

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

**Family of the Week**  
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**Missions Focus**  
Itasca Youth for Christ

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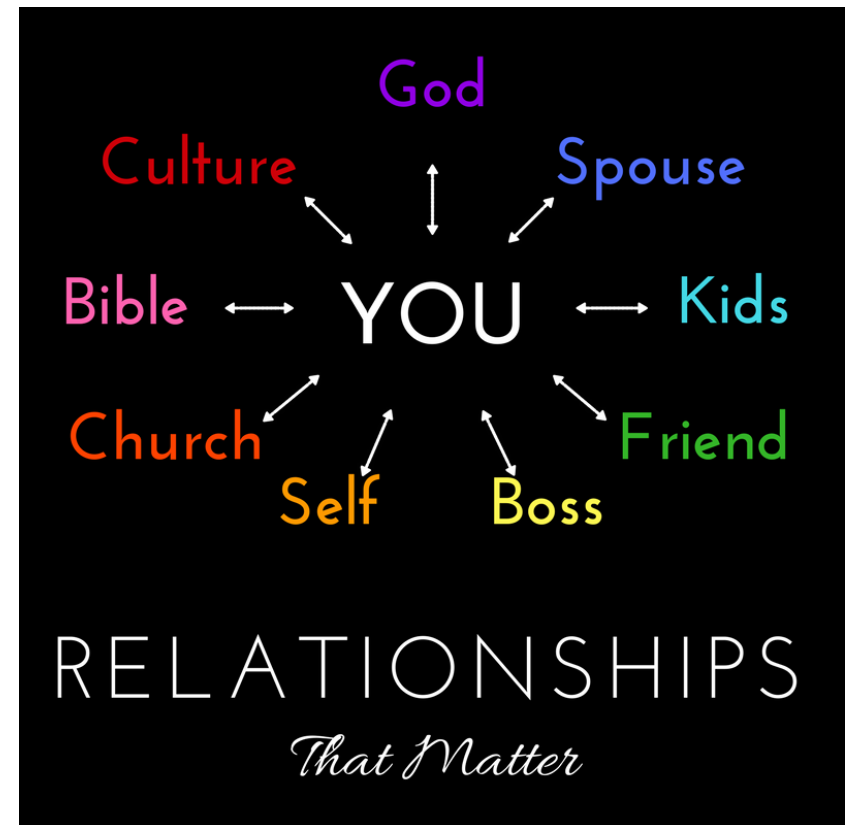


**January 7, 2018**



**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 for a complimentary premium cup of coffee and learn more about who we are. Or go 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

Announcements

Worship Music

Message: Pastor Ken Abramson

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**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](http://grefc.org).

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

**BUILDING CAMPAIGN:** Learn more at [grefc.org/building-campaign](http://grefc.org/building-campaign).

## THIS WEEK

**Infuse: Today, 5 – 7:15 pm.** Open to all students in grades 9-12.

**Community Group Leaders Potluck: Monday, Jan. 8, 6 – 8 pm.**

**Student Ministries EQUIP Leaders: Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6 – 7:30 pm.**

**Women's Ministry Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 – 8 pm.**

### Wednesday evening activities, January 10:

→ **Family Meal, 5 – 6 pm.** Menu: Chili/Hotdogs/Fruit Salad.

Donation: \$2 for ages 8+, \$1 for ages 7 and under. Please sign up!

→ **Kidz ROC: 6 – 7:15 pm.** Open to kids ages 3 through grade 5.

→ **Bible 101 Adult Class: 6 – 7:15 pm,** Classroom 4.

→ **Immerse: 6 – 7:45 pm.** Open to all Jr. High students in grades 6-8.

**Men's DNA Group, Friday, Jan. 12 at 6:00 am.** All men are welcome to join us at Country Kitchen as we watch and discuss the video series, "33."

**The Gathering, Friday, Jan. 12, 6:00 – 11:00 pm.** College and 20-somethings are invited to Steve and Faith's Wick's (24566 Hillcrest Dr, Cohasset) home for a meal, conversation, and hanging out.



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



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## OTHER NEWS

**Thank you** to those who donated items for Christmas Food Baskets. Your generosity provided enough for 20 very full baskets!

**Missions Trip:** Want to learn more about traveling to the Dominican Republic, March 20-25, 2018? Join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 14 following the second service. See insert.

**Annual Business Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 – 8 pm.**

**Student Ministries Lock-in: Friday, Jan. 19, 7 pm – Saturday, Jan. 20, 7 am.** See insert.

**Men's Meal & Study starting Monday, Jan. 22, 5:30 pm:** Sign-up at the Welcome Center or online.

## Relationships That Matter

### “Can’t Live With Them – Can’t Live Without Them”

January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

*Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

*Gen. 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” 18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”*

#### Relational Realisms:

1. We are created with a desire to be known and loved.
2. We live in a relational world and you cannot avoid it.
3. There are two relationships that we can never avoid - God and Self.
4. Sin has distorted our quest for meaningful relationships.
- A Weird Reality: Would someone please come close – but please stay away.
5. Relationships can bring great hurt and pain and profound encouragement.
6. Relationships are meant to sanctify/transform us and move us toward Christ.
7. Our relationships reveal the emotional and spiritual deficits in within us.
8. We are too easily satisfied with average relationships.
9. Relationships are meant to reveal something greater than ourselves.
10. The pathway to deeper relationships begins with Christ and the cross.