

MARCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <b>1</b>	14	15	16	17	18 <b>2</b>	19 <b>3</b>
20 <b>4</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <b>5</b>	28	29	30	31	1	2

- - Thursday Prayer at Noon
- - The Gathering
- 1** - Baptism
- 2** - Alternatives Auction
- 3** - Parent's Night Out
- 4** - Start of THRIVE
- - Sunday School on Ephesians
- 5** - First Step Class

APRIL						
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- 1** - Blended and Blessed Conference
- - Sunday School on Ephesians
- - The Gathering
- - Thursday Prayer at Noon
- 2** - Good Friday Service
- 3** - The Great Easter Adventure
- 4** - Easter
- 5** - gsYOUTH Auction
- 6** - Richland Clean Up

**BOOKS**

Good Grief  
Granger E. Westberg

Until Unity  
Francis Chan

Try Softer  
Aundi Kolber

**BOOKS FOR KIDS**

The Invisible String  
Patrice Karst

When Dinosaurs Die  
Laurie Krasny Brown & Marc Brown

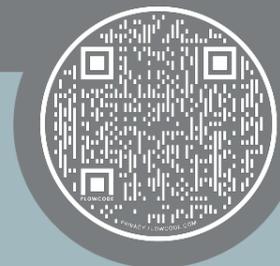
**PODCASTS**

Bible Project

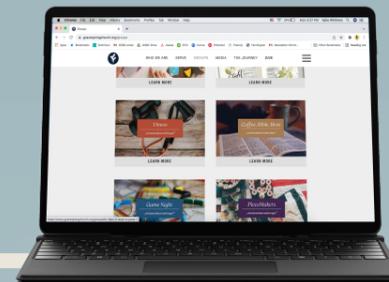
Glorious in the Mundane

Solid Joys Daily Devotional

**GROUPS**



Check out the groups page on our website to find out what **Connect Groups** or **Common Interest Groups** you can get plugged into!



*prayers for your home*

LORD Jesus, we ask that you would move us to regard you highly. Where our eyes have glazed over from cliché and lack of understanding, we pray that you would help us see you in a new light. We ask that as we live in your presence and spirit, we would be changed into representations of you. Show us how to love one another like you have loved us. Help us to follow your example of patience, forgiveness, and generosity. We pray that the Good News would be good to those on the fringes, and that we would meet the needs of our community as a foreshadowing of your Kingdom's abundance. Walk with us, wherever you are going. May it be so.



In 2022, I have been praying that we, as a congregation, will dare to drink more deeply in knowing God. His revelation of Himself doesn't just occur with time in the Word and in prayer, but in going to the places where He has called us to be conduits of His love towards others. It is in this obedience where we find ourselves experiencing so many of the miracles He desires us to encounter. This is why we followed up our 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting with the sermon series, GIFTED, being challenged to function in unity as we use our supernatural giftings for the common good, helping to provide one another a glimpse of God's love for us all. In doing so, our prayer is always that our actions help people take a step closer to Jesus.

In the months of March through May, we will be diving into the Book of Ephesians with a series entitled, THRIVE. The purpose of this series is to help our church thrive in the midst of a culture that is growing increasingly hostile to the organized Church; yet the Church is God's primary laboratory for growing His children to be more like Jesus (Ephesians 4:13). We will be reminded of WHO we are created to BE in order that we may be effective to DO what we were created to do, encouraging each other along the way in an environment where people are known and loved. In conjunction with this series, we are excited to go old school and offer "Sunday School" classes. Starting on March 20th during the second service, we will be walking through the book of Ephesians verse by verse alongside the sermon series. It will be a great time of connection, community, and a deeper dive into scripture as we see the words of Paul come to life in each other.

I would like to continue to encourage you to allow your hearts to be molded by more deeply embracing God's love for You and His purposes for you as you continue to not just go to or view church, but that you actually BE the church He has called us to be together.

- Bryan Tema

## gsSTORIES

Meet our new Staff!



### TAMMY TEMA

- Service Coordinator

I graduated with a BA in Music/Business. Soon afterward, I married my highschool sweetheart, Bryan Tema. We have been blessed with our two children, Josh and Cassandra, who are now married. I've enjoyed being involved in worship/music ministries and look forward to serving in the worship arts ministry at gracespring. I enjoy serving and loving people and reaching out to others to let them know of the hope we have in Christ!

### AMANDA KOENIG

- gsKIDZ Early Childhood Manager

I have a love for kids, families, and ministry! The Lord has brought me back to serve in the church in Early Childhood after working with ministry and missionary families. I have a background in psychology and hope to pursue a master's degree in marriage and family therapy in the future. I believe the greatest gift in life is family and I am so grateful for my amazing husband, Matt, and our two precious kids, Ethan and Lydia.



### GINGER TIFFANY

- Connections & Volunteer Coordinator

My husband, two kids, and I have been attending gracespring for 11 years. My joy is serving, and my prayer as the Connections and Volunteer Coordinator is that you will join me and share in the same joy I have for serving!



We are excited to encourage that desire to serve and offer the opportunity to connect with others, especially those new to gracespring, **through our 'First Step' class!** Scan the QR code to learn more about it.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



PARENTS



FAMILIES



CHURCH WIDE

would you pray with us

**Centro de Alcance Pinula Guatemala -- Psalm 55: 22, 23.**  
Our friends experienced deep loss recently through the passing of Estefany, a girl who has been a part of this CarePoint since she was young. Please pray for comfort and peace for her family, friends, and the CarePoint staff.

Father we pray for the leadership and volunteers at the Centro de Alcance CarePoint as they reach out in your Name to the children, and in turn, their families and community. May their many burdens be cast on You as they remember Your Promises to sustain His people. May they remember that You will never permit the righteous to be moved--even in times of illness, death, or loss of work.

**Ukraine: Pastor Pavel & Larisa -- Lamentations 3: 22-24.**  
We pray for Pastor Pavel and Larisa, their family, the local churches, and the country of Ukraine who have requested prayers for peace. (The "conflict" in Ukraine began in November 2013 and has escalated to the present threat of war.) We ask that they experience assurance and confidence in the steadfast love of the Lord. May they remember God's great faithfulness and promise of new mercies each morning as they show love to their neighbors and witness to God's love even in the midst of unstable times.

## PRAYER FOR MUSLIMS

We have partners who serve and reach out to Muslim communities in southwest Michigan, Europe, East Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and they would greatly appreciate prayer during the time of Ramadan.

April 2 commences the start of "30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World," an international movement that calls the Church to make a deliberate but respectful effort to learn about, pray for, and reach out to our world's Muslim neighbors. It coincides annually with the important Islamic month of religious observation, Ramadan.

Join us as we sincerely and respectfully pray for those our partners love and serve as they seek opportunities to share and consider the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You may contact [anita.ollila@gracespringchurch.org](mailto:anita.ollila@gracespringchurch.org) for a 30 Day booklet for adults or children if you would like more information on how to intentionally participate.