

**Welcome to**  
**Grace Christian Fellowship**

Live the Mission, Making & Teaching Followers of Jesus Christ

**Worship Service**

January 14, 2018  
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## **Welcome!**

*We're glad you are here.*

**NURSERY & GRACE KIDS!** Nursery (infants to 4 years) and our GraceKIDS program is offered at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship hours. Sign in at the entrance to the Children's Wing.

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, is 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:** Sunday youth classes (grades 6-12) are at 10:30a.m.

### **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.gcfkortland.org/connect-with-us](http://www.gcfkortland.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.

### **YOUTH GROUP UPDATE**

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

### **Financial Plan**

From Pastor Mike: Glory to God, and Thank You for your generosity in giving this past year. Our congregationally approved budget for 2017 was \$1,200,000 and our giving exceeded that mark with total giving of \$1,245,699. As we finalize our reports I'll be providing more information on some of the ways we have seen God use us in fulfilling our mission to make & teach more followers of Jesus Christ. In the meantime, from me as your Pastor and from our leadership team of Board & staff members, we say THANK YOU, to you our church family for making 2017 an outstanding year of God-honoring, people-building ministry. *Soli Deo Gloria*

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.

## **MOPS**

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, which really means expectant moms through moms of kindergartners. Our Evening MOPS group is geared towards working moms and will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.; Daytime MOPS will meet Wed., Jan. 17 at 9:00 a.m. Childcare is provided. For more information go to [www.gfctortland.org/mops](http://www.gfctortland.org/mops).

## **PRAYER SHAWL**

Meets this Tuesday, January 16 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the foyer at church. We share fellowship, devotions, and prayer as well as the craft of knitting and crocheting. For more information contact Susan Chapman at 844-4212.

## **2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

They are available at the Information Center.

## **CHAT WITH THE PASTOR**

Starting Sunday evening January 28, Pastor Mike will be hosting a monthly Q & A at the church at 5:30pm. It will be a time for Bible questions and life application, ministry updates, and prayer requests.

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Men's pick up basketball in the gym at GCF on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Men 18 years and older. Come on out and bring a friend!

## **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](http://www.soulcarecounseling.com)

## **GRACE PRAYS**

**Missionary of the Week:** Please pray for our GCF Builders Mission Team serving in Fayetteville, NC this week. They are Dave Steinginga, Barry Hutchinson, Mike Sweeney, Ethan Phelps, Jake Cipriano, Bud Sturges, Breck Aspinwall, and Jared Hammond.

- 1-Safe travels and healthy vehicles to and from NC.
- 2-Safety on the work sites and good health for the team.
- 3-Good attitudes and comradery as the work and live together.
- 4-To be Christ-like examples to those they serve.
- 5-Team members each grow closer to Christ and to one another.

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

## Today's Message

### Why Give to the Church?

Associate Pastor Nick Dunn

Malachi 3:6-13, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Conditional vs Absolute

Obedience vs Obligation

Our Active Role

**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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