

BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



CHURCH

I believe the church is God's primary way
to accomplish his purposes on earth.

Ephesians 4:15

October 29, 2017

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 table at the entrance to the Children's Wing.

FAMILY WORSHIP

We wish to help families worship together! 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.

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.gcfcortland.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.

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 a.m., we "fall back" and gain an extra hour of sleep!

PARENTING CONFERENCE

Join Jamie & Joelle Zimmerman for "Parenting with a Purpose: Raising Kids with Character & Courage" with keynote speakers Pastor Bill & Colleen Thomas on November 17 & 18; Friday 6:45-9:00pm, Saturday 9-11:30am. Child care provided Saturday morning for those who pre-register. For more information or to pre-register go to www.gcfcortland.org/events or stop at the table in the Foyer.

Financial Plan 2017

10/22/17

This Week's Need \$22,000.00

Last Week's Giving \$20,041.00

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoeboxes and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Stop by the table in the foyer, to pick up some shoeboxes to fill and get more information on this program! Shoebox collection for our church family will be November 12th.

MOPS

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, which really means expectant moms through moms of kindergartners. Daytime MOPS will meet Wed., Nov. 1 at 9:00 a.m. Childcare is provided. For information go to www.gfcortland.org/mops.

BIBLE STUDY AT GRACE MAIN

Pastor Bill's Bible study of the Gospel of John at Grace Main will meet this Friday, Nov. 3, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. This is open to our Food Pantry clients, volunteers, and GCF family. Come get to know Jesus and his great love for each of us.

OLD TIMERS BAND

Join us as we host the Cortland Old Timers Band, "A Salute to our Veterans" 50th Anniversary Special Concert featuring special guest conductor, Col. Arnauld Gabriel, Ret. USAF Band Conductor Emeritus and guest soloist, Dale Underwood, Ret. US Navy Premier Band Soloist and recording artist. Sunday, Nov. 5, 3:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will preview the 2018 Budget and Board of Directors Ballot.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Rehearsals for Christmas Choir will begin Monday, November 13 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., and continue through Christmas. This ensemble is for men and women of all ages starting at the Jr. High level. Come sing with us.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Help us feed over 200 local families a holiday meal. The Food Pantry at Grace Main is putting together Thanksgiving baskets, and we need your help. We accept food and financial donations; the approximate cost of each basket is \$40. Please use the Thanksgiving offering envelopes, for your monetary donations. A shopping list for needed food items is located at the Information Center. Food donations are accepted until Sunday, Nov. 5th.

GRACE PRAYS

Missionary of the Week: Adam Simpson will be here next Sunday, Nov. 5, in the Foyer to meet and talk with those interested in their ministry. Adam & Tracy Simpson serve in Colorado with Lifelines, a part of Cru. Lifelines uses the outdoor environment to develop people in leadership and character and to bring them into relationships with themselves, others and God.

Church family prayer needs: Scott Custer, Lucca Moore, Elizabeth & Scarlet Stupke, Donna Cole, Vicki Cabbage, Michelle Joseph, Patty Lynch, Trenton Neville, Emilee Searle, Gerald Stoker

Today's Message

Growing for the Goal: Maturity of the Church Body Ephesians 4:7-16

Associate Pastor Bill Thomas

I. The GIFTS are from God (v11)

II. The PURPOSE of our Gifting is SERVING (v12)

III. The RESULT of our Serving is MATURITY (v13)

In Doctrine

In Relationship

In Christ-likeness

IV. The GOAL of Our Maturing is STABILITY (v14)

V. The GROWTH of the Body comes from SERVING (v15)

VI. The HELP that we give ONE ANOTHER (v16)

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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