

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

[“Who You Say I Am”](#)

Welcome & Announcements

Child Dedications

[1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

Fielding, Morgan

Josh Poore, Director of Worship Arts

Pastor Mike Matheson

RENEWAL

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

[“O Praise The Name”](#)

[“Holy Spirit”](#)

Offering

Hastings, Ussher, Sampson

Getty, Townend

PROCLAMATION

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

Reading of the Word

[Colossians 3:5-11](#)

Amos Beernink

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

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

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

[“Christ Is Risen”](#)

Benediction

Pastor Mike Matheson

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Fields, Maher

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.

Last week ([Col 3:1-4](#)) Paul urged us to focus on Christ, with whom we have died and have been raised to new life, which Christ himself is holding securely for us in heaven until he returns. Does that mean it doesn't matter how we live now? Absolutely not. This week (and next) Paul tells us what it looks like to live the life we have in Christ in the here and now. That requires both actively putting off (killing!) our old nature ([3:5-8](#)) and living in the truth of who we are now ([3:9-11](#)). In other words, through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we have been given entirely new identities—let's live like it!

Discussion Questions

1. What is a moment or memory from your past that you reflect on with great fondness? Why do we find it tempting to dwell so much on the past? How can this affect the way we see our present life?
2. Paul lists in Colossians 3:5 and 3:8 several sinful behaviors that we are to put to death and put away. How is continuing in these behaviors harmful to us as individuals? How is continuing in these harmful for us as a church community?
3. Some put to death sinful behaviors because they fear God's wrath. How does the gospel teach us differently about God's wrath? How does Christ make it possible for us to put sin to death?
4. How does continuing in our sinful ways go against our new identity in Christ? Why should we pursue to be renewed as we grow in Christ? What steps can we take to more fully live out our new identity in Christ?
5. “Jesus's death and resurrection have already secured my salvation. It doesn't matter how I live!” What would you say to a Christian with this kind of attitude and approach to the Christian life? How might Colossians 3:5-11 help change their mind?

Holiday Drives

Stop by the table in the commons today to pick up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox or a paper bag for food collection.

Harvest Outreach Food Drive

Return bags: November 3rd

Food Pantry Needs:

- Mac and Cheese
- Tuna and Hamburger Helper
- Canned Pasta with Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Boxed Cereal

Operation Christmas Child

Return boxes: November 24th

- A "Wow" Item
- Personal Care Items
- Clothing & Accessories
- Crafts & Activities
- Toys
- A Personal Note



Village Creek Bible Camp News

Village Creek Bible Camp is located in northeast Iowa's beautiful Bluff Country just a few miles west of the Mississippi River and offers wide variety of camps and retreats. Learn more about camps, retreats, and the history of Village Creek at villagecreek.net. Find brochures at the Info Center as well.

Dad & Daughter Retreat: November 8 - 10, 2019

Just ask veteran attendees Glenn Schultz & Paul Durbin and they will share with you how beneficial the time spent with their daughters at this weekend retreat has been for them and their relationships with their daughters. Dads and Daughters of all ages will enjoy this incredible opportunity to hear God's Word and encounter Jesus Christ. Consider bringing your daughter, a niece, or a granddaughter - what a great way to pour into their lives in a fun, interactive way.

Fall Couples Retreat: November 15 - 17, 2019

A weekend away for couples! Hang out by the fireplace or take a walk together... go for a trail ride, or play airsoft... there are many options for this weekend!

October Prayer Gathering

TODAY! 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 warm pot of your favorite soup. Join us for the meal even if you don't bring soup. Stay after to watch the Packer game with us in the commons.

Opportunity to Serve

Need: 2 - 3 Childcare volunteers on Tuesday during Parent Life & Radiate (A study group for women introduced to Grace through our Local Partnerships) When: Tuesdays, 5:45pm - 7:15pm How Often: As often or as little as you are able.

A Note of Thanks

Grace Church Family, thanks for being the Body in your reflections of love and care in the recent homegoing of my mother, Yvonne Lombard. Each expression was truly appreciated. ~Dawn and Mike Swaney

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Tom Seager, Barb Bialecki, Jim Boomsma

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift you up to the Lord.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 552 Children's Ministry Attendance: 99

Giving: Last Week: \$52,630 YTD: \$1,302,096 +/- Budget: -\$40,472

The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference

June 11-13, 2020

The Gospel Coalition Conference is a conference for women but all about God! Register before Nov. 1 for early bird pricing.

Learn more and register:

thegospelcoalition.org/tgcw20/

Info also available at the Info Center or just stop and talk to Rachel Menke.

Willing Wheels

If you are someone who is willing to provide transportation if a need arises in your neighborhood please join the Willing Wheels group in Realm. We will post needs as they arise and information on how to connect with the individual(s) who have a need.

To join simply:

1. Log into Realm.
2. Community > Groups > Find Groups
3. Click on Service
4. Select Willing Wheels.
5. Click Join Group, then click Send Request.