

MARCH 8, 2020 **NOTE FROM JONATHAN**

I want to express gratitude again for everyone here at Grace who is making a difference in the lives of countless people through consistent giving. Your charitable gifts enhance the ministry of Grace here and around the world. You've helped to start several new churches in the area, you've encouraged an urban church with their after-school programs, you've given toward hurricane relief and missions outreach, and much, much more!

Every gift at Grace helps to show the love of Jesus to people who matter to God.

There are many promises and principles in the Bible about giving, like Ezekiel 44:30. *"You are to give the first portion...so that a blessing may rest on your house."*

It's very easy for us to focus on ourselves and end up giving leftovers to God and his work. But according to the Bible, when God's people give leftovers and not "the first portion," they forfeit the blessing that's ready to "rest on their houses."

Another biblical tip about giving: "Now about the collection for the Lord's people...On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made" (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Biblical giving is regular, planned and proportionate to what God has provided in our income, rather than just when we feel prompted.

If you haven't prayerfully planned your giving, now would be a great time to ask the Lord about how he would have you to do that. Many at Grace give online, or through automatic withdrawal; if that sounds like a helpful option for you, check out gracecma.org/give

Thanks for trusting the Lord together as we seek to reach out in new ways, make a greater impact regionally and globally, pay off our mortgage, and be unhindered in the work God has called us to complete. I couldn't be more enthusiastic about Grace's future and couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to be a part of what God is doing! Thanks for your partnership.

UPCOMING

New Worship Album

We're excited to announce the release of Pastor Jim Pavkov's first worship album "Let Us Praise Him," available everywhere now! We pray it deeply encourages your praise of Jesus. Check it out on all digital platforms, and CD's will be at a table in the foyer.

New Sunday School Class

The Life of Paul - Lee Arnold

@ 11 AM | Olmsted Campus | Room 108

Class began last week but it is not too late to join. We will be reviewing the life of Paul in chronological order, from his early years in Tarsus, through his conversion, his missionary journeys, and his final years in a Roman prison.

New Wednesday Night Study Starts March 11

The Bible and the Future - Pastor Tom Sefik
@ 6:30 PM | Olmsted Campus | Room 108

This class will survey what the Bible teaches about physical death, the final judgment, the nature of heavenly rewards, our resurrection bodies, the joys of life in Heaven, the horrors of life in Hell, and how these awesome realities should impact our lives today. This class will zero in on our personal experience of the afterlife and how this knowledge enriches our spiritual lives here and now.

Forever Young (50+): "A Heart For The Unborn": March 14

5-8 PM | Middleburg Campus | Venue

The Cleveland Pregnancy Center has met the needs of women facing unplanned pregnancies since 1984. CPC director Bob Hershey, will be here to share about one of the biggest issues of our day and how we might help. Bring a generous main dish, side or salad. Dessert provided.

Cleveland Pregnancy Center Banquet:

April 21 | @ 7 PM | Michaud's Strongsville
(registration + silent auction @ 6 PM)

Join emcees Brian and Jannelle from WCRF at the CPC Banquet. Hear client stories of saved lives, babies and spiritually. David Williams will share his life's journey as a man, and abortion through redemption and restoration. Register by April 14 at bit.ly/cpcbanquet2020

CHILDREN

Grace Kids (Birth-5th grade)

We offer classes during all Sunday services and Wednesday night classes.

Our gifted teachers are privileged to partner with you as you invest in your children! Learn more: gracecma.org/grace-kids

STUDENTS

High School Trip: Envision Twin Cities

June 21-30. Registration Deadline Today!

Hey Teenagers! Join us for an amazing Experience and Missions Trip to Minneapolis/St. Paul MN this summer! Please talk to Pastor Josiah for more information. You can also pick up a flier on the Student Ministries bulletin board.
✉ josiah.stumbo@gracecma.org

Grace Student-Songwriter Concert: March 21 @ 7 PM | Olmsted Campus | Worship Center

Join us for an evening celebrating creativity, supporting student missions trips, and some really good music. Seasoned musicians from our community are teaming up with teen songwriters to put together an inspiring original performance. The evening will wrap-up with the first-ever live performance of original songs from Pastor Jim Pavkov's new album! Donations at the door will benefit Grace Student Missions trips. Contact
✉ josiah.stumbo@gracecma.org

Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Sundays @ 11:15 AM

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in Activity Center

Attention Middle Schoolers! Join us each week to make friends, play games, eat snacks and grow in your faith—all in one place! And as always, feel free to bring your friends.
✉ josiah.stumbo@gracecma.org

High School (Grades 9-12)

Sundays @ 6-8 PM in Activity Center

All High Schoolers are welcome! We play creative group games, laugh, learn about Jesus, and we're discovering the way to contagious abundant life together. You're always welcome to bring friends along with you!
✉ josiah.stumbo@gracecma.org

SMALL GROUPS

Looking for a small group? Many groups have openings. Check them out! gracecma.org/groups

WOMEN

The Gathering - Nature Hike: March 21 @ 10 AM | Rocky River Nature Center

Bring durable shoes & invite some friends along! Kids welcome too! Our hike will be roughly 1-1.5 mile loop and we'll end back at the Nature Center. Address: 24000 Valley Parkway North Olmsted, OH 44070

Ladies Latté...Connect Over Coffee: Tomorrow!

@ 7 PM | Middleburg Campus | Activity Center
Invite a friend and join us for Mary Schaeffer's message, "When Life Seems Unfair." Enjoy sweet fellowship over coffee, dessert, and roundtable discussion (\$4 at the door).
Childcare: elizabethrenee.wu@gmail.com
✉ joyce.meekins@gracecma.org

MUMs (Moms Uplifting Moms): March 12

@ 9:30 AM | Middleburg | Activity Center
Moms of all ages, please join us for a time of fellowship, brunch and more (\$4 cover charge). We will hear an inspiring message from Michelle Dubik.
Childcare is available for children of all ages.
✉ Carol Atkins - catkins9299@hotmail.com

Girlfriends! Book Club: March 14

@ 8:30 AM | Middleburg Campus | Room 211

Do you like to read and are looking for a way to connect with other women? Join the group this month to discuss, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.
✉ Sharon Margevicius - kroeder@prodigy.net

MEN

Strongsville Men's Church League Softball Signups: Today!

Signups will begin today March 8th in the lobby. Season is scheduled from early May through mid-August. Cost is \$65 per player. Limited spots available. ☐ Steve - (216) 798-0681

FAMILY

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Nasly Perkins and Lynn Domann for all their hard work putting together the Feast of Nations dinner. Thank you for your time, dedication, and service. Everything was wonderful.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Dementia Care Giver Support Group: Today!

@ Noon | Middleburg Campus | Room 211

If you are caring for someone with any type of memory loss, join us for prayer & encouragement.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

March 15 | @ 10 AM | Middleburg Campus

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Do you or someone you love struggle with mental illness? You are not alone! Join us for education, encouragement and support. Karen Jarr ☐ (440) 239-9423

WAYS TO SERVE

We Need Your Help!

We are in need of help in many areas of ministry. Please consider serving on a team even if it is for a short term during our launch period. Who knows, you might like it! If you would like to know more about serving opportunities, contact Pastor Neil ✉ olmsted.falls@gracecma.org

Easter Choir Rehearsals Start Today

After 2nd Service | Olmsted Campus | Rm 111

Calling all worshippers who love to sing to the Lord. You're invited to join in lifting up praises to our risen Savior by singing with our Easter choir. Contact Kathy Nichols for more details.
✉ kathy.nichols@gracecma.org

Weekly Prayer Meeting: Thursdays

@ 7-8 PM | Olmsted Campus | Room 108

All are welcome to join as we pray for our church, community, and for our world.

WELCOME TO GRACE!

SUNDAYS

9:15 AM • 11 AM

New to Grace Church?

Visting Grace Church for the first time? Welcome! Please stop by the Welcome desk in the lobby. We want to say hello and we have a small gift for you.

We hope that you have a personal encounter with Jesus today through worship and the Word!

Our worship is comprised of different musical styles: classic hymns and new songs from churches around the world. Some weeks we introduce creative elements like art or dance in our services to help you experience God in a fresh way.

EXPLORE OUR MINISTRIES

Ministries for children, students, young adults, men and women, senior adults, and more are gathering each week. Visit gracecma.org to see where you can connect and grow with others!

COFFEE AND PASTRIES

We would love to have you join us after the service for a cup of coffee. It is a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet others that are part of our Grace family.

CHURCH CENTER APP

This app is a great way to view events for our church, join groups, give, and check-in your children to their classes. If you previously were signed in under Hope, log out and then search Grace Church Olmsted Falls.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you'd like to be included on the prayer letter distribution list, have prayer requests, praise reports, or active military family member we need to pray for, email
✉ olmsted.falls@gracecma.org

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WORSHIP BAND AUDITIONS

THIS TUESDAY

Do you have a heart for worship and playing an instrument? The Worship Ministry is having adult band auditions!

Schedule your audition in advance:
robin.walters@gracecma.org



RENEW THE CITY SERVICE PROJECT

APRIL 4

Come serve with the Grace WeServeTeam and Envision Cleveland on the day-long service project on 4/4! Next Sunday is the registration deadline to get a t-shirt. Deadline for all other registrations is 4/1.

Register online and learn more:
bit.ly/renewcle2020



LEADING A SMALL GROUP

SERVE OPPORTUNITY

Is God calling you to minister to others at Grace? Consider leading a small group. We want to meet with you and tell you more about how you can lead a small group.

Sign up: bit.ly/icanlead2020