

# NEW HERE? WELCOME!

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We're so glad you've joined us today. If this is your first visit, please check out our Welcome Center and grab a few brochures to learn more about us.

We would love to connect with you! Please fill out a **blue Connect Card** and drop it off in an Offering Box so we have a record of your visit, we can thank you for coming, and give you some next steps. We sincerely hope you will come back to visit us again next Sunday. Relax and enjoy the service.

## OUR VISION

We strive to be...

Together, living with purpose, by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply;
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus and;
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple-makers.

## KIDZ ON SUNDAY

Please check in your kids **BEFORE** the service starts.

Check-in stations are located in the Foyer, the Nursery and at the KidZone Check-In Desk. You may check in all your kids at any of the stations. Kids are dismissed from the service to Pathfinders after worship music ends.

9:00 am Service

10:30 am Service

Nursery (0-36 months)

Pathfinders 1.0 (Age 3-Grade 1)

Preschool A - Room 103

Preschool B - Room 101B

Grades K/1 - Room 106

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Announcements & Prayer - Elder Dan Carlson

Worship Music

Kids Dismissed

Message - Pastor Micah Labovitch

Communion

Worship Music

Benediction

# COMING SOON!



We set aside a Sunday every August to highlight ways that you can help our church in ministry through serving. On August 13th, plan to visit the Community Room after either service and see the various ways to help us spread the gospel and lead people into a deeper relationship with Jesus!

For more details on any event, visit [grefc.org/events/](http://grefc.org/events/)  
Register for events at the Welcome Center or at [grefc.org/register/](http://grefc.org/register/)

## THIS WEEK

TODAY

Missions Committee Open Meeting// 12:00 pm / Pine Room  
All-Church Prayer Meeting// 6:00 pm / Community Room

TUESDAY

Quarterly Business Meeting// 6:00 pm/ Community Room

THURSDAY

Worship Team Leader's Meeting// 6:30 pm/ Pine Room

FRIDAY

The Gathering: Young Adult Community// 6:00 pm/ Matthew Grife's Home

## EACH WEEK

MONDAYS: Men's Church Softball League// 6:00-10:00 pm/ Portage Park  
TUESDAYS: Summer Family Park Dates// 9:00 am-12:00 pm/ Rotating Parks  
TUESDAYS: Young Adult Ultimate Frisbee// 7:00 pm/ Fairgrounds  
WEDNESDAYS: Student Summer Games// 5:30 pm/ Various Locations  
WEDNESDAYS: Women's Weekly Walks// 7:00-8:00 pm/ Rotating Trails  
THURSDAYS: Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



On August 20 we're planning on having one combined outdoor service under the shelter at Gunn Park. Following the service we'll enjoy a potluck picnic together! Bring lawn chairs and frisbees or balls for the kids. Connecting & Hospitality will provide burgers and brats. Those with last names ending A-M please bring a side, salad or dessert and N-Z a main dish.

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## Pray With Us For...

Family: Katie Vanderport

Missions: Chris & Kelly McMichael - African Inland Mission

Ministry: Brent King - MidWeek Meals Team

## LAST WEEK @ GREFC

### Giving

Last Week Actual	Weekly Budget
\$6,755.00	\$8,365.38
YTD Actual	YTD Budget
\$244,757.35	\$234,230.77

### Attendance

9:00 am - 192	10:30 am - 101
Online - 21	Total - 314



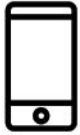
## WAYS TO GIVE



Give at [grefc.org](https://www.grefc.org)



Offering Box



Text to Give  
218-376-7072

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Go to the Online  
Events Calendar

Go online to find events for everyone in the family, with more details than what we can give in the bulletin.

The Weekly Round Up is our online bulletin. Find church news, serving opportunities, photos of ministry events, and helpful links. Every Friday in your email inbox!



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## MESSAGE NOTES

**The Gospel of Matthew: Will You Believe King Jesus? #6**  
**Sermon: Kingdom Comparisons by King Jesus**  
**Scripture: Matthew 13:24-43**

Think about it:

The Division Around the Kingdom (13:10-17, 24-30)

The Unexpected Spread of the Kingdom (13:31-35)

The Rescue of the Sons of the Kingdom (13:36-43)

**Weekly Memory Verse: Matthew 13:34-35 (ESV)**

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, He said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

The Gospel of  
**MATTHEW**  
The Good News of King Jesus



July 16, 2023

# Join Us Sundays!

Services at

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on &



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