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GRACECOMMUNITY

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I've been to a couple funerals in the last month, and it's made me reflect on some things about myself, while I feel like I've still got a long life ahead of me, I know we are never promised tomorrow. I was really impressed with the things that people said about the 2 men that had passed. They were both men of God. 1 of them was a preacher, and even during a pandemic, it seemed like several hundred people were present to remember and honor the life he lived. The second lived a less public life, but was still very outspoken about his faith. His was a much smaller gathering, but he was the father of a good friend of mine, so I think his service definitely impacted me more. These men had friends and family speaking at their funerals about their love for Jesus, and the many ways that they had lived their lives in a way that honored God.

The thing that I realized during these services, is that if I did die tomorrow, I don't know what would be said at my funeral. I've definitely made some changes to my priorities in recent months, and feel like I am getting closer to being on the path God has for me. But I'm 35 years old, and I feel like I've spent the majority of the first half of my life focused on myself. We're supposed to be focused on God's kingdom, not our own, and if I have another 35 years left, the second half of my life is going to reflect that.

A big part of that for me, is going to be how I treat, and think about, other people. If you're active on Facebook, there is a group called Gracecommunity Caremongers, where various needs are posted, not just for people that come to our church, but people from our community as well. I'd encourage you to check it out, whether you're looking for new ways to help, or needing some help yourself, it's a great group of people.

"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."
John 13:35 NLT

Jesse Hosfelt



GRACE YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAYS

7:00-8:00

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 @ 9:15 today



"CAT-ON-A-BANJO" MEETS next on the 14th!

Katalambano (middle school Bible class) meets upstairs after the worship set every Sunday except the last Sunday of the month.

'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!



AARON ZUSTIAK



GRACE KIDS

SuperStart!

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PRESENTS



TREASURED

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

4th & 5th Grade Parents

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 27th we have been invited to attend a special one-day SuperStart event at Racine Christian Church. Please contact MJ for more information.

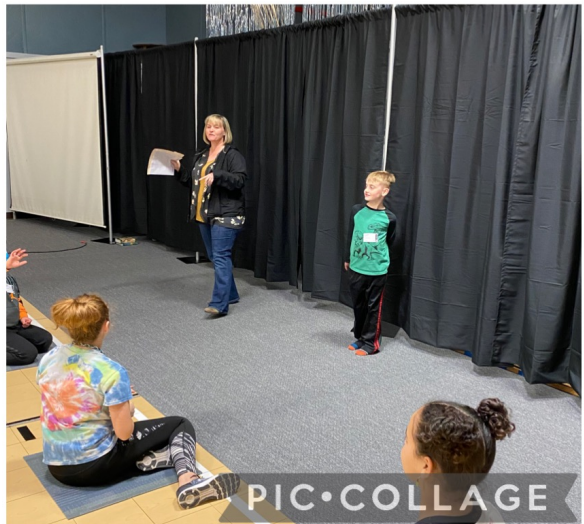
SuperStart Registration is now open! You can find the link on the church app or on our KidMin Facebook page.

Super Bowl Sunday is this weekend and we'd like to invite the kids to wear their favorite jersey or shirt to church.



JANUARY/FEBRUARY SUNDAY SERIES

Great sports moments tend to involve people who accepted a big challenge, one that required courage and an ability to keep going. This month, kids will have fun using sports to learn about the many ways they can say yes to challenges bravely. Jesus accepted many challenges. Through the stories we know about Him, we learn a bunch of things that help kids walk through whatever they are facing. Let's cheer on every kid to be able to say, Jesus takes care of me, Jesus shows me the truth, Jesus helps me when I'm tempted, and Jesus understands my challenges.



This past Wednesday night we looked into the story of Jonah and learned that No Matter What Happens, God Is In Control.



Melissa "MJ" Smith

Super Bowl fundraiser

One of the unfortunate casualties of COVID is our bake sale fundraisers. Normally we have several bake sales during the year to help offset the cost for sending our kids to church camp in the Summer. For sanitary reasons we have opted not to do the bake sales but we sure could still use your tremendous generosity to get kids to camp. So today we are doing a calorie free bake sale. If you would like to support our Summer camp program, there will be a basket in the lobby for you to give a monetary gift. Camp is always such an influential time for our students to be impacted for Christ. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



What else do we do with food we love (eating Jesus)?

1. We share it!
2. We tell people our favorite place to get it!
3. We invite friends over and have a party with it! (Sent to me by a member of the church last week. Great thoughts! Love it!)



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