



**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

2024



# By His **GRACE** @ ECGrace

**January 2024**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(CLICK ON UNDERLINED EVENT FOR MORE INFO & TO SIGNUP)

**JAN. 12**

Built By Grace Dinner

**JAN. 21**

Grace Stewardship Meeting

**FEB. 2ND**

Communion

## New Ministries!



We praise the Lord for the new ministries that have formed here at ECGrace. Built by Grace is our new Bible reading ministry, Grace Emulate is our new youth group name, Grace for Life is our ministry to the elderly at an assisted care facility, and Grace Abroad is our ministry to those we have connected with who reside overseas. We want to thank Tom and Janelle Ricker, Samantha Stai, and Vince Cannon for all the work they have put into the logos that you see. As we begin 2024, please prayerfully join in in ministry at ECGrace this year. Let's resolve to bring glory to the Lord together through our faithfulness in ministry!

## The Pastor's Corner



To view this month's Pastor's Corner, please click the picture to the left.





Click on the underlined events for more information and to sign up!

# JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Grace Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	4	5	6 Women of Joy @9am
7 Grace Outreach	8	9 Board Meeting	10 Grace Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	11	12 <u>Built By Grace Dinner @ 6pm</u>	13 Men of Valor & Women of Joy @9am
14 Grace Embrace	15	16 Grace Connection	17 Grace Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	18	19	20 Women of Joy @9am
21 Grace Outreach Grace Stewardship Mtg.	22	23	24 Grace Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	25	26	27 Women of Joy @9am
28 Grace Embrace Grace for Life	29	30	31			

Grace Groups Week

Jan 01: New Year's Day, Jan 15 : M L King Jr. Day

# FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 <u>Communion</u>	3
					Grace Groups Week	
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Grace Groups Week

24 Hour Prayer Event

Feb 19: Presidents' Day

# Why We Love Prayer Meeting

HEAR REASONS BELOW WHY  
YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
LOVE WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
PRAYER. PLEASE JOIN US EACH  
WEDNESDAY AT 7PM!

Pt. 2



## *Edna and Edie*

We love being with the body each week as we get to come and hear the requests of others. We love to pray for others, but we also love being able to bring our requests. Through it all, we feel like we get to know our church family better on Wednesday nights.

## *Tom Ricker*

I love being able to hear how our Lord is working in other people's lives. I also love being able to hear answers to prayer and sharing the burdens of my brothers and sisters as we go together before the throne of God.

## *Zach Vysocke*

I just enjoy being around brothers and sisters and hearing how I can be praying for them. It makes me feel closer to them.

## *Michael Peters*

I love how we gather as one in one accord to petition our God. I believe God honors that and that there is great power in coming before Him. I love how we pray and intercede for one another and others as well by bringing requests before Him. I also love how encouraging it is because I get to hear the testimonies of others.





## Grace Emulate

We are incredibly grateful for the Lord for what He is doing in our Grace Emulate youth group. Please be praying for this group as we head into 2024! We will be bringing to you many different ways that you can support this group this year.

# 2024

Speaking of 2024, we are excited that our Grace Emulate youth group will once again be returning to Momentum Youth Conference this summer! Last year, Julia Bush and Josie Perdew attended (accompanied by Sierra Perdew) and through this, Julia Bush gave her life to Christ! Be praying now as the entire group will be attending this year, specifically for how God will use this! Also, be looking as we bring you ways that you can help support our youth group in this way!



Momentum  
2023

## Mission and Purpose

Emulate means “to strive to imitate and be like something or someone.”  
All Christians are therefore called to emulate our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mission:** Grace Emulate exists to see all of our junior high and high school students have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and to boldly emulate Christ, in all things, and in a culture that has rejected Him.

This next generation is immensely valuable, but they are being brought up in a culture that has completely rejected the Word of God and is rebelling against Him. Therefore, they are being challenged like no generation before, and as those entrusted with the Word of God, it is vitally important for them to be taught the Word of God, to be disciplined in His ways, stand bold for Christ, share Him in their schools and in the world, and emulate Him in all they do.

# GRACE Connection

As we move into 2024, please consider joining this wonderful ministry. You can learn by visiting the Grace Connection ministry page on our website right [here](#). This is one of the most important ministries we have as it allows us to connect with those in our body, as well as maintain a connection-oriented outreach with our new visitors. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Aaron, Pastor Jacob, or Claire. Click on the picture below to hear more from Pastor Jacob.

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# Grace Missions

This is where we share updates on what is going around with the various missions that we support here at ECGrace. This month, we are taking a look at our brothers and sisters in Africa and India. Below is the most recent updates that we have received.

Continue to pray for Pastor Simon and his family as their ministry continues and as his wife, Margaret, continues to recover from the issues she has been experiencing in her hip and knee this year. Continue to also pray for Pastor Salomon and Pastor Roger. In January, Pastor Keith Merriman will be visiting Africa and while there, he will be delivering a Bible to Pastor Simon that ECGrace purchased for him. How awesome is that! Please keep praying for Africa and as always, we look forward to bringing you more updates about our brothers and sisters in Africa!



Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in India. Continue to pray for the churches in India as a whole as they continue to experience great persecution. There have been many churches targeted via attacks recently, which the Indian government is calling the reports "fabrications". Pray that believers in India remain bold despite this continued persecution. Pray also for their continued safety as many are having to relocate due to these attacks.



# Church Calendar!

Be sure to check the church calendar that you received as it contains information regarding all of our 2024 events! We have many great events happening at ECGrace, so mark these dates down now! We look forward to another wonderful year of serving the Lord in ministry, as well as the fellowship we will have! The church calendar is also available on the website by clicking [here](#).

## "THE NUTTER BUTTER"



"How does a frog feel when he breaks his foot?  
Unhappy."

## OFFERING REPORT

2023 Weekly Need: \$4,939.92

Weekly Goal Need: \$576.92

12/3

Budget Received: \$6,329.50

Goal Received: \$70.00

12/10

Budget Received: \$7,568.27

Goal Received: \$40.00

12/17

Budget Received: \$18,252.00

Goal Received: \$45.00

12/24

Budget Received: \$5,932.67

Goal Received: \$65.00

12/31

Budget Received: \$4,485.30

Goal Received: \$2,040.00

Year to Date Goal: \$7,351.00

# THINGS TO KNOW!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

Join us each Wednesday (except for the 31st from 6-7 in Grace Intercessors and 7-8 in our Prayer Meeting and Devotional. Click [here](#) to join through Zoom.

## SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to Claire's new school schedule, she will now be in the office on Fridays starting the week of the 8th.

## WINTER MONTHS

Its the new year and the business starts to wind down. Throughout this month, reflect on the steadfastness of the Lord and how He blessed in 2023! We look forward to serving the Lord and fellowship with you all in 2024.

## Did You Know?



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# *Last Month in Pictures*

