

# STUDY NOTES

Scripture: Colossians 4:7-9, Philemon 1-25

Have you ever found it easy to "be a Christian" with certain people / places but not your closest relationships? Give examples. Why do we do that?

Read Col. 4:7-9. Why did Paul send these two men? Read Philemon 1-25. What was the deeper reason that Paul sent Onesimus?

Look at Philemon 1-7 again. What kind of man was Philemon? What was his role in the church? Why was Paul encouraged? How does this intro parallel with Colossians 1?

Look at Philemon 8-16. From the text, what is the story going on here? What pieces of the story are we missing? What has happened in Onesimus' life and why is Paul getting involved? What elements from Colossians seem to be present in all this?

Look at Philemon 17-25. Why is Paul's request- and his involvement- surprising? How does Paul look like Jesus in all of this? How do Colossians 3 and 4 echo in this text?




What people speak into your life like Paul does here? Who could you ask to do it?

# AROUND THE TABLE

Have you ever found it hard to forgive someone? Why? Read Col 3:12-13. What has God forgiven you for in your life? How does this give us the power & ability to forgive others?

Pray: Thank God for the things he has forgiven you for and ask for help to forgive!



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# MESSAGE NOTES

Colossians: A Church Alive in Christ #13

Sermon: Gospel Grace in action

Scripture: Colossians 4:7-9; Philemon 1-25

Think about it:

**Gospel Grace Encouraged (Colossians 4:7-9, Philemon 1-7)**

**Gospel Grace Exhibited (Philemon 8-16)**

**Gospel Grace Exhorted (Philemon 17-25)**

Scripture Memory Verses Philemon 1:17-18 ESV:

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.

June 30, 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 @ 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. Pathfinders kids start in the Worship Center with their families and are dismissed to classes after the 3-song worship set.

- Nursery** (0-36 months) ..... Room 108
- Preschoolers** (ages 3-4)..... Room 106
- K/1st Grade** ..... Room 101B

Summer Pathfinders classes are for kids ages 3-1st Grade in June and July at 9:00 am. Full Pathfinders classes through 5th grade and BRICK Bible Foundations for grades 6-7 will resume in the fall.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Announcements & Prayer** - Elder Larry Curtiss

**Worship Music**

**Message** - Micah Labovitch, Lead Pastor

**Worship Music**

**Benediction**

# COMING SOON!



Last fall, the elders narrowed down a set of core values that defines us and is the foundation, the roots, of everything we do. Starting on July 14, we'll embark on a sermon series that will expound on each of the values. Join us and invite others to hear about our Core Values.

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

Better Together Garden Tours// 11:00 am-2:00 pm/ Various Homes

## TUESDAY

Elder Board Meeting// 6:00 pm/ Pine Room

## THURSDAY

Church Office Closed

# EACH WEEK [Visit grefc.org/events/](http://grefc.org/events/) for schedules!

- MONDAYS:** Men's Church Softball League/ 6:00-10:00 pm/ Portage Park
- TUESDAYS:** Young Adult Ultimate Frisbee// 6:30 pm/ Fairgrounds
- WEDNESDAYS:** Summer Family Park Dates// 9:00 am-Noon/ Various Parks
- WEDNESDAYS:** Women's Wednesday Walks// 5:00-6:00 pm/ Mesabi Bike Trail
- WEDNESDAYS:** Men's Wednesday Pickleball// 5:00-6:00 pm/ YMCA
- WEDNESDAYS:** Allies Summer Games// 5:30-7:30 pm pm/ Various Locations
- THURSDAYS:** Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



Join other women on Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 at the Sugar Lake Landing for a Float day. Bring something to float on if you have it. Please sign up at the Welcome Center, and for those who have no floating device, please indicate that so they know how many they need to accommodate.

# STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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## Board of Elders

Chris Brown	Quintin Legler
Larry Curtiss	Barry Pederson
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## 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:** Mike & Nikki Gebhart

**Missions:** Andy & Jen Abramson - elementum

**Ministry:** Joyce Sjostrand - Welcome Team, MidWeek Meals Team

# LAST WEEK @ GREFC

## Attendance

**9:00 am** - 230      **10:30 am** - 90

**Online** - 12      **Total** - 332

## Giving

**Last Week Actual**      **Weekly Budget**

\$3,949.73      \$9,531.35

**YTD Actual**      **YTD Budget**

\$227,264.67      \$238,283.65

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