

**Welcome to
Grace Christian Fellowship**

Live the Mission, Making & Teaching Followers of Jesus Christ

Happy New Year!

Worship Service

December 31, 2017

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

We're glad you are here.

NURSERY & GRACE KIDS! Nursery (infants to 1st grade) is available today. Sign in at the window at the entrance to the Children's Wing. Our Grace Kids program (Sunday School for pre-K through 5th grade) will be on break until Sunday, January 14th.

We wish to help families worship together! Worship offers children an opportunity to grow in their understanding of God's love for them and his desire for their lives. Children's activity sheets are available at the Information Center in the foyer. Our Cry Room, as well as a room for nursing mothers, are available for parents and little ones during our service; these rooms are located in the back of the sanctuary.

WINTER FAMILY CALENDAR: Pick up at the entrance to the Children's Wing.

YOUTH @ GRACE: Junior & Senior High classes will not meet today and January 7th. Classes will resume Sunday, Jan. 14th.

NEW TO GRACE?

We would love to help you connect. Fill out a communication card located in the pew rack or visit our website www.gfcortland.org/connect-with-us. First time visitor? Pick up our free gift to you at one of the high top tables near the building exit doors.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 1st reopening Tuesday, Jan. 2nd.

2018 CONNECTIONS GROUPS

Adult groups are a place to network and grow in Christ likeness.

More information

www.gfcortland.org/connection-groups

Financial Plan 2017

12/24/17

Budget \$1,200,000

YTD \$1,188,565

How to Give: in person, by mail, or internet through your Bank's online bill pay or the giving link on our church website. You can text any dollar amount to (607)250-1250 and receive a one-time set up link for using your mobile device.

FYI: A new giving fund has been established for relocating our Grace Main Street outreach. Designate your gift to Grace Main Ministry Fund if you wish to contribute to the purchase of a future property.

I STILL DO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Friday, January 26th from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, January 27th from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Child care provided on Saturday, if registered by Jan. 21. \$15/couple. REGISTER online at www.gfctortland.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

As the holiday season comes to an end, volunteers are needed to help un-decorate the church Wednesday, January 3rd at 10:00a.m.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

They are available at the Information Counter.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

Throughout the month of December there will be alphabetized baskets on a table in the foyer for exchanging Christmas cards between church families and individuals. Boxes will be in the foyer until Jan. 7th.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Sr. High will start back up on Tuesday, January 16. Jr. High will start on Thursday, January 18; both are 6:30-8:00p.m.

RESOURCE CENTER

We have an excellent library of Christian non-fiction and fiction resources. The Center is located across from the Information Center and is open to our church families on Sunday mornings. Our library has over 1900 books and DVD's for you to choose from! Please remember to return any materials you may have borrowed.

SOUL CARE COUNSELING

GCF is hosting Paul Thompson and Torey Colella, licensed Marriage & Family Therapists, from Soul Care Counseling for faith-based counseling to the Cortland County area. Call (315)278-1113 or go to www.soulcarecounseling.com

GRACE PRAYS

Missionary of the Week: Brian Newman is a long-time friend of GCF and is co-founder of a ministry called *The Isaac Ishmael Initiative* that works in partnership with other ministries to help them more effectively share Christ with Jews and Muslims and to disciple new believers. Brian and his colleagues travel and speak extensively for this purpose. Pray for them as they travel and speak; for safety and lasting influence through their seminar, "Speaking Peace Together."

Church family prayer needs: Ward Hilliard, Kristen Zimmerman, Betty Banner, Becky Fuller, Sierra Keller, Lawrence Perry, Gerald Stoker

Today's Message

The Key to a Blessed New Year

Associate Pastor Bill Thomas

Matthew 5:1-6

Blessed= “privileged recipient of divine favor”

Blessed are...

The poor in spirit... (5:3)

Luke 18:9-14

Revelation 3:17

Those who mourn... (5:4)

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Luke 6:21

Jeremiah 31:13

The meek... (5:5)

Colossians 3:12

Matthew 11:28-29

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness... (5:6)

John 4:14

WORDS OF GRACE AUDIO CD Get a copy of today's message. Sermons are available on CD by request at the Information Center. They are also available to download from our website.



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