

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

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Deeper Life Bible Camp

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**GRAND RAPIDS
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

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**GRAND RAPIDS
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Together in Christ, Making Him Known



Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

WELCOME

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We hope you enjoy your time here. Visit the Welcome Center in the foyer to learn more about who we are or online at grefc.org.



Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If you have a need, please ask an usher for a receiver.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

9:00 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Nursery is open the entire service.

Pathfinders 1.0

(Ages 3 to Grade 1)

Pathfinders are dismissed from the service after the first set of worship songs

10:30 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Pathfinders 2.0

(Age 3 to Grade 5)

Brick Bible Instruction Class

(Grades 6 & 7)

Brick starts promptly at 10:30 am.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Music

Announcements

Dominican Republic Presentation

Worship Music

Message: Pastor Ken Abramson

PRAYER: For specific prayer requests, please use the blue Connect Card.

GIVING: Today's offering box is located in the foyer if you wish to give. Or give online at grefc.org

REGISTER: Welcome Center, grefc.org/register/ or call/email church office.

BUILDING CAMPAIGN: Learn more at grefc.org/building-campaign/. **First fruits accepted through Dec. 31.**

THIS WEEK

Prayer Gathering: Today, 10:30 am, Church Office.

Children's Christmas Program rehearsal: Today, 3:30 – 5 pm.

Infuse: Today, 5:00 – 7:15 pm. Open to students in grades 9-12. Students enjoy a meal, games, teaching, discussion and worship.

Women's Bible Study: Monday, Dec. 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Classroom 4.

Executive & Elder Board Meetings: 5:30 & 6:30 pm.

Wednesday evening activities, December 6:

- **Family Meal, 5 – 6 pm.** Menu: Grilled Cheese/Soup/Coleslaw. Donation: \$2 for ages 8+, \$1 for ages 7 and under. Please sign up!
- **Prayer Gathering: 6:15 pm, Pastor Ken's Office.**
- **Kidz ROC: 6 – 7:15 pm.** Open to kids ages 3 through grade 5.
- **Immerse: 6 – 7:45 pm.** Open to all Jr. High students in grades 6-8.

Discover|Connect|Serve Membership Class: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6 – 7:15 pm, Classroom 4.

Men's Open DNA Group: Friday, Dec. 8, 6:30 am, Country Kitchen.

The Gathering – College/Young Adult Ministry: Friday, Dec. 8, 6:30-11 pm, Steve & Faith Wick's home.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack: Saturday, Dec. 9, various shifts, Assembly of God Church.

Christmas Program Rehearsal: Saturday, Dec. 9, 3:30-5 pm.

Visit grefc.org/events to learn more about any event!

★ OTHER NEWS ★

Christmas Food Baskets: We will be collecting food for those in need. Donations needed by Dec. 17. See insert. If you know of someone in need, contact the office.

Men's Meal & Study starting Monday, Jan. 22, 5:30 pm: All men are encouraged to attend this monthly meal and study on spiritual leadership. See insert.

The Best Christmas Ever

How About a Little Joy?

December 3rd, 2017

Phil. 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice....6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. 8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

What would we define as a "great Christmas"?

Key application:

1. Biblical joy is not determined by the circumstances.
2. Are we looking to Christ or stuff/experiences to find deep satisfaction and joy?

3. Begin to POUT!

- Pray
- Offer to God your desires.
- Unen thankfulness.
- Think on that which is praise worthy.