

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

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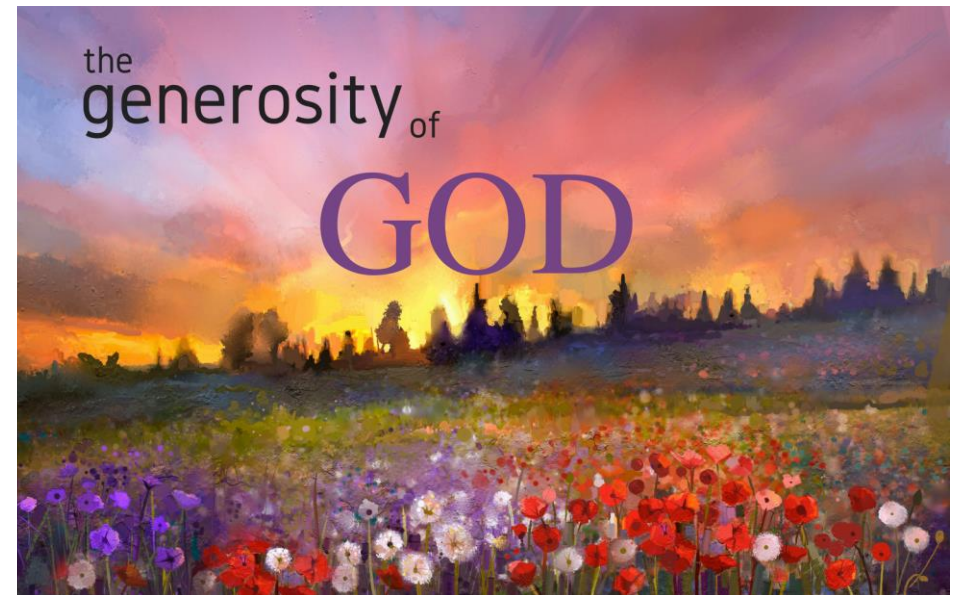


**October 8, 2017**



**GRAND RAPIDS  
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**


*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](http://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.*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Music

2nd Grade Bible Presentation (10:30 service only)

Announcements

Worship Music

Message: Pastor Ken Abramson

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

**GIVING:** An offering box is located on the shelf in the foyer if you wish to give. Or give online at [grefc.org](http://grefc.org)

**REGISTER:** Welcome Center, [grefc.org/register/](http://grefc.org/register/) or call/email church office.

## THIS WEEK

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

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

**Women's Bible Study: Monday, Oct. 9, 6:30 – 8 pm, Classroom #4.**

**EQUIP Student Ministry Leader Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6 – 7:30 pm.**

### Wednesday evening activities, October 11:

- **Family Meal, 5 – 6 pm.** Menu: Pizza & Lettuce Salad. 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.
- **Parenting Class (Group #2): 6 – 7:15 pm, Classroom 5.**
- **Immerse: 6 – 7:45 pm.** Open to all Jr. High students in grades 6-8.

**Women's Bible Study: Thursday, Oct. 12, 10 – 11:30 am,** Donna Bordner's Home, 32933 Linden Lane, Grand Rapids; 651-587-2436.

**Men's Open DNA Group: Friday, Oct. 13, 6 am, Country Kitchen.**

**Dad & Me Breakfast & Bean Bag Tournament: Saturday, Oct. 14, 8-11 am.** Cost \$5/person, includes breakfast and prizes. See insert & sign up!

**Quarterly Business Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 – 8 pm.** Membership candidates: Gary Bordner, Donna Border, Dan Carlson & Rita Carlson.

 *Visit [grefc.org/events](http://grefc.org/events) to learn more about any event!* 

## OTHER NEWS

**Immediate Need: Teacher for Pathfinders 1.0 grades K-1.** Sunday mornings, 9:00 am on rotating basis.

**Open Door Coat Rack:** Donations of gently used winter coats, mittens, hats, scarves and boots needed. Bring donations to GREFC by Oct. 22.

**Save the Date:** GREFC's All-Church Celebration of Generosity service Sunday, Oct. 29 at 10 am at the Reif Center.

**Short-Term Mission Trip 2018:** Planning is underway to journey to San Cristobal, Dominican Republic March 20-25, 2018.

# The Generosity of God

## “Relational Generosity”

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### Hebrews 8

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws into their minds,  
and write them on their hearts,

and I will be their God,

and they shall be my people.

11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor  
and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’  
for they shall all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,  
and I will remember their sins no more.”

### Key reminders about the generosity of God:

1. He has worked to bring us back into a relationship with Himself.

2. The God of the universe is profoundly relationally generous.

**A hard application question:** Are we as a church and individually relationally generous?

3. The generosity of God assumes never ending and generous forgiveness.

Psalm 103:12 “As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

1 John 2:12 ESV

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

Col. 2:13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. NLV

4. Because of God's generosity we are called to be generous in forgiving others.

Luke 17:3...“If another believer sins, rebuke that person; then if there is repentance, forgive. 4 Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive.” The apostles said to the Lord, “Show us how to increase our faith.” 6 The Lord answered, “If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you!