

April 7, 2024

# COLOSSIANS

## A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST

### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Growing up, what did "being a Christian" mean to you? And what did you learn about "The Church"? How has your understanding changed?
2. Read Colossians 1:1-2. What words does Paul use to define himself and Timothy? Why? What do vv. 1-2 teach us about what it means to be a Christian? What about what it means to be a "church?"
3. Read 1:3-5. Why does Paul begin his letter with "Grace and Peace from God?" How could we daily begin with "Grace and Peace" in our lives?
4. Name four defining factors that shape these believers in verses 3-5.
5. Read 1:6-8. What two actions caused the people in Colossae to receive the Gospel? Who brought it to them and why? What does this teach us?
6. Read vv.4-6 again. What do these verses say about the World-wide church? What about the local church? How are they similar and different? Why is it important for believers to commit to be a part of a local church?

### MESSAGE NOTES

**Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #1**

**Sermon: Set Apart, Together**

**Scripture: Colossians 1:1-8**

Think about it:

The Church: Set Apart and Faithful 1:1-2

The Church: Bearing Fruit from the Gospel :3-5

The Church: Universal and Local 1:6-8

### AROUND THE TABLE

Why do people go to church? Read Colossians 1:4-6 (ESV). Looking at the verses, what does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to be a part of a Church? *Talk about what it means to "be the church," not just "go to church."* **Pray: Ask God to show your family what this means for you all!**



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**Weekly Memory Verses: Colossians 1:4-6 (ESV)**

Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the Word of the Truth, the Gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing- as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth...

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.

Nursery (0-36 months) .....	Room 108
Preschool A .....	Room 103
Preschool B .....	Room 101B
Kindergarten .....	Room 106
1st/2nd Grade .....	Room 104
3rd Grade .....	Room 102
4th/5th Grade .....	Youth Room
BRICK Bible Foundations (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 Quintin Legler

**Worship Music**

**Message** - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

**Worship Music**

**Benediction**

# COMING SOON!



Join us for the Quarterly Business Meeting where we'll give updates on the Pastor Search, talk about staffing changes, and have time for questions/comment and discussion with the congregation. Please submit your questions ahead of time to the church office. Join us online by going to [grefc.org/events/](http://grefc.org/events/) for the links.

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

Women's Cookbook Cookout// 6:00-8:00 pm/ Community Room  
Men's Group Study// 7:00-8:30 pm/ Room 106

## TUESDAY

Women's Morning Bible Study - 1st Peter// 9:00-10:00 am/ Emily Lindner's Home  
Pastor Search Team Meeting// 5:00 pm/ Pine Room  
Women's Bible Study - Seamless// 6:00 pm/ Room 106

# 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



Those interested in pursuing membership with GREFC are invited to sign up at the Welcome Center and take home a membership booklet. Read through and complete the booklet and bring your questions to the membership class where the group will discuss with the instructors.

# STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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## Board of Elders

Chris Brown	Quintin Legler
Larry Curtiss	Barry Pederson
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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:** Nate & Mandi Davis

**Missions:** Deeper Life Bible Camp

**Ministry:** Trisha Ranso - Young Adult Ministry

# LAST WEEK @ GREFC

## Attendance

9:00 am - 315	10:30 am - 141
Online - 19	Total - 475

## Giving

<b>Last Week Actual</b>	<b>Weekly Budget</b>
\$9,793.32	\$9,531.35
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
\$114,150.14	\$123,907.50



Online Giving



Events



Newsletter