

# STUDY QUESTIONS

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-15

1. Describe a major transition in your life (i.e. changing jobs, getting married, having children, graduating school, etc.). What did you have to do to “leave” your old life and embrace your “new” life?
2. Read Colossians 2:6-8. What ideas in these verses are commands to be done by you and which are done to you by Christ? Why is this important to know?
3. Read 1:19 and 2:9. What do these verses mean? And, specifically, what is the “filling” connection to 2:10?
4. Read 2:11-12, Galatians 6:15-16, and Romans 2:25-29. What is the difference between spiritual and physical circumcision? Why is it vital that believers are now “circumcised in Christ” instead of the flesh? How does believing in Christ make you “cut off” your old life?
5. Read 2:13-15. How is Christ’s death and resurrection applied to the believer? How does the imagery here impact you?
6. How does Colossians 2:9-15 root, build up, and establish us in the faith (2:6-7)? What does it look like in your life to have these define us instead of the “philosophies and traditions” in 2:8?

## AROUND THE TABLE

When we do bad things, who do we hurt? And when we sin, who do we hurt? Read Colossians 2:13-15. What did Jesus do to our sins? What does this mean for us now?

**Pray: Thank Jesus for paying for, cancelling, and forgiving your sins as a family tonight!**



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# MESSAGE NOTES

**Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #6**  
**Sermon: New Life Established by Christ**  
**Scripture: Colossians 2:6-15**

Think about it:

Spiritually Anchored by Christ (2:6-8)

Relationally Cleansed by Christ (2:9-12)

Openly Cleared by Christ (2:13-15)

**Weekly Memory Verses: Colossians 2:13-14 (ESV)**  
**And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.**

May 12, 2024

# COLOSSIANS

## A CHURCH ALIVE IN CHRIST



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 Larry Curtiss

**Worship Music**

**Interlude:** Lisa Mrnak - Financial Secretary

**Message** - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

**Worship Music**

**Benediction**

## COMING SOON!



Grandkids and grandparents, and everyone in between, are invited for a picnic at Tioga Beach park on Sunday, June 2nd, anytime between 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair. Bring your grandkids or be a surrogate grandparent for kids who don't have any in the area. Families are welcome, too.

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

Mother's Day Photo Station// after Each Service/ Foyer

### TUESDAY

Pastor Search Team Meeting// 5:00 pm/ Pine Room

### WEDNESDAY

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner// 5:00-7:00 pm/ Worship Center

### THURSDAY

AM Preschool Spring Program// 10:30 am/ Community Room

PM Preschool Spring Program// 1:30 pm/ Community Room

## EACH WEEK

### SUNDAYS

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

### TUESDAYS:

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

### THURSDAYS:

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



Women are encouraged to get outside, get some exercise and connect with other women every Wednesday from 5:00-6:00 pm for a walk on the Mesabi Bike Trail. The walks will start on June 5th and every week throughout the summer until August 21st!

## 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:** Waldy & Maureen Duester

**Missions:** Chris & Kelly McMichael -

African Inland Mission

**Ministry:** Dan Sandeen - Worship Ministry

## LAST WEEK @ GREFC

### Attendance

9:00 am - 211                      10:30 am - 113

Online - 13                      Total - 337

### Giving

Last Week Actual      Weekly Budget

\$22,677.00                      \$9,531.35

YTD Actual                      YTD Budget

\$177,417.48                      \$171,564.23



Online Giving



Events



Newsletter