

OUR CREDO

We value the GRACE of God announced in the GOSPEL, given in LOVE, celebrated in WORSHIP, promoted in PRAYER, taught in SCRIPTURE, extended in SERVICE, and supported in GIVING.

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GenMin Connection..... <http://genmin.blogspot.com>
It Looks Like This Blog..... <http://gci-usa.blogspot.com>

LIVING GRACE FELLOWSHIP

A congregation of Grace Communion International

*Glorifying Jesus by being a life-giving church,
living and sharing God's love and grace.*



Sunday, January 29, 2012

**“Journeying with Jesus Toward Transformation” (#1)
-What Does a Transformational Church Look Like?-**

Sermon by Pastor Ray Meyer

**Worship with us Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
at Whitefield Academy
8929 Holmes, Kansas City, MO**

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GREETINGS FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

Welcome to Living Grace Fellowship, a congregation of Grace Communion International! To first time guests, we extend a special welcome. We are committed to preaching the gospel, walking in the footsteps of Jesus, and being a “life-giving church.” With the help of God, we strive to live by Christ’s teachings and be led by the Holy Spirit. We hope the worship service is enjoyable & profitable for you.

TODAY’S SERVICE

Welcome/Announcements/Opening Prayer	Pastor Ray Meyer
Worship Leader	Jack Zvorak
Worship Set	
Madagascar Orphanage Update	Janice Bass
Intercessory Prayer	Martin Koenig
Offering	Martin Koenig
Youth Corner	Martin Koenig
Worship Song	
Sermon:	Pastor Ray Meyer
“Journeying with Jesus Toward Transformation (#1)”	
-What Does a Transformational Church Look Like?-	
Closing Song	
Benediction	

Ephesians 4:11-12

¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Prayer Corner

Rita Caskey fell and broke her hip Thursday night and is currently in St. Luke’s Hospital on the Plaza. She will need surgery, but will have to wait until her thyroid level increases. Please pray for God’s healing touch.

Melissa Kasunic-----cancer
Jason & Julie Frantz-----sale of their home
Barbara Castro ----- leaking heart valves
Beverly Johnson -----injured shoulder and arm
Dorothy Fried -----problems with kidney function
Edith Douglas (shut-in)-----loss of eyesight and mobility
Richard Eakright----- emphysema
Ethel L’Hommedieu -----nursing home--complications from a broken hip
Kim Kissell ----- cancer of the bone marrow
Dick Mann ----- prostate cancer
Stuart Roberts ----- prostate troubles
Ray Simmons-----needs a liver transplant
Charles Smith ----- glaucoma
Suzanne Sullenger----- complex regional pain syndrome, back pain, TMJ

Prayer is....

Prayer is instinctive to the Christian.

- We should have the habit of praying without hesitation or question.

Prayer is natural to the Christian experience.

- The main way we can help one another in prayer is to set the example of a praying life and to exhort one another to do the same.

Prayer is dialogue.

- We need silence and meditation in our prayer time. We need a still heart to know God’s presence.

Prayer is accompanied with obedience.

- Prayer is obedience and requires obedience. If we are not praying, we are not obedient and if we are not obedient, then our praying will be in vain.

Prayer’s answer involves waiting, isolation, and fasting.

- Out of our secret prayer life we can expect the presence of God in our corporate prayer life and the power of God to be manifest in our service.

Prayer is how we know God’s will.

- As we pray, we learn the will of God.

Prayer is no contradiction to election and sovereignty.

- Prayer is God’s decreed means to accomplish His purposes. We go and preach the Gospel because God has a plan, and that includes our praying.

Prayer results in being filled with the Holy Spirit.

- We do not fill ourselves. God fills us as we pray and abide in Him.

Prayer is a means to produce change.

- Prayer is a change that produces change.

Prayer produces growth & effectiveness.

- Jesus is the Vine – we are the branches, and Jesus bears fruit in us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR-END RECEIPTS: Year-end contribution receipts have been mailed. If you have not received yours or there is any discrepancy, please contact our treasurer, Shirley Everman. Thank you for your generous support!

FEBRUARY-- MONTH OF PRAYR & FASTING: Our tradition for quite some time has been to designate February as a month of prayer and fasting. We have always been blessed as a result, and we will do so again this year. Communion will also be offered on February 5. You are invited to participate in this month of special communion with God to seek His face and will.

WOMEN OF VIRTUE CONFERENCE: The WOV conference will be held on February 3-4 at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe. See the flyer on the bulletin board or our website for more details. These are always great conferences to attend.

HOME GROUPS: The Lee's Summit Home Group will meet on February 3 and 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Shirley Everman, and the Shawnee Home Group will meet on February 15 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Koenig's home. This is a great way to grow spiritually. All are welcome.

TRINITARIAN THEOLOGY CLASS: Our next Trinitarian Theology class will be held on February 18 at the Corinth Library, 8100 Mission Rd. in Prairie Village, KS from 10 a.m. till noon. This is a great opportunity to learn. Plan now to attend.

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S MINISTRY: Women's Ministry will meet following services on February 26. Sarah Koenig will serve as hostess and will summarize the TCAT survey and what it means on our journey forward. Men's Ministry will also meet following services and will view a Transformational Church video and discuss it. These meetings are great opportunities for fellowship and discipleship. Plan now to attend.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Adult Bible Class meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. Currently, we are studying the book of Ephesians. Join us for good fellowship and a stimulating learning experience!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Men's Fellowship meets every Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Overland Park Lutheran Church, 79th & Lowell in Overland Park, KS. All men are welcome to attend.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: When preparing your offering, please be sure to fill out the tab that is with the offering envelope. This helps greatly in processing your offering. Thank you! For envelopes, see an usher or Tom Wempe or Perry Haden.

SPEAKING OF LIFE

with Dr. Joseph Tkach



“The Spirit of Truth”

When was the last time you received a letter in the mail? In this day of e-mails, Twitter and Facebook, most of us don't receive as many letters as we used to. But in the days before electronics, nearly all of our communication with the people who didn't live near us was by letter. It was, and still is a fairly easy process: some paper, something to write with, an envelope and a stamp.

However, in the days of the apostle Paul, writing a letter was not nearly as easy. Letters had to be written on papyrus, which was expensive and not available to most people. But papyrus is durable—it can survive indefinitely—as long as it doesn't get moist or wet. That made it perfect for writing important letters and documents.

Archaeologists have unearthed ancient trash heaps containing hundreds of documents that were written on papyrus—many written some 2000 years ago, during the time the apostle Paul and other epistle writers of the New Testament lived.

Among these documents are many private letters. These letters conform to a written style, exactly like what the apostle Paul used in his writing. Letters of that day always began with a greeting, followed by a prayer for the health of the recipients. Next, there was always a giving of thanks to the gods. Next came the particular contents of the letter with all the news and instructions, and finally a closing salutation and personal greetings to individuals.

If you look at any of Paul's letters, you will find that very pattern. The point is, Paul did not intend for his letters to be theological treatises or scientific essays. He was simply writing letters, like friends would write to each other. He wrote most of them to deal with an immediate problem occurring in the particular church he was writing to. Also, he didn't have a nice quiet office or study where he could sit down and ponder over each word, to say everything just right. He would hear of a crisis in one of the churches and write or dictate a letter to deal with it.

He was not thinking about us or about our problems when he wrote; he was thinking about the people he was writing to and their immediate problems or questions. He was not trying to go down in history as a great writer of theology; he was just writing letters to help a group of people he loved and cared about. Paul never had a thought that someday people would look at his letters as Holy Scripture.

Yet, God took Paul's very human letters and redeemed them; using them to speak to Christians everywhere, including us today, about the very same kinds of troubles and crises that have faced the church throughout the centuries.

Consider this: Just as God can take ordinary pastoral letters and gloriously transform them to convey the Good News of the gospel—both to the church and to the world—so God can take ordinary people like you and me and gloriously transform them, so that they might, in the power of Christ and through the Holy Spirit, be living testimonies to the Lord who has saved them.

I'm Joseph Tkach, speaking of LIFE.