

# By His **GRACE** @ ECGrace

**November 2023**

## **New Ministry!**

In October, Pastor Aaron presented an opportunity during a message to join in the reading of God's Word cover to cover. Through this, a new ministry called "Built by Grace" has been launched. Over 50 of you have committed to joining and reading the Bible all the way through! Please join this ministry if you have not as we will have great times of encouragement, discussion, and communication as we read through the Bible as a church body. Truly, what a blessing it is to be committed to God's Word and investing in what truly "will not pass away." If you would like to join and get on our communication list or if you need a Bible reading plan, please let Pastor Aaron or Pastor Jacob know.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**NOV. 4TH**

**Samantha Stai's Baby Shower**

**NOV. 24TH**

**Christmas Decorating Day**

**DEC. 13TH**

**Meet the Body Fellowship Meal**

*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

## **The Pastor's Corner**

As we come to the end of 2023, I hope you are encouraged by what you see God doing here at ECGrace! Pastor Aaron is often challenging us to be a church that is a praying church, Bible reading church, and a sharing/engaging church. Are you actively engaging in all of these areas? If not, make today the day you begin, and be a part of the church on the move!



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

# NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Grace 1 Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	2	3	Women of Joy 4 @9am <u>Samantha's Baby Shower</u>
Grace 5 Embrace	6	7	Grace 8 Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	9 Board Meeting	10	Men of Valor 11 & Women of Joy @9am
Grace 12 Outreach	13	14	Grace 15 Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	16 Grace Connection	17	Women of Joy 18 @9am
Grace 19 Embrace	20	21	Grace 22 Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	23 HAPPY Thanksgiving	24 <u>Christmas Decorating Day</u>	25
Grace 26 Outreach	27	28	29	30		

Grace Groups Week

# DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Grace Groups Week	
Grace 3 Embrace	4	5	Grace 6 Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	7	8	Men of Valor 9 & Women of Joy @9am
Grace 10 Outreach	11	12	13 <u>Meet the Body Fellowship Meal</u>	14 Board Meeting	15	Women of Joy 16 @9am
Grace 17 Stewardship Mtg. Grace Embrace	18	19	Grace 20 Intercessors & Prayer Meeting	21 Grace Connection	22 Christmas Caroling	23
24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
		Grace Groups Week				
Grace 31 Embrace New Year's Eve						



*a little*

**pumpkin**

*is on her way*

PLEASE JOIN US

FOR A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF

*Samantha Stai*

NOVEMBER 4TH AT 11AM

We are so excited for Dylan and Samantha as they will be welcoming their baby girl in January!

Please sign up to come by clicking [here.](#)

You can access the registry by clicking [here.](#)

Please also sign up to bring a food item by clicking [here.](#)



## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

# CHRISTMAS DECORATING

*Join us on Friday, November  
24th!*



On Friday, November 24th, we will be having our annual ECGrace Christmas decorating. This is a wonderful time when the church comes together for fellowship and to prepare the church for Christmas! You can sign up by clicking [here](#). Check out this firsthand testimony about this event!

"Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. This is a time we can truly celebrate the greatest gift we could ever receive, our precious Lord and Savior, Immanuel. Since I was saved and began coming to our church after marrying Aaron, I loved how my mother-in-law and Lauren Hill decorated for Christmas. As time moves us on, I decided to take over and continue the beauty of the festive holiday season. Hopefully, the festive décor adds a joyful reminder during this special time of year. I love decorating and it gives me such happiness. I am so thankful to be able to serve in this ministry. I hope you will join us in spreading Christmas cheer to all." - Shannon Woodruff







# Grace Embrace CHRISTMAS

Each year we do something special for Grace Embrace at Christmas time. This is a great blessing for the kids, and for our church alike. The last couple of years, we have also done the Angel Tree in partnership with Trinity Life Ministry. This year, ECGrace and the Grace Embrace committee have decided to combine these two ideas in order to do something very special for our Grace Embrace kids.

Beginning on Sunday, November 5th, you will have the opportunity to sponsor a Grace Embrace child for \$35. This will include a t-shirt for every kid, a soccer ball, and a Rubik's cube. Additionally, each kid will have the opportunity to tie dye their t-shirt and make something really cool! You will also be able to give them a Christmas card (ECGrace will provide the cards) to give in addition to these gifts. The sign-ups will begin taking place following the service on 11/5.

If this is something that you would like to be a part of, do so on that day!

We will not be participating in the Angel Tree with Trinity this year, but this represents a wonderful opportunity to bless the kids of an ongoing and active ministry we have here at ECGrace. Also, if this is a ministry that you have a heart for and would like to be involved in, we have a great need presently. Please see Jennifer Nutter if this is a ministry that God would have you serve in! Thank you, and what a blessing it is to minister to our Grace Embrace children!

**GRACE**  
**Embrace**

# Important Reminders

TRAINING | MEET THE BODY | CHRISTMAS EVE

## TRAINING

If you have not yet done so and you serve in any area of the children's ministry, please see Pastor Jacob if you missed the September 24th children's church worker meeting as we have very important training material to share with you. This training is mandatory for all those who work with youth at ECGrace!

**We would like everyone to have their training completed by 11/27.**



## MEET THE BODY FELLOWSHIP MEAL

We encourage everyone in the body to come on December 13th at 6:30 for our Meet the Body Meal!

This is a time where you will be updated on what is happening at ECGrace and the church leadership wants to hear your ideas concerning the ministries, outreach, and overall betterment of the church as we head into the new year. This will be a time of fun and fellowship as we will have pizza and salad! **Click [here](#) to sign up.**



## BRING YOUR GIFTS TO JESUS

There is no gift that is minimal when we give it freely to the Lord. Please come and edify the saints, bring glory to God, and share your gifts at this Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on December 24th at 6pm. Whatever your age & however the Lord has gifted you, your unique strengths are part of the intricate design God has for His church. **Click [here](#) to sign up!**





# Lifeline Screening

Back in August, ECGrace had the opportunity to host the community via a Lifeline Screening. All throughout that day, we had members of our Grace Connection ministry available to minister to those being screened by prayer and inviting them to ECGrace. Over 50 people came through our doors that day and we were able to engage 7 people directly. We have a second opportunity to host on Wednesday, November 29th. Please be praying for this event! If you would like to be a part of this by ministering to those coming, please see Pastor Jacob!

## "THE NUTTER BUTTER"



"I ran into a lamp post yesterday. Luckily, I only sustained light injuries."

## OFFERING REPORT

2023 Weekly Need: \$4,939.92

Weekly Goal Need: \$576.92

10/1

Budget Received: \$7,363.41

Goal Received: \$95.00

10/8

Budget Received: \$6,488.71

Goal Received: \$150.00

10/15

Budget Received: \$5,645.58

Goal Received: \$50.00

10/22

Budget Received: \$3,285.00

Goal Received: \$50.00

10/29

Budget Received: \$5,785.80

Goal Received: \$50.00

Year to Date Goal: \$5,091.00

# THINGS TO KNOW!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

Join us each Wednesday (except for the 29th) from 6-7 in Grace Intercessors and 7-8 in our Prayer Meeting and Devotional. Click [here](#) to join through Zoom.

## GIVE THANKS

As we lead into Thanksgiving this month. Reflect on what you are thankful to the Lord for! We are thankful for our salvation, His Word, and for all of you here at ECGrace. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday!

## VACATION

Pastor Jacob will be on vacation from November 20th - 27th. Please reach out to Pastor Aaron for any pastoral needs during this time.

## SPECIAL EVENT

Be on the look out in the upcoming weeks for an event among all the Grace Groups where we will be having a chili contest! Start working on perfecting your chili so that you can win the competition!

# Did You Know?

Did you know that we now have items behind the coffee bar for those with low blood sugar? These items include juice boxes and small snacks. If you are at church and are in need of something quick due to low blood sugar, you can now go to the coffee bar to get a quick help! We want to thank Kim Cunningham for this terrific idea! If you have any other ideas you'd like to see us implement, never hesitate to let church leadership know!



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# *Last Month in Pictures*

