

STUDY NOTES

Scripture: 1st and 2nd Peter

Tell about a time when you were growing closer to God. What made it distinct? Now tell about a time when you were stagnant or slipping away in your faith. What was different? What have you found helps you stay in a growing relationship with Jesus?

Read 1 Peter 1:8-9, 14-16, 22-25. Why do you think love and obedience come “hand in hand” in a growing relationship with God? Can it be easy to drift towards just one or the other- and what’s the danger?

Read 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-12, 3:8-12. What do you think is the “spiritual milk” that Peter is talking about? Why do you think he talks about this type of maturity in the context of our Church community, purpose & unity?

Read 1 Pet 3:13-18, 4:1-7. How can suffering be a strong witness to the world for Jesus?




Read 1 Pet. 4:8-11, 5:5-11. Why is a humble heart critical to serving Christ rightly?
Read 2 Peter 1:5-11, 3:10-14. Does this sound like you? In what ways can you grow more intentionally as you wait for Jesus?

AROUND THE TABLE

Read 2 Peter 1:5-11. Does this sound like our family? How so- or how does it not? What are some ways that we can become more like this description of a believing community?

Pray: Ask God to transform your family and make you all more like Jesus together each day.



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MESSAGE NOTES

Core Value #4: Our Growth

Sermon: We Value When You Grow Closer to Jesus

Scriptures: 1st and 2nd Peter

Growing in Love & Obedience (1 Pet. 1:8-9, 14-16, 22-25)

Growing in Maturity & Unity (1 Pet 2:1-5, 9-12; 3:8-12)

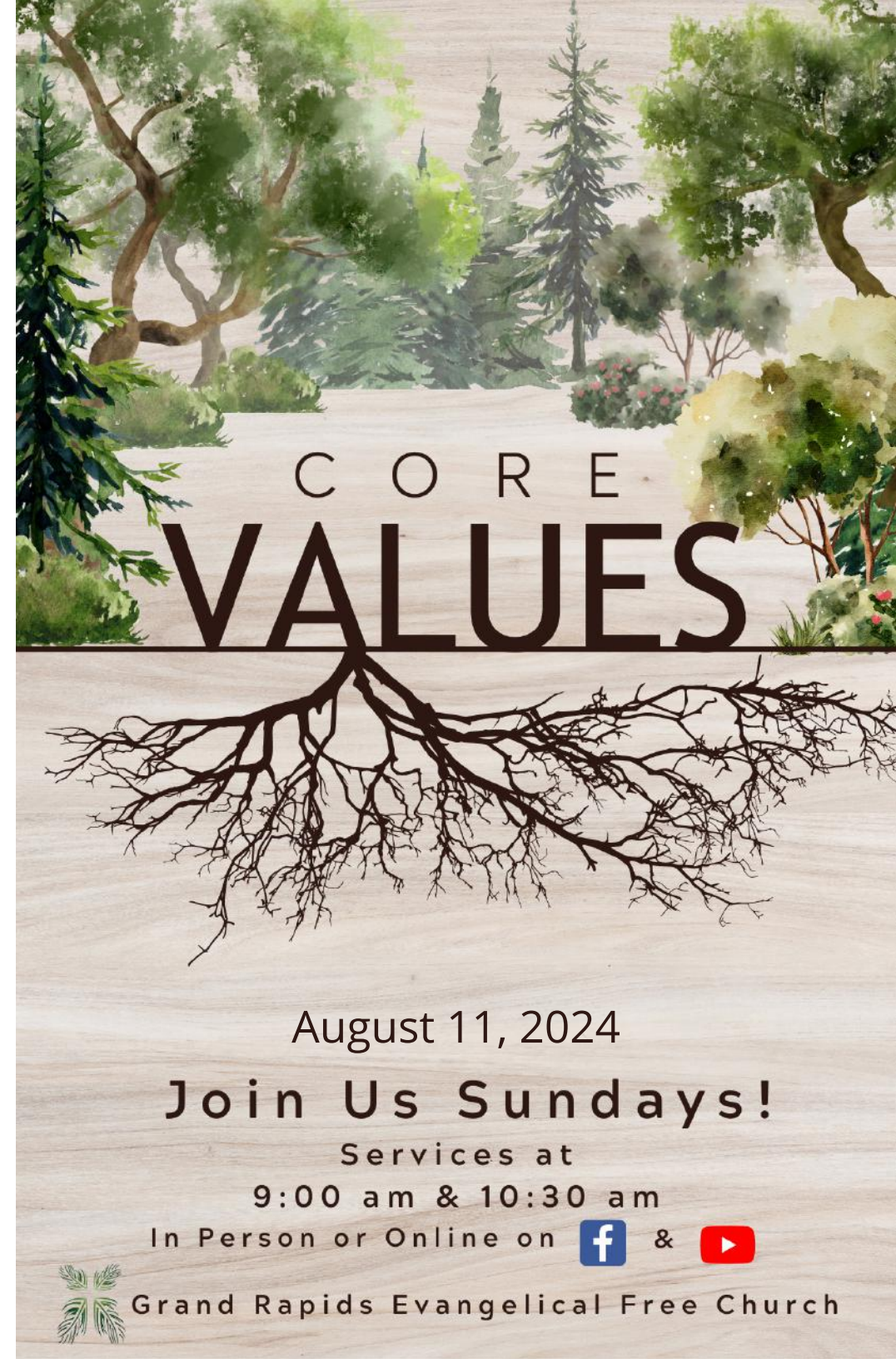
Growing in Suffering & Witness (1 Pet 3:13-18, 4:1-7)

Growing in Service & Humility (1 Pet. 4:8-11, 5:5-11)

Growing in Fruitfulness & Diligence (2 Pet. 1:5-11, 3:10-14)

Scripture Memory Verses: 2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, Beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.





CORE VALUES


August 11, 2024

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

There are no Pathfinders classes in August.
Regular Pathfinders classes will resume September 8th.

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 Chris Brown

Worship Music

Interlude: Vickie Azure - Better Together

Message - Micah Labovitch, Lead Paster

Worship Music

Benediction

COMING SOON!



Next Sunday you'll have a chance to peruse all the ministries and their volunteer needs for for the coming year after each service in the Community Room. Then stick around for pizza and a project work day. Please sign up so we know how much food to order and be sure to bring work clothes!

*For more details on any event, visit grefc.org/events/
Register for events at the Welcome Center or at grefc.org/register/*

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY

Community Big Band Concert & Lunch// 12:00 pm/ Worship Center



EACH WEEK

Visit grefc.org/events for schedules!

- MONDAYS:** Men's Church Softball League/ 6:00-10:00 pm/ Portage Park
TUESDAYS: Young Adult Ice Cream Social / 7:00 pm / Nelson's home
WEDNESDAYS: Summer Family Park Dates// 9:00 am-Noon/ Various Parks
THURSDAYS: Worship Team Practice// 7:00 pm/ Worship Center



All women are invited to the last Summer Social on Thursday, August 22nd. Bring a lawn chair, your own beverage, and an appetizer or treat to share, then sit back and enjoy a bonfire on the shores of beautiful Prairie Lake at the Bordner's home while getting to know other women better.

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Pray With Us For...

Family: Nate & Allison Geisler

Missions: Itasca Youth for Christ

Ministry: Eric Sutherland - MidWeek Meals Team

LAST WEEK @ GREFC

Attendance

9:00 am 146 **10:30 am** 108

Online 15 **Total** 269

Giving

Last Week Actual **Weekly Budget**

\$10,741.73 \$9,531.35

YTD Actual **YTD Budget**

\$276,110.65 \$295,471.73

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