

February 14, 2021.



GRACECOMMUNITY newsletter

PASTOR WES DAVIS FAREWELL SERVICE

The Elders and Deacons encourage you to be sure to join us February next week as we celebrate 26 years of faithful service to our families and this community. Our friend and Pastor, Wes Davis, will be delivering his last sermon as pastor of GraceCommunity Church of Riverton. We are grateful for his continued leadership and are sad for him to leave. Come join us as we pray the best of blessings upon him as he enters this next stage of his life.



ALYVIA WARSTLER MISSIONS

One of our own is headed back to Kenya to do mission work. We are very excited to sponsor her as she travels back to Kenya with two friends to serve at the Mattaw Children's village. How you can help: 1. Partner with them in prayer. 2. Help support them financially. GraceCommunity has adopted her as one of the mission points we support but they can always use more help if the Lord leads you to do so. Blessings to Alyvia and her friends as they do the Lord's work in Africa!



GRACE YOUTH

The Culture Translator

Not a Cat, Not Yet a Lawyer

What it is: A lawyer borrowed his secretary's computer for a hearing being conducted over Zoom. Unfortunately, the [cat filter](#) was on.

Why it's a much-needed laugh: The pandemic wall that most people are hitting is real, and we're all way past Zoom-fatigue. The cat-faced lawyer trying desperately to carry on as if things are normal, and his colleagues trying to keep a straight face despite an actual cat talking to them through a screen, feels like... well, all of us. Something about the cat's worried expression while the lawyer behind the screen insists "I'm ready to proceed. I'm *not* a cat!" is deeply relatable at this moment in time.

Slang of the Week

acting brand new: when some development (often a new purchase or a new friend group) causes someone to act like they're above what they used to enjoy. (Ex: "We always used to sit together at lunch, but ever since Topanga got that haircut, she's been acting brand new!")



"CAT-ON-A-BANJO" MEETS next on the 21st!
Katalambano (middle school Bible class) meets upstairs after the worship set every Sunday except

'**katalambano**' is translated "comprehend." It is a Greek word that means to get a hold of spiritual understanding. It also means getting a hold of spiritual realities. Getting a hold of a truth in the Word of God

Sometimes also translated as:

- to lay hold of
- to lay hold of so as to make one's own, to obtain, attain to, to make one's own, to take into one's self, appropriate
- to seize upon, take possession of
- to lay hold of with the mind
- to understand, perceive, learn, comprehend

What a perfect description for a Sunday school class!

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS

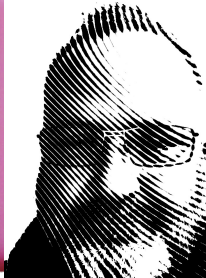
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Bring a Friend
(or 10)

High School students are welcome to join Book Club as we go through Ray Pritchard's book He's God, We're Not.

BOOK CLUB MEETS **TODAY@9:15**

BOOK CLUB



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GRACEKIDS

SuperStart! ^{AT}

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YOUR VALUE - YOUR **TRUE** VALUE COMES FROM CHRIST

4th & 5th Grade Parents, SuperStart Registration is now open. You can sign your kids up on the church app, Facebook or by emailing MJ at mj@gracecommunitychurch.net

SuperStart is March 27th from 8:30-6:30 at Racine Christian Church in Racine, MO.

The cost is \$30 and includes breakfast, lunch, an hour of jumping at SOAR, activities at the event and dinner.

Please contact MJ for more details. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 14th.

Mar. 31st: Easter Egg Events

Easter is around the corner and we will be offering **two different events** on Wednesday, March 31st from 7-8pm at the church. Babies to 4 year olds can participate in a traditional egg hunt. Kindergarten to 5th graders can participate in a flashlight scavenger hunt. Afterwards, everyone is invited to stay for worship, craft and refreshments. Sign up on FB, Church App or with MJ now.

FLASHLIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT



Kindergarten-5th Graders will be able to participate in Flashlight Scavenger Hunt is giving the traditional Easter egg hunt a fun twist – by having kids hunt at night, or in semi-darkness, anyway, with flashlights around the church!

The goal of this event is for kids and parents to go on a mission to unlock the secret of Easter. In the process, they will get to work together to solve an encrypted message, scavenge in the dark for missing items, and complete the Easter story. This hands-on, fun, and adventurous event is the perfect opportunity for families to make memories and hear about the real reason we celebrate Easter.

Jul. 17th: Beginner Day Camp

This one day camp experience is geared for kids entering Kindergarten to a *completed* 1st grade student. *A parent or guardian must attend with them.* All attendees will get to experience church camp life together while worshiping, playing, and making new friends.

Jul. 22nd-24th: Kids Camp

This two day camp is packed with high energy activities, engaging worship sessions, and time spent learning Gods word. This camp is for all completed 2nd grade students to a completed 5th grade student.

PS: I'll be on the look out for sponsors to attend. Let me know if you are interested!





HIS STORY

Jun. 29-July 2: VBS (His Story)

Preparations are already underway for this years VBS. If you are able to help this year please contact MJ. The theme is HIS STORY:

This Summer at VBS is all about JESUS! Each follower of Jesus has a story to share; it's a story about how we have come to know God and the grace He has given each of us in one form or another. We are all called to be a piece of Christ' journey, and through the journey of Jesus, it will radically transform lives. There are numerous things that we can learn from the life of Jesus, and this summer, we will be looking at all the great things God has done for us. The most significant thing God did was to send His one and only Son to die for humankind. Once we accept the gift of Jesus and become a member of God's family, we are called to GO out and tell His-



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