451-4557

Glenda Temple 582-0464

Kim or Jerry Bell 582-4956

Karen Storlie 556-7548

Volunteers are priceless at GracePoint!**Worship Venue 10:30am**

Communion Preparers (June 1) Suz Birch, Glenda Temple

Communion Servers (June 1) Joe & Mary Burns, Dan & Sharon Baker

	Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Room
June 1	Janet Metelak Mike Boland	Bob & Jennie Burns	Pam Hillary
June 8	Mike Vandenberg Mike Boland	Steve & Sue Lemon	Beverly VanDerZyl
June 15	Picnic	Picnic	Picnic
June 22	Ben & Glenda Temple	Dan & Sharon Baker	Patti Scheer
June 29	Ray & Robin Wlochall	Dave & Lisa Gaylor	Pauline Brimeyer

ChildCare

June 1 Brenda & Rachel Schwarzmann

June 8 Glenda Temple, J'Neane Briden

June 15 Janet Metelak, Stephanie Lange

June 22 Steve Lemon, Ben Godwin

June 29 Suz Birch, Dixie Shaffer

Please find your own subs. Substitute ushers are Mike or Ralph Vandenberg. Substitute greeters are Pat Kohler, Dixie Shaffer, or Barb Berg.

**Woman to Woman
Build Your Own Salad Luncheon
Sunday, August 10, 2014
(following the worship service)**

More details to come!

GraceUnderground

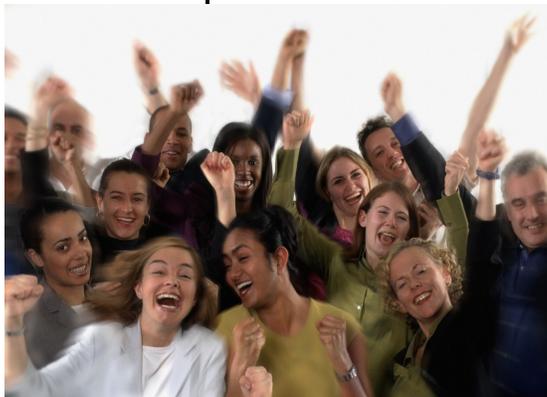
Well, GraceUnderground has been fun these last few months, and I am saddened that this year is coming to an end. I am utterly AMAZED at the growth I have seen from this group spiritually, relationally, and musically. So in that regard, God has truly blessed all of GraceUnderground.

Sadly, this will also mark the end of my tenure at GracePoint. I really do not want to leave, but the Spirit is dragging me elsewhere, so, I must follow. On that note, I really must thank the amazing mentors that I have had here (you know who you are!), my wonderful team of youth leaders, the entire congregation, all of the youth of GraceUnderground and, most importantly, God! You have all loved and supported me far more than I could have ever wanted, and for that I am grateful.

As far as the future of the youth ministry at GracePoint, I am not worried; I know God has great plans for its future (and a wonderful team of leaders discerning its future). Also, you have at least one guy, (hint, hint—ME!) who will be praying for a blessed future for the youth group.

And so on that note, I must say goodbye. In the closing words of Paul in his letter to the Philippians, “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Philippians 4:19-20).

Blessings,
—Andrew



SUMMER FUN!!!

This certificate entitles **ALL 5th - 12th grade students**

to **Three Summer Events**

Authorized by the Youth Ministry Task Force (YMTF) and the Ruling Elders on Session

Watch for announcements on the Facebook Youth Group ~ GraceUnderground, and wait for a phone call giving event details.



Stay tuned for more youth group news and plans for the fall! ~ YMTF



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Worship in the Park
June 15, 2014
Dubuque Botanical Gardens and Arboretum

Worship Service 10:30am
Potluck follows the service.

Bring a dish or two to pass and your own table service.
The drink will be provided. You may also want to bring lawn chairs.

There will be **no** worship service at the church!