



GRACE COMMUNITY

newsletter

It has been called many things: The Lord's Supper, Eucharist, The Last Supper, Christ Passover, and Holy Communion. It has been practiced by most Christian denominations throughout the centuries, but is celebrated and honored in many ways: every Sunday, once a quarter, at Christmas and Easter only, the first Sunday of the month, and whenever the liturgical calendar calls for it.

There is a lot of theology surrounding the Lord's Supper. Is it symbol only? Does it literally become the Body and Blood of Christ? Should only Priest and ordained clergy bless it? Should we use real wine and real unleavened bread? Who is welcome to partake of it? What is its purpose? How often should we celebrate it?

It's kind of amazing really, when you think about it. One of the most sacred sacraments in our Christian faith, and there is very little instruction given on the exact details of when, how and its meaning. This has left what we do with this sacred rite open to "interpretation" on the details, of when, how and what.

The Gospel of John talks about Jesus being "the Bread" from of Heaven more than any of the other three Gospels but, only Matthew, Mark and Luke talk about the Lord's Supper. John depicts it as a meal and highlights that Jesus washed the Disciples feet and gives a new command to serve as He has served.

Paul gives us the most instruction in a rebuke to the early church in Corinth for their abuse of how they are going about it. What we take from Paul's letter to the Corinthians is that we should examine our lives, and we should partake of it in a God honoring manner.

For us at GraceCommunity we offer it every Sunday by intention (individuals come and partake as they are lead by the Spirit to do so - each one must be intentional in their action towards the Lord's Supper). We hold that all Christians are welcome to partake at our church because they are a part of the Family of God and we offer it corporately once a quarter, which is every fifth Sunday on the calendar.

This Sunday is one of those fifth Sunday's of the month. We will be partaking in the Lord's Supper corporately (all together). Due to COVID-19 we have been compelled to

be more sensitive to the health and well-being of one another. To do so with Communion has presented us with some unique challenges. You will find a communion cup and wafer package in the chair book railing in front of you. As we worship this Sunday we will give instructions on how we can partake all together.

As we come together we are reminded that the world has changed, but to honor the Lord has not. We still want to approach His table with sincere and examined hearts, and worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

“This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” - Jesus

Pastor Wes Davis

GRACEKIDS

CURRENT SERIES- *BluePrints At Home*

Last Sunday we continued our study in Gods Blueprints to learn how to deal with feeling mad and angry. When we feel these emotions bubbling up within us, God helps us by giving us something called self-control.

NEW CRY ROOM

In an effort to best serve families during this season of Covid, we have decided to transition our nursery into a cry room. Parents and guardians with babies and toddlers are welcome to use this room during the service.

FAMILY SUNDAY

This Sunday is Family Sunday and along with the cry room, we will also be offering the toddlers class in classroom A (2 year olds to 4 year olds) during the service. 5 year olds to 5th graders will be joining families in the sanctuary. Busy bags will be available at the GraceKids check in station.

CAMP Parent Meeting

We are excited to be joining a new camp this summer and offer the opportunity for more ages and grades to attend. With all the new, there are also many details to communicate to parents and guardians. This Sunday we are offering a Parent Information Meeting via Zoom at 6:30pm. If you have a child that is either entering Kindergarten or 5 years old to a completed 5th grader who is interested in going to camp, please plan on attending.



Click <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84529652587?pwd=VjV3NjNudzVoaEFkUnpjbE5oSl djZz09> to start or join a scheduled Zoom meeting



May 31st is last Sunday students will be in their current classes. (Even though technically they won't be in classes today)

If they are moving up to the next class in GraceKIDS, or transitioning to GraceYouth/MS or GraceYouth /HS, their first day in their new class will be June 7th! if you have any questions about what changes are in store for your student, give MJ or Aaron a holler and they will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Students entering 6th grade (GraceYouth/MS) can grab a 6th grade welcome letter at the GraceYouth station in the lobby. It gives a pretty solid description of what to expect next.



We had our last YouthGROUP meeting for the 2019-2020 season last Wednesday. What an awesome time! I laughed so hard making that game with Dylan Weaver that I started sweating. lol

We will not meet this week (Aaron will be gone) but will have our first Wild Wednesday June 10th. Stay tuned for details.

No KATALAMBANO this week due to Communion Sunday.



We are headed to camp!

High School (completed 9th-12th grades) July 5th -10th \$223.00 Due by June 22

Middle School (completed 6th-8th grades) July 26th - 31st \$223.00 Due by June 22

Elementary (completed 2nd-5th) July 16th -18th \$105 Due by June 22

Elementary Day Camp (K-1st) July 11th \$35 (this is a new camp for us this year)

We are headed to Maranatha Bible Camp in Everton, MO Aaron Zustiak went to Maranatha in Middle School. Dr. Gary Zustiak has been a speaker at MBC for several years and Aaron and Mj have been closely connected with MBC for a long time. We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity for our students to grow in the Lord and create memories together.

Note: None of the churches that attend Maranatha have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in their counties which is very positive news.

In years passed the church has helped reduce the cost of camp through our bake sale fundraisers. it is our intention to do the same this year, we just do not know what that number will be at this time. We will let everyone know as soon as we do know.

As always we will have two sets of forms for camp. Forms for the camp and forms for the church. All will be made available online. This week (and until June 22nd) we will have the CAMP REGISTRATION link available. Simply click the link below to be redirected to the registration page.

<http://maranathabiblecamp.org/summer-camp/summer-registration>

AT THE END OF REGISTERING (with MBC), FOR PAYMENT, THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT. PLZ SELECT "pay by check" AND PAY THE CHURCH, WE WILL MAKE ONE PAYMENT TO THE CAMP.

To pay the church for camp, you can either pay digitally via the app, or by check. If paying by check please put it in an envelope clearly marked for CAMP REGISTRATION and mark "CAMP FEES". or "CAMP" on the memo.

(This is our first time doing registration digitally. Please bear through the growing pains with us as we are all learning something new.)

GRACEGO

It's Spring time and that also means it's tornado season. What are we going to do if a storm hits in our area during COVID -19 restrictions? Our church has always risen to people in their times of need. But, during this unique time of Social Distancing, how are we to help and not endanger others at the same time? Our Elders and Deacons have come up with a plan that will allow us to help others and keep our people as safe as we can, if disaster strikes.

We have a three phase plan of providing assistance to those who need it.

PHASE 1: Immediate Responders - This phase consist of the first responders. Two Small teams of six each, will be our "GraceGo Team", these 12 responders will offer immediate assistance to those impacted by a disaster. This team will gather at the church and hook up to the church trailer that will be filled and ready to go to meet the diverse needs of an impacted area or home.

The trailer needs to include: 1 tub of Covid-19 Sanitation supplies for the workers, gloves, mask, hard hats, hand sanitizer and spray sanitizer. 1 tub of first aid and medical supplies, including extra things such as, a trauma kit, epinephrin injector pens, and insulin. 1 tub - of small hand tools such as, hammers, cordless drills, hand saws, reciprocating saw, pry bars, wire cutters, bolt cutters, etc. Rope, electrical extension cords, ladders, 2/3 chainsaws, cum-a-long, shovels, rakes, pick axe, chain, tow ropes, axes, etc. 2 portable generators, gas for generators, gas, oil and bar oil for chainsaws. Trailers or box truck to move remaining household goods and furniture to a storage unit.

LIST OF NEEDS FOR **GRACEGO** TEAM Phase 1

- Case of Water Bottles
- A come-a-long
- Extension Cords
- blankets
- large tarps

- bug spray
- flood lights
- cans of red spray paint
- Axes
- pick-axes
- rakes
- nail magnet bar
- fire extinguishers
- pre-mixed gas
- large plastic totes
- hand sanitizer
- trauma kit
- epi-pen
- shovels
- rope

Phase 2: Intermediate Response - This phase consist of a team of readiness people who will be prepared to come along side of those affected by a storm or natural disaster to offer immediate: food, clothing, shelter, cash on hand, and get those who need it, to a safe and secure temporary living situation. This could be shelter at the church, a hotel, an Air B&B, or a family or friends home. This team will make sure that the immediate and temporary necessary needs of those affected will be taken care of. This team will need: cash and/or travelers checks, or spending cards available, meals, groceries, sanitation and cleaning supplies, toiletries, bedding, blankets, etc. This team will work closely with the Immediate Response team for a smooth handoff of the immediate response needs to care for the intermediate care. This team will go to the church and get the showers and sanitation supplies ready to help cleanse the workers from exposure. It will also have supplies on-hand at the church ready to distribute as needed. The Immediate Response Team will bring any family who needs this care to the church to evaluate the necessary next steps. The Intermediate Response team will help secure the storage necessary to get the household moved and then tend to the needs of the family(s) after all has been done to get them past the immediate impact issues.

LIST OF NEEDS FOR **GRACEGO** TEAM Phase 2:

- Sample size personal hygiene items-ones from hotels are perfect-no need to go out and purchase. What is on hand is great.
- if anyone has a spare room or accommodations they would be willing to share with someone short term--a night or two.
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please contact Luenda Martin if you have any of these to offer 620-687-1097

Phase 3: Long-term Response - understanding that the aftermath of a tragic event can have lingering effects, the primary purpose of this team is to provide continued care for and offer assistance to unforeseen long term issues that might arise in any given situation. This care team will work closely with the Intermediate team and follow up on their recommendation as to the need for Long-term help. The Long-term team will then help with things such as: insurance claim issues, long term housing issues, health and wellness issues, and other family needs deemed as necessary. The goal is to help folks get back on their feet with a solid footing by a reliable confidant to assist and encourage getting life back on track. The following is a list of things we would still like to add to the trailer for the Phase 1 response team. If you have any of these items or would be willing to purchase one, please contact Wes or the church office.



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