

# Grace Evangelical Church

Welcome to our Family

December 24, 2017

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*

Luke 2:13, 14

## This Morning: "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men"

Senior Pastor: Darrell Jones                      Administrative Pastor: Chris Olson  
Counseling/Care Pastor: Dennis Jennings    Young Adult/Families Pastor: Ken Maxey  
Senior Ministries Pastor: Dave Ernst            Children's Pastor: Dan Blakely  
Discipleship Pastor: Jason Davis                Youth Pastor: Nick Pierce  
Worship Leaders: Phil Magana & Jeremy Sharp

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday**    7:30am .....Pre-Service Prayer in Room 206  
              8:00am .....Worship Service and Children's Sunday School  
              9:30am .....Worship Service and Children's Church  
              11:00am .....Worship Service and Children's Sunday School  
              10:00pm .....Candlelight Communion Service

**Monday**    *Merry Christmas* (Church Office Closed)

**Wednesday** 6:30pm .....NO Children's and Youth Ministry at Grace

**Thursday** 12:00pm .....Prayer in the Library  
              1:00pm .....ReSet to Winter Retreat in KC returning on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
              6:30pm .....Prayer in the ReSet Room

**Friday**    6:00am .....Early Morning Prayer by the Fireplace



**Morning Worship 8:00am; 9:30am; 11:00am**  
**(Sunday School Classes will not meet)**  
**10:00pm Candlelight Communion Service**

Come celebrate the Birth of the King with worship, praise, and Holy Communion amid the soft glow of candlelight in the sanctuary.

Please be aware, no nursery or childcare is being provided for the 10pm service.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GRACE

Enjoy the 2018 scripture calendar, available in the lobby, as our gift to you. (One per family, please.)

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT GRACE

**Sunday evening, December 31<sup>st</sup>**, we invite you to start your New Year's Eve celebrations by asking the Lord to be part of them. For an hour or so, starting at **6:00pm**, we will be holding a prayer and communion service at the church. We encourage everyone to join us as we come together and pray for a spiritual awakening in the body of Christ for 2018. We will spend time praying for personal needs and interceding for others, asking for forgiveness and repentance, as well as worshipping the Lord and spending time in personal communion with Him. Following this prayer time, we encourage you to spend the rest of your evening celebrating as you wish with friends and family. But at 11:45pm, Pastor Darrell would like to join your party and spend the last few minutes of 2017 praying with you. Please join him on **Facebook at 11:45pm** by *liking Grace Evangelical Church on Facebook*, and let's pray in the New Year together!

## MARRIAGE GETAWAY

We have four seasonal Marriage Getaways planned for 2018. Registration is closed for the Winter Getaway, but the Spring Getaway is open now. It will be held **April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Lied Lodge**, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. The cost per couple is \$335, with \$100 deposit due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in this trip, pick up a brochure at the information desk. Fill out the registration page and return it to the church office or you may register and pay online.

## POINSETTIAS

Thank you for filling the sanctuary with the beautiful poinsettias given in memory of your loved ones. If you purchased a poinsettia plant, you may take it home with you after the Candlelight Communion Service tonight.

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications from Grace college students for the Spring 2018 semester. If you are a new applicant, forms and scholarship guidelines are available at the information desk. For *returning students*, please bring a copy of your current grades to the church office or email them to [susan@graceontheweb.org](mailto:susan@graceontheweb.org). Grades and scholarship applications are due by **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Our Memorial Scholarship Fund is supported by memorial gifts and special donations, as well as Sunday school offerings. If you would like to give to this Fund, please mark your gift, *Scholarship Fund*.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT**

Who doesn't need a good laugh? Call your friends and join us **Friday evening, January 19<sup>th</sup>** here at Grace. We will be Laugh.ING and Play.ING to welcome the new year. At 6:30pm we will have a light meal followed by a fun evening of trivia. Also for your entertainment we will have several skits to lighten your spirits. Signups begin next Sunday.

## **YEAR-END GIVING**

If the Lord is leading you to give a special Christmas or year-end offering, please consider our *Missions Fund* and mark your offering accordingly. For tax exemption purposes, *all contributions must be delivered or mailed to the church by December 31<sup>st</sup> to be recorded on your 2017 contribution statement.*

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

If you have tried to call the church and not been able to get through or had a crazy screeching noise, we apologize. Our phone system is showing its age. We are currently looking to upgrade it, but it will take a few weeks. We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

## **MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF GRACE**

MSGers! (our over 50 crowd) Coming up on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm**, we will have our monthly potluck supper in the church lobby. Bring a dish or dessert or two to share. Then we will listen to testimonies from several who recently went to Houston to serve those affected by hurricane Harvey. You will be inspired by how they touched lives, and had their hearts changed, as well.

## **REPURPOSED EVENT**

Singles! (over 40) You know a great place to be on **Saturday, January 13?** ReSet room here at Grace! At **1:00 pm**, you will enjoy a fun activity to mix with others, and be blessed by the testimony of our own Pastor Nick Pierce. We will serve pie, ice cream, coffee and hot chocolate. C'mon...don't let the winter blues get to ya...come and be with your friends.