

# STUDY QUESTIONS

1. When you were growing up, how did people define "maturity?" Were you considered mature or immature? How do you think that has changed now?
2. Review Colossians 1:23-2:2. Why does Paul say that he suffers, toils, and struggles? What is his desire? (1:28, 2:2)
3. In 2:1, who does Paul include in his intended audience? How should that affect our ministry focus, even today?
4. Read 2:2. What 3 things does Paul specifically want to see in his maturing churches? How are they interconnected?
5. Read 2:2-3 Paul uses 4 different words to describes understanding, knowing, and wisdom- what are the differences? How do they all access the "treasures hidden in Christ" in different ways?
6. Read 2:4-7. What "plausible arguments" have you heard or seen twist people away from Jesus Christ? According to Paul, what keeps us "firm in Christ?"
7. How do v.4-7 all go together? Why do people often separate them? How do you think 2:6-7 summarizes 1:1-2:5? What are your biggest take aways?

# AROUND THE TABLE

What do you think it means to be immature? What about mature? What might it mean to be a mature believer in Jesus? Read Colossians 1:28-2:7. What things does Paul say will make someone Mature in Christ?

**Pray: Discuss and pray about how your family can "root and build each other up"!**



    
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# MESSAGE NOTES

**Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #5**  
**Sermon: Being Made Mature in Christ**  
**Scripture: Colossians 2:1-7**

Think about it:

To Be Called, Bonded, and Assured 2:1-2

To Be Understanding, Knowing, and Wise 2:2-3

To Be Discerning, Established, Built Up, and Thankful 2:4-7

**Weekly Memory Verses: Colossians 2:1-2 (ESV)**

**For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ.**

May 5, 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 Chris Brown

**Worship Music**

**Interlude:** New Beginnings - Rachel VanDrunen

**Message** - Lead Pastor Micah Labovitch

**Worship Music**

**Benediction**

## COMING SOON!



May 19th is the last night of Youth Groups for the year. We invite 5th graders to join the Jr. High Youth Group that night and for 8th graders to join the Sr. High Youth Group. The night will start with a meal at 5:30 pm, followed by Olympic-themed games. Come to hear about what's happening this summer, 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

New Faces Lunch// 12:00-1:30 pm/ Room 106

### MONDAY

Blood Drive// 11:00 am-6:00 pm/ GREFC Parking Lot  
Children's Ministry Open Leadership Meeting// 6:00 pm/ Pine Room

### TUESDAY

Better Together// 10:00 am-12:00 pm/ Room 106  
Elder Board Meeting// 6:00 pm/ Pine Room  
Women's Bible Study - Seamless// 6:00 pm/ Room 106

### WEDNESDAY

Family Night// 6:00-7:15 pm/ GREFC Parking Lot

## 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 - **LAST**  
**WEDNESDAYS:** Kid Groups// 6:15 pm/ Various Rooms - **LAST**  
**THURSDAYS:** Women's Bible Study Fellowship// 6:00 pm/ - **LAST**  
**THURSDAYS:** Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



All women, along with daughters, sisters, aunts, moms, and friends are invited to the second annual Ladies Memorial Brunch on Saturday, May 25th. If you'd like to contribute to the brunch meal, please sign up with what you're bringing. Otherwise simply show up that morning for a devotion, prayer and socializing.

## STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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### Board of Elders

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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:** Don Dorholt

**Missions:** Brent & Diane Johnson - Camp Forest Springs

**Ministry:** Alissa Sandeen - Children's Ministry

## LAST WEEK @ GREFC

### Attendance

<b>9:00 am</b> - 228	<b>10:30 am</b> - 93
<b>Online</b> - 23	<b>Total</b> - 344

### Giving

<b>Last Week Actual</b>	<b>Weekly Budget</b>
\$5,312.00	\$9,531.35
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
\$154,740.48	\$162,032.88



Online Giving



Events



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