



Building Up

In Romans 14:19 we read "So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another" (NASB). I have been here for just about 3 months and I believe with all my heart that I am called here to pastor the congregation of the Family Worship Center. I believe that together we can accomplish what God wants for us as a congregation as we each seek to build one another up. But it must start with prayer. The Holy Spirit in Philippians 4:6 tells us Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

I am called "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ (His Church) until we all attain the unity of the faith and of the knowledge or the Son of God..." (See Eph 4:11-12) We, as a congregation of His Church, are called to Go and make disciples, to share the gospel, and to be messengers of reconciliation. Jesus said "As the father sent me so I send you" (Matt 28:19, Mark 16:15, 2 Cor 5:18-19, John 20:21). We "Go" in the authority of Jesus the Christ and in the power of the Spirit.

You and I are to take steps of faith, each of us must take our own next step, I can't take yours and you cannot take mine. But we can encourage one another, help one another, teach one another, forgive one another, and pray for one another as we journey towards the goal. Those "one anothers" of God's Word, those works of faith, are to take place within the local body of believers. James tells us that faith without works is dead. As a believer, you were called out of darkness into His marvelous light, you are a new creation the old is gone the new has come! And you are the very workmanship of God Created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that you should walk in them (1 Peter 2:9, 2 Cor 5:17, Eph 2:10).

Often, we think of good works as feeding the poor, helping the widow, mission trips, etc. but good works are also the little things that we are called to do out of love and kindness. The one anothers are a good example of the "little things" that have a huge impact on our witness, the Gospel, The Church, and our congregation.

That all being said; the first and foremost thing we need to do, is pray! Are we not called to pray for one another, to pray for what we need to accomplish our mission, and to pray for our leaders and for our land? (James 5:16, 1 Tim 2:1-4, 2 Chron 7:14)

Along the lines of prayer: There has been a lot of misunderstanding with the prayer cards. That is my fault I did not explain as I should have, and I offer you, my apologies. Prayer cards are mainly for you to be able to fill one out before service so that your prayer request can be read and then laid on the alter for someone to come take and pray over throughout the week.

Prayer cards are located in the foyer in the left corner as you enter the sanctuary. Yes, there is some concern over HIPPA violations and too much information being live streamed to the world, but it is not the problem I made it out to be. Again, my apologies. Please in filling out the prayer requests, include all the information you would want shared, who we are praying for, what is the reason, and so forth.

And as I said those prayer requests will then be read and laid on the Altars.

I would remind you that you can at any time go to the altars/kneelers to pray; the altars are always open and you are invited to come and pray at any time during the service. Either to pick up a card and take it home or to just pray in thanksgiving or to seek His grace, mercy, or provision.

If you have a prayer request that you didn't get onto one of our prayer cards before service there are prayer request slips located in the backs of the chairs; just fill one out and place in offering plate or in the tithe and offering box located out in the foyer and we will do our best to

get those prayed for over; first on our private FB page, then Tuesday night, and again next week during service. Which is what is taking place for all the prayer requests that we receive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to me. And please keep praying! Pray for the Governance board as we seek the Lords leading. Pray for Our Lord to supply workers, for the fields are ripe for harvest (John 4:35-36). Pray for our congregation that together we would be doing the Lord's will. Pray for one another. Pray! And, as a reminder, come join with us in prayer on Tuesdays at 7:00 here at our building.

In Christ
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Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service

April 6th is Maundy Thursday. You are invited to come out and participate in the retelling of that last night of Jesus's Life. We will be going over what happened that night, you may participate in the foot washing or choose not to, that is completely up to you. Men will be with the men and women with the women for the foot washing. The elements of the seder meal will be served with an explanation of each one and what it means for us as Christians, there will be communion, worship, and a message. I truly hope that you will be able to attend. In Christ
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Jr. Church

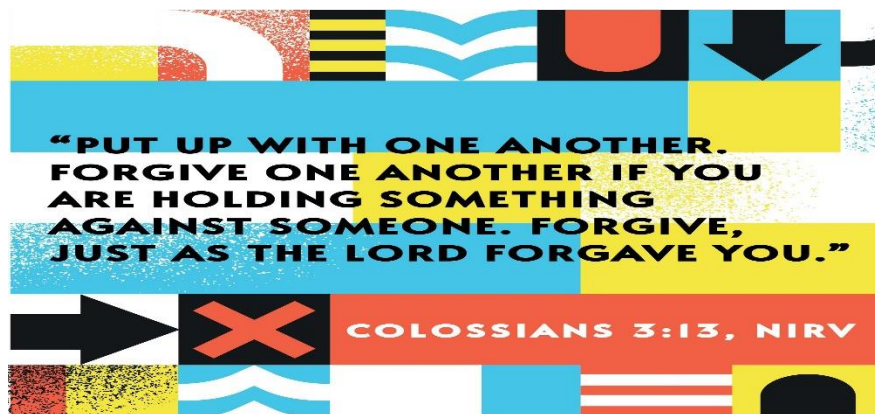
Our Jr. Church class has been working our way through the Bible and each week we pin a new story up on our timeline in our room. Once it is completed the timeline will be wrapped all the way around the room! If you've not been in to see it, come on in and check it out. Ask one of our kiddos to tell you all about it!

Each month we focus on a different God view. January's view was the connection between knowledge and God's character. We learned through God's Big Story, that while we will never know all there is to know about God, we can get to know God. We defined knowledge as learning something new so that we can be better at whatever we do. Jesus showed us how much God loves us and why getting to know God is so important. The more we know God the better we can live God's way each day.

Our February view was the connection between respect and God's character. When we talked about respect, it wasn't just respect for the those in authority, but also for our peers. We talked about how to value others because we know that God values everyone. We found that we can show respect even to those who are not treating us the same way. Respect means showing others they are important by what you say and do.

The view for March was the connection between forgiveness and God's character. Considering how much God has forgiven us, we learned that we need to be willing to forgive others the same way. Forgiveness is deciding that someone who has wronged us doesn't have to pay. We recognized that choosing to forgive someone frees us from bitterness and anger and allows the one who hurt us to rewrite the story.

Each week I am amazed at the insight and understanding that these kids have for God's word. They are continually teaching me with their fresh ideas and thoughtful consideration of each story. Each and every one of them has been working really hard to hide God's word in their heart through our monthly memory verses. We earn a badge for each monthly verse, and they have currently earned 10 badges! Our badges are proudly displayed on our wall in our room.



Bonnie

Governance Board Highlights

Hi – here are some items covered during our governing board meetings. We meet on a monthly basis to discuss a variety of topics.

Safety

For the safety of our littlest ones in the preschool and nursery, doors to the church will be locked 5 minutes after the service. We are working to get a smart doorbell with a camera so we can see who's out there.

Additionally, if you are working with children, you will be asked to complete a background check. Once filled out, the form will be safely locked away.

Installation Service for Kenny

It is customary to have an installation service when a new pastor arrives as a way to recognize their calling while having church leaders and friends pray a blessing over them and give a charge to us, the church. This special day will be followed by a potluck (or carry-in as Kenny calls them).

Date: Sunday, May 7th at 10AM.

Spring Cleanup

Prior to the installation service, we will have a work day to ensure the church looks great. More details to come!

Date: Saturday, April 29

How can you serve our body of believers?

God calls us to serve the body of believers at Family Worship Center.

Galatians 6:10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

If you have not yet filled out the **Ministry and Service Opportunities** sheet, you can find one at the table in the narthex. Over 50 items are listed for which you can volunteer!

Thanks to those that have already returned them! We will be in contact as we have special needs.

New Bookkeeping System

We are now using QuickBooks to manage our budget and pay employees. We want to thank Roseann Carmoney for the hours she has spent to get this up and running. We know it hasn't been easy and we want to say, "Thank you."

360 Conference

We want to thank the group that attended this ministry leadership conference offered by the Church of God in Michigan. We look forward to them applying and sharing what they've learned.

Who's on the governing board?

Your board members are:

- Traci Spring, Chair
- Vern Buchbinder, Vice-Chair
- Dean Otto, Treasurer
- Jan Sorenson, Secretary
- Gary Ruggles

Feel free to reach out to any of us. Please pray for us as well.

Day of Hope and Fresh Food

Upcoming Changes to Day of Hope as of April 17th we will be combining Day of Hope with Fresh Food Initiative. Due to Grant restrictions, we are unable to supply the household products to those outside of Grass Lake School District. However if you are in the Grass Lake School District and are in need of the following household products, (toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste and tooth brushes, laundry soap, dish soap, etc... we invite you to come into the Church on April 17th for a cup of coffee, a doughnut and prayer just as we have always done in the past. Please Park on the East side of the lot and come into the church. We will make sure that you get the Fresh Food as well. We look forward to seeing you and spending time with you.

Online Presence

We have been doing our best to be out on the world wide web for everyone. FWC has lots of ways to stay connected.

Facebook- www.facebook.com/GrassLakeFWC

We have a Facebook Group as well [Grass Lake Family Worship Center Prayer and Announcements](#)

YouTube- Grass Lake FWC

Website- www.grasslakefwc.com

Email- A weekly email is sent out to everyone in our directory on Thursday's. Check your Inboxes and Spam folders for it, if you're not, please let Brock know so we can get that worked out.

You of course are always welcome to visit 1901 Mt. Hope Rd, Grass Lake MI 49202 Sunday Mornings at 10am to see us live and in person.