

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

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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. After the service, please visit the Welcome Center in the foyer to learn more about who we are.

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

9:00 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Pathfinders 1.0

(ages 3 to incoming- 2nd grade)

10:30 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Pathfinders 2.0

(ages 3 to incoming-2nd grade)

Nursery is open the entire service. Pathfinders are dismissed from the service after the first set of worship songs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Music

Announcements

Worship Music

Message: Pastor Ken Abramson

GIVING

An offering box is located on the shelf in the foyer if you wish to give.

Or give online at grefc.org

Weekly Budget Need – General \$6,252.58

Last Week's Giving – General \$8,599.00

THIS WEEK

Infuse Guys Small Group Study: Today, June 11, 6:30-8:00 pm, Youth Room; open to 9th-12th grade students (including graduates).

Church Softball: Monday, June 12, 7:00 and 9:00 pm at Portage Park.

Student Ministries (Equip) Leaders Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 6:00-7:30 pm, Youth Room.

Women's Ministry Leaders Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 7:00-8:00 pm

Immerse Girls Small Group Bible Study: Wednesday, June 14, 6:00-7:30 pm, Youth Room; open to incoming 6th to out-going 8th grade students.

Discover|Connect|Serve Membership Class: Wednesday, June 14, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Women's Summer Bible Study: Thursday, June 15 from 9:00-11:00 am. Studying the book of Romans. Meet at Sheila Dorholt's home (1607 Timber Ridge Lane, Grand Rapids, 218.327.2586)

Men's Summer Bible Study: Thursday, June 15, 6:30-8:00 pm, Classrooms 1 & 2. "Ready: Ministering Life to Those in Crisis" is a 6-week video study.

Infuse Girls Small Group Study: Thursday, June 15, 7:00-8:30 pm, Youth Room; open to 9th-12th grade students (including graduates).

Student Ministry Movie Night: Friday, June 16, 7:00-10:00 pm, Youth Room.

TAKE NOTE

Wanted: Prayer Warriors! We are developing a prayer team that will meet regularly to pray for our church. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

3 Ways to Sign-Up for Events/Classes: Welcome Center sign-up sheet (located in the Church Foyer), visit our website at grefc.org/register/ or contact the church office.

Online Directory Key: Forgiven

Breaking the Chains of Family Baggage

Breaking Chains – Part 1

June 11th, 2017

Exodus 34:6-7

6 The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." ESV

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us (our part) also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,.....

Forgiveness:

- **Phase One** – Begin to build an attitude of love.

1 John 4:20-21 If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

- **Phase Two** - Start the process of letting go of the past.

"A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense."
(Proverbs 19:11, NIV)

- **Phase Three** – Begin to make room for the reconstruction of the relationship.

Luke 17:3-4 "If you see your friend going wrong, correct him. If he responds, forgive him. Even if its personal against you and repeated seven times through the day, and seven times he says, 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again,' forgive him." (Msg)

A Connected Issue: Forgiveness does not mean that one should automatically trust them.

- **Phase Four** – Begin to make room for a new future.

Phil. 1:9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. ESV

- **Phase Five** – We move toward reaffirming the relationship.

PS 92:4 For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.