

WORDS OF GRACE

A Publication of GracePoint Church

New Covenant Worship

The New Covenant radically changes *everything* about humanity's relationship with God. When Christ gets a hold of our life, and the Holy Spirit invades our heart, Christ cleanses us from all that makes us unclean and unacceptable to God. Father God puts a brand-new spirit within us that allows us to enter God's presence, and to become like Christ in our body, mind, will, and emotions.

Now instead of ritualized worship with vestment-clad priests, and only one of which could enter the presence of God, we are all made priests with direct access to God's throne of grace. Now instead of 613 commandments that were impossible to obey, we have a new heart and a new spirit, which gives us new desires and a new power through the indwelling Holy Spirit to love God and others.

Now instead of strict holiness rules that excluded women, children, non-Jews, those with a disease or disability or known taboo sin from full access to worship, everyone is invited to the Lord's Table; the ground is level at the Cross. Now instead of an elaborate system of animal sacrifices that could never take away the guilt and shame of sin, we have the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ, which sets us free to dance in God's presence knowing we are delighted in by Abba Father.

In Christ, every past, present, and future sin is forgiven. *In Christ*, Father God interacts with you as if you were already sinless and holy. *In Christ*, you can run and jump on Daddy God's lap. *In Christ*, you have authority over all the powers of evil and darkness. *In Christ*, right now, the indwelling Holy Spirit is transforming you from glory to glory, so that one day you will be a being of stunning magnificence.

*Sons and daughters of
the Most High King,
rise up, and live fully
as people of the New
Covenant of grace in
Christ!*

In Christ, you are destined to reign with Christ in a physical new body, on a physical New Earth, with a physical King Jesus, reigning from a physical New Jerusalem, forever and ever. Sons and daughters of the Most High King, rise up, and live fully as people of the New Covenant of grace *in Christ!*

Pastor Chris

So, friends, we can now—without hesitation—walk right up to God, into “the Holy Place.” Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of his sacrifice, acting as our priest before God. The “curtain” into God’s presence is his body. So let’s do it—full of belief, confident that we’re presentable inside and out.

Hebrews 10:19-22 MSG



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people to God

LOVING
God and each other

GROWING
in grace and truth

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Dubuque and the world

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6 Suz Birch
7 Nicole Roling
8 Carolyn Arnold

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Shirley VanDuser

Personal Safety Recommendations

Provided by the Dubuque Police Department

Remain constantly aware of your surroundings and report **ALL** suspicious/criminal activity.

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies, and 563-589-4415 for less time-sensitive matters.

Teach children about “Stranger Danger” and what to do such situations.

Remember there’s always *safety in numbers* – regardless of the activity.

Keep your residence and vehicle locked at **ALL** times, even when you’re inside.

When stopped in traffic, give yourself plenty of room between the car in front of you to drive away if necessary.

Limit the items of value you have on your person and in your car (cash, credit/debit cards, jewelry, etc.).

Horns/alarms, whistles, yelling/screaming, etc. are often productive ways to scare off criminals.

Park your vehicle in well-lighted areas with few obstructions around.

Have your key(s) ready as you approach your vehicle/residence and always be vigilant.

If you carry pepper spray or other weaponry, have it ready to use and ensure you retain it.

If you chose to defend yourself, be physically and mentally prepared

If you carry/use a weapon, know how to do so safely and proficiently.

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OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month

It's been more than 11 years since GracePoint called Pastor Chris to be our first pastor under the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). It has been a wonderful journey for both Pastor Chris and GracePoint in getting to know each other better and growing in our faith during the process.

GracePoint has watched the English family grow up and with Amy and Anna graduating this school year, Pastor Chris and Kelly may be experiencing that 'empty nest syndrome' by this time next year. Most of the members of GracePoint have experienced this and know what a change it is for a couple. Only our Lord knows the future for the English family, but we can, at least, let our Pastor know how much we appreciate his ministry at GracePoint and for spiritual growth in each of us over these past 11 years and for being our pastor for as long as he has.

Chris's time with/at GracePoint is quite a bit beyond the normal time for a pastor and a church, and GracePoint is blessed to have Chris and his family still with us. We pray that he will be here for years to come.

PLEASE let Chris and his family know how much he and they are appreciated by GracePoint.

Place your cards, etc. in the designated basket in the Connect Way. These cards will be removed each Sunday for safe keeping until the 29th, the last Sunday in October, when GracePoint will have a celebration of Pastor Chris and his family.

Your Pastor Care Team

Missionary Visit and Potluck—Sunday, October 15

John and Becky Leverington will visit GracePoint on Sunday, October 15. They will bring greetings during Worship at 10:30am.

A potluck will follow Worship. Please bring your favorite fall food to share and your own table service.

A presentation of the Leveringtons' ministry in Turkey and a discussion time will follow the meal.

Prayer Tips

Here are some possibilities for accomplishing 40 days/40 ways of prayer.

1. Schedule a time in the prayer room.
2. Walk the church property each week.
3. Take a personal solitude day/week end.
4. Pray daily for a seeker you know.
5. Incorporate a family prayer time.
6. Take a nature walk and praise God for who He is.
7. Drive and pray for the church neighborhood each day.
8. Let your kid(s) hear you pray for them each day.
9. Pray in the prayer room during a service.
10. Attend the Wednesday Evening Prayer Service.
11. Fast a meal and pray for a specific church staff family.
12. Get together with a group of others to pray.
13. Go into your kid(s) room at night and pray over them
14. Come early Sunday morning and pray before the service.
15. Drive your neighborhood and pray for your neighbors.
16. Pray silently for each person you greet on a Sunday morning.
17. Arrive at work 15 minutes early and spend time praying for your co-workers.
18. Pray in the rooms where restoration /recovery classes meet.
19. Create a "prayer room/place" in your home.
20. Memorize Scriptures on prayer.
21. Do a "word" study on prayer.
22. As you read the Bible, insert your name or someone else's and make it a prayer.
23. As a family, read a book on prayer and talk about it.
24. Drive to the parking lot of another church and pray over the pastor and congregation.
25. Walk the one-mile perimeter of the church and pray over the community.
26. Get a copy of the church directory and pray over each person by name.
27. Pray for the people and situations you read about in the newspaper or hear about on the news.
28. Send a prayer card of encouragement to someone for whom you're praying.

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Pill Bottle Fundraiser

Don't forget the Pill Bottle Fundraiser is in progress for use in mailing the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes in November. Please save your change, put it in the bottles, and leave them in the FILLED basket on the shelf in the Connect Way.

Thank you!

Pat Kohler

GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE

John and Becky Leverington Olive Tree Counseling Center in Turkey

John and Becky Leverington are professional counselors serving with in Eurasia. In January 2013, they established the Olive Tree Counseling Center (OTCC) in Antalya, Turkey.



OLIVE TREE
COUNSELING CENTER



Vision:

Olive Tree seeks to encourage, restore, and equip people so they may increasingly experience and share God's transformation, wholeness, and peace.

Mission Statement:

Olive Tree is a Christian counseling center equipped to provide an array of professional mental health services to increase individual as well as relational health and resilience. We serve cross-cultural and local personnel of non-governmental organizations within Eurasia, the Middle East, and North Africa.

In their January newsletter, John and Becky reported. "Recently we have had the joy of providing counseling and debriefing for workers from Lebanon,

Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Iraq, India, Turkey, Greece, Iran, and Tajikistan. Lisa, the OTCC's child and adolescent specialist, finished language study in November and has begun providing services in this much utilized specialty."

John and Becky are on furlough for the first time since opening the OTCC. They are traveling around the US and will visit GracePoint on **October 15** and share how God has worked in their lives and through OTCC.

They end each newsletter with a scripture:

We close with one of our favorite verses, trusting it will bless you today in whatever you face:

Psalm 62:8 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and pour out your heart to Him.

John & Becky



Submitted by Beverly VanDerZyl

for the Global Missions Team: Scott Arnold, Ramona Hennings, Joseph Joseph, Don Sanders.

2017

October

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship	2	3	4	5 5:30p Bells 6:30p Precepts	6 6:00p-8:00p Protostar	7
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15 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 11:45a Potluck <i>Followed by Presentation</i>	16 Newsletter Deadline 6:00p Food Pantry	17	18 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast Noon Golden Oldies 6:30p Session	19 5:30p Bells 6:30p No Precepts	20	21
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Clerk's Report

MEMBERSHIP TO DATE

Active	129
Inactive	6
Total	135

The Pill Bottle Fundraiser is still in progress. Please take an empty bottle. Thank you in advance.

CORPORATE TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund:

Balance, July 1, 2017	\$ 81.06
<u>Corrected July Income</u>	16,632.00
Expenses	-11,738.41
Transfers to Funds	<u>-833.33</u>
Ending Balance, July 31	\$4141.32

Balance, August 1, 2017	\$4141.32
August Income	13,440.26
Expenses	-11,261.65
Transfers to Funds	<u>-833.33</u>
Ending Balance, August 31	\$5,486.60

FINANCES Year-to Date through AUGUST

Budget Need (Jan – Aug):	\$132,900
Income Received:	\$124,400

Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session

Hand Bell Ringers

*Practice has been changed to 5:30pm on
Thursdays. Please make a "note" of it.
Thank you*



Monday October 16

Today's test is
tomorrow's
testimony.

*Got a story to
share?*

Glorify God.

Share a testimony.

Inspire hope.

Submit your story to
the office for an up-
coming newsletter
Story of Grace.

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Chris English
- 5 Elaine Boettner
- 6 Pauline Brimeyer
- 6 Gerry Vandenberg
- 8 Kelly English
- 12 Karen Storlie
- 15 Lucas Perreard
- 15 Ben Temple
- 24 Verna Davis
- 27 Dick Hennings
- 27 Russ Trenkamp
- 29 Sharon Jensen
- 29 Nicole Roling
- 31 Rachel Lemon



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Steve & Shirley Wilhelm
- 12 Andrew & Ann Marie Baumann
- 16 Tim & Connie Walsh
- 24 Dick & Ramona Hennings
- 26 Steve & Sue Lemon

What's Brewing at Common Grounds?



- **Open Hours**

Sundays: 9am-12pm

Watch for *Spirited Exchanges*, open conversations for young adults.

- **Classes**

Precepts

Thursday evenings at 6:30pm

- **Live Video Streaming**

Sundays 10:30am

Watch Worship on TV.

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If a vehicle is following you, drive to a busy and populated location.

Do whatever you can to avoid being forced into a vehicle against your will.

Do not allow anyone inside your home unless you have verified it's safe.

Never agree to meet someone alone: for a first date, to purchase an item or drop off an item, etc.

Do not share your plans via social media, especially plans to be away from home.

Mentally and physically prepare yourself for how you'll respond in an emergency.

Do not provide personal information or money unless you're positive it's safe and legitimate.

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29. Send a prayer card of encouragement to someone for whom you're praying.
30. Purchase a praise CD of prayers and listen in the car.
31. Drive to the places in your city where the enemy is at work and pray (bars, occult stores, etc.).
32. Meet for a specific time in the prayer room with some individuals.
33. Start a praise journal writing down previous answers to prayer.
34. Spend some time talking to others about their own prayer life journey.
35. Ask family and friend for specific ways you could pray for them.
36. Incorporate prayer into your life in some different way each day
37. Be "silent" before the Lord and "listen" to what He desires to say to you.
38. Start a Ten Most Wanted List. Pray for ten people who need the Lord.
39. Take your son or daughter on an overnight prayer retreat.
40. Intentionally look for God (He's everywhere!) throughout the day.
41. Pray with your spouse each day.

Submitted by the Prayer and Care Team, from "The Prayer Saturated Church" by Cheryl Sacks

You Are Invited

The small group called CROSSROADS is now gathering the second Friday of each month to share food, faith, and God's Word.

We will begin at 6:30pm. All are welcome! Call Sue for more info at 563-583-4464.

The fall schedule is as follows:

October 13 Lemons' @ 13454 North Cascade Rd.
November 10 Sanders' @ 1816 Churchill St.

PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler.

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

Glenda Temple 582-0464

Kim or Jerry Bell 582-4956

Barbara Berg 608-732-3035

Sharon Baker 451-4557

Karen Storlie 556-7548

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

Communion Preparers (October 1) Carolyn Arnold
Shirley VanDuser

Communion Servers (October 1) Ray & Robin Wlochall
Steve & Sue Lemon

	Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Room
Oct 1	Steve Lemon Isaiah Roling	Dave & Lisa Gaylor	Patti Scheer
Oct 8	Ed Boettner Doug Mulder	Andy & Ann Baumann	Pam Hillary
Oct 15	Janet Metelak Ed Boettner	Steve & Sue Lemon	Beverly VanDerZyl
Oct 22	Mike Boland Mike Vandenberg	Doug & Karen Storlie	Pauline Brimeyer
Oct 29	Don Sanders Wilma Sander	Dan & Sharon Baker	Lisa Gaylor

Please find your own subs. Substitute ushers are Mike and Ralph Vandenberg.
Substitute greeters are Pat Kohler and Dixie Shaffer.

ChildCare

Oct 1 - Judy Godwin, Glenda Temple

Oct 8 - Mary Ann Hopkins, Suz Birch

Oct 15 - Martha Intveld, Janet Metelak

Oct 22 - Steve Lemon, Sara Scherf

Oct 29 - Rachel Lemon, Marilyn Learn

Check Out the Library

The library is open Sundays from 9:00am—noon. Videos and books are available for checkout.

Check out a book or video for
your reading or viewing enjoyment.

Donations of new books or videos are
always welcome. Questions?

Contact Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



Golden Oldies

Please join us for our October gathering.



Date

Wednesday, October 18

Venue

GracePoint Church
Fellowship Center

Time

Noon

Program

Pastor Chris English Devotion

Anyone 50 years and older is welcome.

This is a Brown Bag Lunch. Sign up in the Connect Center

Table service and *drinks are provided.*

This is the Last Meeting Till Spring 2018

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

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

If baking is not your style, you may also bring a couple of packages of cookies to share.

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

Contact Elder Robin Wlochall
or
Bob Boelk.



Many thanks to our GracePoint family for their thoughts and prayers during the recent passing of our brother-in-law/uncle, Clyde Hughson Jr, after his 32 year battle with multiple sclerosis.

The Kress Family



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**A WELL-DESERVED
THANK YOU**

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We'll honor Pastor Chris, along with his wife and family, during fellowship on

Sunday, October 29.

A basket will be available in the Connect Center for your cards and notes of appreciation.