

WAYS TO GIVE

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Last Week Giving
\$31,328.18
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\$351,692.80

NEED TO KNOW!

#1. Family BBQ

Get ready for Family BBQ & Baptism Night! The event is on Thur, June 30 at 5:30 PM. Join us outside in the Red Parking lot. We will have food and drinks, jumpies for the kids, baptisms, and VBS celebration. It will be fun for the whole family and it's free! Let us know you will be there or will be getting baptized.

#2. VBS Volunteers

VBS is getting closer and we have over 200 kiddos signed up! We are doing an all call for volunteers! If you are a youth or an adult - join our team. Volunteers help with activities or act as tour guides for the kids. You can sign up to volunteer online and come to a meeting that is on Sunday the 12th at 6 PM in the Youth Room.

#3. Growth Track

There is another Growth Track class coming up on June 22 and this one is online only. It's Wed, June 22 at 6 PM. At Growth track you will learn all the ins and outs of Grace, discover your own unique gifts, and how to get connected whether that is membership, finding a small group, or joining a Dream Team. Please RSVP on the website!

#4. Outreach Parades

This summer Grace will be part of 3 local parades. It will be a great way to love and meet our community. But we need lots of help!
First, sign up to be in a parade.
Second, you can donate cases of water.
All the dates and sign-ups are online!

Grace Fellowship Presents

AT THE MOVIES

JUNE 12 // WEEK 2 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. - Galatians 5:22-23

Joy is God's Design.

Hesed "An enduring covenant love"
Agape "Friendship community moral love"

God knows us.

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. - Psalm 139:1-3

Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. - Psalm 139:4-6

God is with us.

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, - Psalm 139:7-9

even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. - Psalm 139:10-12

God made us.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. - Psalm 139:13-15

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you. - Psalm 139:16-18

"God designed a complex network of neurological circuits to work together to help us stay relationally connected and attuned to each other. When these relational circuits are running as designed, we call this "Relational Mode." Our emotional and relational sensitivity is working and we look at life through a relational filter. We are emotionally attuned to other people and share their pain. In this mode our identity is stable and we spread joy and life to those around us." - Jim Wilder, *The Other Half of Church*

Joy is produced relationally.

"(1) Joy is primarily transmitted through the face (especially the eyes) and secondarily through voice. (2) Joy is relational. It is what we feel when we are with someone who is happy to be with us. Joy does not exist outside of a relationship. (3) Joy is important to God and to us." - Jim Wilder, *The Other Half of Church*

God's enduring joy is not dependent on our circumstances or happiness.

"Joy helps us regulate our emotions and endure suffering. Jesus refused to relinquish joy in the midst of His suffering on the cross. When we are able to stay relationally connected to others and God, we experience joy while we suffer. Joy does not remove our pain, but it gives us the strength to endure. Remember that joy is relational, so "joy in suffering" means that God and our community are glad to be with us in our distress. They do not allow us to suffer alone. We are able to bear our suffering like Jesus, "who for the joy set before Him endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2 NASB)." - Jim Wilder, *The Other Half of Church*

Ways joy is stifled

Isolating ourselves
Being disconnected from God

Be Intentional

**Seek out the community you need until you find it.
Be the community God intended.**