

A large, ancient tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage against a blue sky. The tree's trunk is dark brown and textured, with many roots extending from the base. The leaves are a vibrant green, and the sky is a clear, bright blue.

ESTABLISHED

A Study in Colossians

Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Call To Worship

[“A Mighty Fortress”](#)

Welcome & Announcements

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

Testimony of God's Work

[Psalm 121](#)

Nockels

HALO

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

[“Before The Throne Of God Above”](#)

Bancroft, Cook

[“All I Have Is Christ”](#)

Kauflin

Offering

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Pastor Mike Matheson

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

[“Soon”](#)

Benediction

Poore

Josh Poore

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

[Colossians 3:1-4](#) reminds us in this passage of what Christ's death and resurrection accomplished for us: (1) we died with him, (2) we have been raised with Christ, and (3) our lives are hidden with Christ in God. Since Christ has accomplished these things on our behalf, Paul is urging us to live our whole lives for him—for Christ is our life! He gives us clear instructions for (1) how to pursue maturity—seek and set your minds on the things above (3:1-2) and (2) what result comes from living in Christ—when Christ appears... you will appear with him in glory (3:4). Living lives that fully reflect Christ isn't easy, yet the result makes it worthwhile; we will be with Christ in glory!

Discussion Questions

1. “So heavenly minded that you're no earthly good.” What do you think about this statement? Is such a thing possible?
2. What are Paul's commands to us in this passage (vv. 1-2)? How well would you say you are doing at seeking and setting your mind to the things that are above?
3. What does it look like to “seek the things above”? Give some examples. What distracts you from the things that are above? What does it mean to “set your minds on things that are above”? What earthly things do you find your mindset on instead?
4. “... you have been raised with Christ...” (v. 1). “... you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (v. 3). What do Paul's statements teach us about our lives in Christ? How do these statements connect us to Christ's death and resurrection?
5. What steps can you take to grow in seeking and setting your mind on things above? What are ways we can help encourage one another in this? How can we become heavenly minded and be of great earthly value?

Local Partnerships

Get involved in people-focused service opportunities throughout the Racine community. The goal is simple: Engage our community, invest in others, and patiently, lovingly point them to Jesus.

HALO, Meal Maker Program

Local Partnership Leader: Paul Durbin
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HALO is a homeless assistance organization serving Racine County. As a meal maker participant, you will serve some of the most vulnerable people in our community. This is a fantastic opportunity for groups to serve others, build relationships, share the gospel, and make disciples. You are welcome to either prepare the meal ahead of time or cook in HALO's kitchen. Choose to serve one or both of HALO's resident groups (the men and/or the women and children). After preparing and serving your meal, stick around to eat with and invest in the residents.

- Serve the dinner meal on the 3rd Sunday each month
- Time: 4:00 pm - 6:15 pm
- Families welcome



Membership & Baptism Class

Put down roots, grow in your faith, become a part of the family! We'd love to have you join us in membership at Grace.

- Meets: Saturday, Oct 26, 9 am-Noon
- Next Baptism Opportunity: Sunday, November 10th
- Register at graceinracine.com

Harvest Outreach Food Drive

The annual Harvest Outreach Food Bank Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held on Sunday, November 3. You can pick up bags to fill on October 20th and 27th, after the service, in the commons. This year's goal is to exceed last year's donation amount of 2,655 pounds! The most needed non-perishables are the following: Mac and Cheese, Tuna and Hamburger Helper, Canned Pasta with Meat, Canned Fruit, and Boxed Cereal.

October Prayer Gathering

Sunday, October 27th, 5:05 pm

Join us at 5:05 pm for a meal, followed by prayer time in the sanctuary.

Meal: Soup Night! You bring the soup, Grace will provide bread & salad.

What to bring: A pot of your favorite soup! Please bring soup already warm.

Prefer to bake? Sign-up on the post in Realm to bring cookies or email

Melisa: msscott@graceinracine.com!

[Need 3 more people to each bring two dozen cookies]

We are aware that there is a 7:20 pm Packer game that night, but we've planned ahead. Stay after and we'll watch the game together.

Village Creek Bible Camp Fall

Retreats (details at villagecreek.net)

Scrapbooking & Crafting: Nov 1-3

Dad & Daughter: Nov 8-10

Couples Retreat: Nov 15-17

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Joan Kotes, Sandra Fitch

On the passing of Vern Jump, we extend love, sympathy, and prayers to his friends and family.

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayer to Jim Himsel on the passing of his grandson, Matthew.

On the passing of Erineo Hernandez, we extend our sympathies to his sister, Lenora Lichtenwalner

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 502 Children's Ministry Attendance: 100

Giving: Last Week: \$18,293 YTD: \$1,249,466 +/- Budget: -\$65,813