



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2024

*“The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul,
‘therefore I will hope in Him’”
Lamentations 3:24*

Weekly Events

- Sundays: Class 101
Join us at 10am on Sunday for our introductory Bible Study
- Tuesdays: Class 202
Join us as we deep dive into the book of Romans every Tuesday at 6pm (Starting study on Isaiah Soon!)
- Thursdays: Small Groups
Men’s and Women’s Small Groups meet Thursdays at 6pm

A VIEW FROM THE PARSONAGE

Senior Pastor Frank Sawicki

Come join us at class 202 on Tuesday nights 6:00 PM at GCC church building:

After finishing up the book of Romans, we are ready to go to the Old Testament. The Old Testament is rich with the hints and whispers of the Messiah, Jesus. The Book of Isaiah is a great book to study.

The people of Israel and Judah were often in conflict with the Lord, rebelling against His laws and rejecting His love, so God sent Isaiah to declare their sins back to them, as well as the consequences. God told Isaiah to preach to the people, but knew they would not hear the truth. They would ignore him.

Though Israel will face the consequences of their rebellion, Isaiah’s prophetic words are full of hope for the day when God would restore his people to Himself. This hope would be embodied through God’s servant, “Immanuel,” who one day He has established a new Spiritual Kingdom on

Earth. Isaiah’s prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

Like Elijah, Jeremiah, and the other prophets, Isaiah was called by God to deliver His words to Israel. The book of Isaiah is filled with sobering accounts of Israel’s sin and rebellion and warnings of their coming judgement. But along with warnings, Isaiah also offers a message of hope—a suffering servant, a coming Messiah, who would come to establish God’s Spiritual Kingdom on Earth.

For generations, Isaiah’s words have encouraged thousands of people who have waited in anticipation for the Messiah and for God to set right all that has been wronged through Jesus and the Spiritual Kingdom.

Read Isaiah 53 and be filled with joy. We are going to start the study of Isaiah and how it relates to Physical Israel and the Spiritual Israel today.

The fifth Gospel preaches the Gospel and puts Jesus first. Even if you miss some weeks, you can join anytime because we can get you up to speed.

CHURCH BOARD

PROJECTS UPDATE

- Sugar on Snow served 112 platters and profited \$1520.98
- Steeple looks great!
- Fall Calendar was proposed and approved and distributed to congregation
- Dean started his First Responder ministry
- Volunteer list being created for the fall (talk to Frankie if you'd like to volunteer)
- Ed Cunningham verbally resigned from the board.
- NEXT Board Meeting is September 8th at 1pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FINACIAL UPDATE

Shellie Bresnahan

Thank you for your incredible support. It is because of individuals like you that we are able to pursue our mission and make a meaningful impact on the community.

July Income \$6,018.87

1. \$5,449.84 Offering

2. \$450.00 Rent

3. \$119.03 Sugar on
Snow Donations

Julu Expense \$7,303.23

1. \$861.62 Ministry, Missions,

Outreach and Benevolence

2. \$4,702.62 Facilities

Maintenance and Mortgage (WIX Website Fees)

3. \$548.99 Events and Youth

4. \$1190.00 Administrative Staff and Supplies

Checkbook Balance \$30,188.24

Savings Account Balance \$30,898.55

Major purchase this month was for the new kitchen flooring in the parsonage which was badly needed. These numbers do not include the Sugar on Snow, but we estimate about \$1,500 profit on this year's event. This is down from last year's number at \$2,100 .. so sorry to see that.

September Events

- 9/8 **Monthly Board Meeting** – 1pm Grace Community Hall ALL ARE WELCOME
- 9/12 **The Well (last one...really this time)** - Christa's Christmas Farm; 100 East Colebrook Rd. 6pm; Coffee provided bring deserts to share!
- 9/14 **Guatemala Informational Meeting** - Grace Community Hall at 4pm
- 9/16 **Teen Game Night** – American Legion at 6pm
- 9/20 **Community Bonfire** – Fire pit at church building at 6pm
- 9/26 **Dinner and The Chosen** – Grace Community Hall at 6pm

MISSIONS

Grace continues to have a focused missions ministry, focusing on supporting, Local, Regional, and Global missions. Some of the local missions that Grace has supported over the last year are NEKCA, Area Churches Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen, as well as helping many individuals. Regionally, we support Berea Ministries (Camp Monadnock), and Globally supporting VIM and Samaritan's Purse. Grace has decided to gift \$200/month to ACWT Food Pantry.

SUGAR ON SNOW

Sugar on Snow was **SATURDAY August 3rd**. This year was the 77th year! We served 112 platters, 75 hotdogs, 35 chili, a little bit of popcorn and water, and 13 dozen donuts. Net profit of \$1520.98 a little less than last year. Looking toward next year please let us know your thoughts on what could be better or what you really liked this year!

MISSION TRIP

On Saturday September 14th Dean and Frankie will be holding an informational meeting to discuss the upcoming mission trip to Guatemala in April. This year's trip will fall on the school's April vacation. If you have ever thought of going on a trip like this please come to the meeting or if you cannot talk to Dean, Frankie or Vera to find out more about past experiences! This opportunity is open to EVERYONE, every church, and even non-Christians are welcome!

DINNER and THE CHOSEN

The Chosen is a tv show that is an artistic interpretation of the ministry of Jesus and his disciples. We will be meeting the last Thursday of every month to have dinner and watch an episode of The Chosen and discuss the episode afterward. This is a great opportunity to come and spend time with your church family without the "intimidation" of a bible study class. This is open to every age group.

BIBLE STUDY

We want to thank each of you that come to 101, 202, and/or small group! If you haven't checked out one of the groups, we encourage you to! Each group is full of brothers and sisters eager to grow in our God's word and talking together is a great way to grow. Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, as one man sharpens another". We want to make sure you know you are welcomed if you come to every group every week, one group sometimes, or whatever it looks like.

PRAYER LIST

If you have something on your heart you would like the leadership to pray about, please send us an email or let one of us know. We want to pray for you and requests sent to us will never be distributed to anyone outside leadership, unless clearly specified.

THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU

If you would like to include something for next month's newsletter, please email
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