

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS

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March 11, 2018
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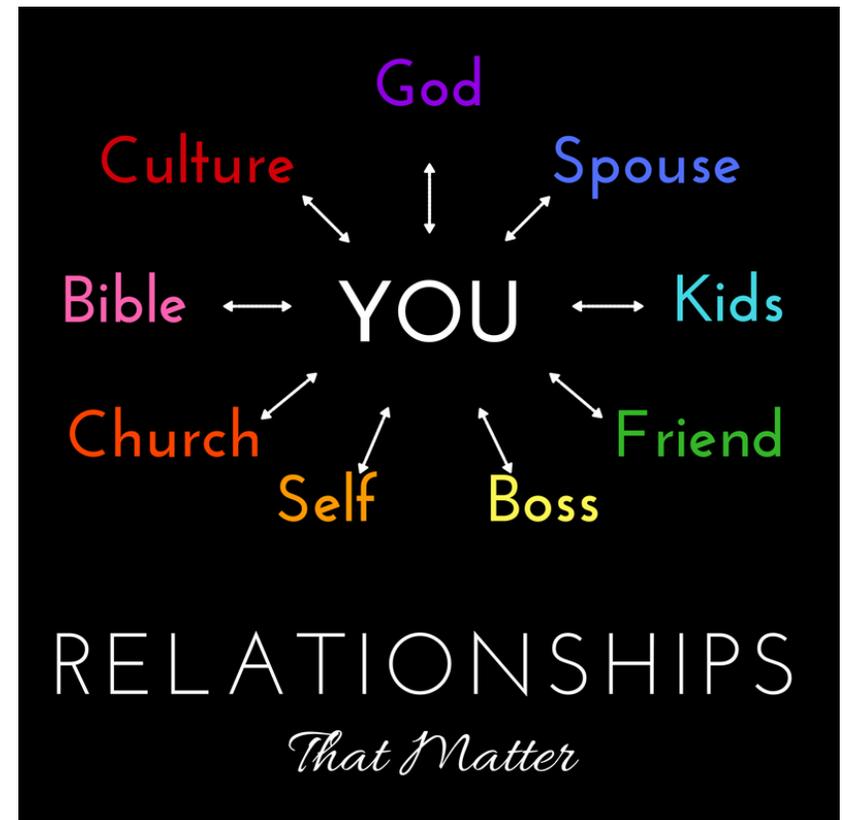


March 4, 2018



**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.



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

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.

THIS WEEK

Pastry & Coffee Fundraiser: TODAY through 12 pm.

Infuse: Today, 5-7:15 pm, Student Ministries Room. Grades 9-12.

Legacy Grandparenting: Today, 6:30-8:30 pm, Gary & Donna Bordner's home.

Women's Bible Study: Monday, March 5, 6:30-8 pm, Classroom 3.

Facility Care Team: Tuesday, March 6, 9:30 am.

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 5:30-6:30 pm. Church office.

Elder Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 6:30-8:30 pm. Student Ministries Room.

Wednesday evening activities, March 7:

- **Family Meal, 5 – 6 pm.** Menu: Chili/Hotdogs/Fruit Salad/Chips
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.
- **Marriage Builder: 6 – 7:15 pm,** Classroom 4.
- **Immerse: 6 – 7:45 pm.** Open to all Jr. High students in grades 6-8.

Men's Open DNA Group: Friday, March 9, 6-7:30 am. Country Kitchen.

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

OTHER NEWS

Children's Check-In Table Volunteers Needed: See insert.

New Testament Challenge-Stay on track. By the end of today you should be up to **Acts 13**. Stay with it even if you've fallen behind!

Dominican Republic Donations: We will be accepting donations through March 11. There is a table in the foyer for donations.

Please submit **Marriage Retreat Deposits** by March 18.

Summer Bible Camp brochures are becoming available. We do offer limited partial scholarships. See the church office to apply.

Relationships that Matter

Our Relationship with Church

March 4th, 2018

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,

Things we need to know about the church:

1. With all of the imperfections of the church, Christ loves the church and through his sacrifice deemed her very important.

Eph. 3:8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

2. The church is the primary structure by which God makes known the majestic work of Christ.
3. You never find in the NT the word church referring to a building or physical structure – it is people. (Heb. 12:22-25)
4. The church is getting people ready for heaven.
5. The church gives a profound opportunity for people to be known, to be loved and to have a purpose for living.

Gen. 2:18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Gen. 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

John 17:20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Groups of people in the scriptures:

- a. The Crowd
- b. A large group (Luke 10:1)
- c. A small group (Luke 6:12,13)
- d. A cell group (Matt. 17:1)