

April 14, 2024

# COLOSSIANS

## A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Growing up, did your family have any family distinctives? What were they? What are some for your family now?
2. Read Colossians 1:9-14. Starting at the end, how do verses 12-14 define the Christian life? What did Christ do? What was the result for believers? What did He rescue us from and bring us to?
3. Give specific examples from the previous answers in your life now.
4. Back to the Beginning. Why do they pray for the believers in Colossae? What does it teach us about prayer in general?
5. Read 1:9-11 again. Name at least 5 practices that Paul specifically asks God in prayer for the Colossians. After you identify one, (i.e. like "giving thanks to the Father" in v. 12), share why you think Paul would pray that for them? Share what would it look like in your life if that "practice" were to become a daily habit?
6. How are the practices in 9-11 the "family distinctives" of the people in verses 12-14? Pray for them to manifest in believers in your life/ group by name.

## MESSAGE NOTES

**Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #2**

**Sermon: Shareholders in the Light**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:9-14**

Think about it:

Praying and Asking Together 1:3,9

Being Filled and Walking Together 1:9-11

Rescued and Ransomed Together 1:12-14

## AROUND THE TABLE

The Bible says that "God is Light." Why do you think it describes God in that way? Read Colossians 1:12-14. What does it mean to live in the Light rather than the domain of darkness? What did Jesus do to rescue us?

***Pray: Ask God to show us how we can be a family living in the Kingdom of Light daily!***



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**Weekly Memory Verses: Colossians 1:12-14 (ESV)**

**[Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the Saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

Join Us Sundays!

Services at

9:00 am & 10:30 am

In Person or Online on  & 



Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church

# 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.

# KIDS & STUDENTS @ 9:00 AM

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.

<b>Nursery</b> (0-36 months) .....	Room 108
<b>Preschool A</b> .....	Room 103
<b>Preschool B</b> .....	Room 101B
<b>Kindergarten</b> .....	Room 106
<b>1st/2nd Grade</b> .....	Room 104
<b>3rd Grade</b> .....	Room 102
<b>4th/5th Grade</b> .....	Youth Room
<b>BRICK Bible Foundations</b> (Grades 6 & 7)	Pine Room

Preschoolers through Grade 5 attend worship time with their families in the worship center, then are dismissed to class. BRICK students start promptly at 9:00 am.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Announcements & Prayer** - Elder Paul Huttner

**Worship Music**

**Message** - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

**Worship Music**

**Benediction**

# COMING SOON!



If you've been attending for the past 6 months or have never attended a New Faces Lunch, we encourage you to sign up. Bring the entire family to meet other newer people, have a chance to meet some of our staff and elders and hear a little bit about who we are at GREFC and where we're going. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

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

## MONDAY

Men's Group Study// 6:30-8:00 pm/ Pine Room

## TUESDAY

Executive Board Meeting// 5:00 pm/ Pine Room

## SATURDAY

Jr. High Nerf War// 6:00-8:00 pm/ Worship Center

# EACH WEEK

**SUNDAYS** Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups// 5:45 pm/ Youth Room

**TUESDAYS:** Young Adult Volleyball// 6:30 pm/ Worship Center

**WEDNESDAYS:** MidWeek Meal// 5:15 pm/ Community Room

**WEDNESDAYS:** Kid Groups// 6:15 pm/ Various Rooms

**THURSDAYS:** Women's Bible Study Fellowship// 6:00 pm/ Rooms 102, 104, 106

**THURSDAYS:** Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



Kid Group families, come celebrate a great year at our last night of Kid Groups on May 8th. We'll be doing outside activities, weather permitting, and enjoy an ice cream social. At least one adult must accompany any kids who attend.

# STAFF & LEADERSHIP

## Lead Pastor

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## Board of Elders

Chris Brown	Quintin Legler
Larry Curtiss	Barry Pederson
Kevin Geisler	Zac Preble
Paul Huttner	

## Executive Board

Quintin Legler - Church Chairman  
 Dan Carlson - Secretary  
 Kara Lundin - Treasurer  
 Lisa Mrnak - Financial Secretary  
 Scott Schwake - Facilities Coordinator

# Pray With Us For...

**Family:** Sherri DeYoung

**Missions:** Joe & Courtney Dewey - CRU

**Ministry:** Grace Roy - Kids Ministry

# LAST WEEK @ GREFC

## Attendance

**9:00 am** - 254      **10:30 am** - 78

**Online** - 21      **Total** - 353

## Giving

Last Week Actual	Weekly Budget
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\$16,006.32      \$9,531.35

YTD Actual	YTD Budget
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\$130,156.46      \$133,438.85



Online Giving



Events



Newsletter