

Connect with Grace

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YOU are invited to use your gifts in our community: Greeters, Welcome Center, Tech Team, Grace Kids, Choir, Band, Bells, Prayer, & more! Scan the QR to get started.



This is your last Sunday to support our youth & order beautiful 12" tri-color mums for \$25 each. Scan the QR:



Get ready for Kick Off Sept 13! Grace Kids & Youth Clubs will be dismissed from 9a service. Everyone is invited to the North Lawn for food & fun between services!



Read our latest edition of Grace Alive and learn who we are as the people of God on the mission of God.



New to QR Codes? Give it a try!

1. Open the camera on your smartphone.
2. Point at the QR Code and hold your phone steady so the code fits on the screen.
3. Tap the message or link that appears to open. You do NOT need to take a picture.



Grace of Christ Church

To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - August 30, 2026



WELCOME TO GRACE!

Summer is winding down and we're coming into our exciting season of considering a strategy for the future of church. This week we'll consider how the church and Christianity have come to be part of the wider trend of the dissolution of community as they're being replaced by business, technology, non-local identities, and a simulation of relationships online.

Fighting against the major trends of history doesn't happen by individual moral effort, but decided cooperative, reconciling work in developing legitimate alternatives. We experience small tastes of this in places like Camp Ghormley. How do we move the church from value-add optional extras to the body of Christ as a primary community? This is the big question facing Christianity in our time, and we're going to discuss it and take action on it.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10am - One Service

No Sunday School or Youth Clubs until September 13.

*Activity bags for kids are available at the back of the Sanctuary.
Childcare is available across from the main office for kids 6 and under.*

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Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

BECOMING THE EMBASSY FIRST BE A HOUSEHOLD

Psalm 133 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

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Outline

Introduction: Community and Camp

Foundation 1: Worshiping Community or Community that Worships?

Foundation 2: Events Don't Create Community

Foundation 3: Community Can't be Simulated

Foundation 4: Community Basics

Implications: Become a Household

Application: Conversations We'll be Having

STUDY QUESTIONS

FOUNDATIONS: WHAT?

1. What's the difference between a worshipping community and a community that worships? Why does it matter which comes first?

2. Routinized events create attendees... how does attendance differ from Paul's understanding of the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12? What role do events have in community life?

3. We live in a "Society of the Spectacle" (Guy Debord) and a world of "Simulation and Simulacra" (Baudrillard), a "Crisis of Narration" (Byung Chul Han), a world whose foundations were laid in generations before all of us were born. How might we begin to relearn and rediscover what it takes to be a community? How might the Church be the best place for this to happen?

4. What are the basic building blocks of a community?

IMPLICATIONS: SO WHAT?

5. How might we begin to approach the idea of seeing church as the body of Christ, as the household (economy) of God? (Eph 1:10)

APPLICATIONS: NOW WHAT?

6. Conversations about food, formation, environment, story, co-laboring, and fitting life and relationships together are foundational to the rediscovery of community. The Bible is actually full of teaching on all of these things. How could you engage with these conversations?

PRAYER

Let us pray that Grace of Christ would be filled with the Holy Spirit afresh to do the hard work of considering the challenges of today, the future, and how we bring the best of who we are as a gift to Christians and the world as we lead the way in being ambassadors of reconciliation.

UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPT 6 - WE RETURN TO TWO SERVICES AT 9A & 11A

Worship with us next Sunday at 9am led by our Worship Band or 11am led by the Temple Choir. We will celebrate communion at both services. All are welcome!

SEPT 13 - GRACE KIDS AND YOUTH CLUBS RETURN AT 9AM

Grace Kids classes and Sunday Youth Clubs resume Sunday, Sept 13. All kids will start in worship with their families and then be dismissed from the 9am service. We can't wait to see everyone back for a fresh new year!

WOW STARTS SEPT 15

Our Women of the Word Bible study resumes on Tues, Sept 15 at 9:45a in the Lounge. All women are welcome to join us this fall as we study several different women of God, including Mary, Deborah, Abigail, Ruth, and Naomi.

COME MAKE SOME MUSIC WITH US THIS FALL!

Temple Choir rehearsal resumes on Wed Sept 2. If you love to sing and would enjoy the fun and friendship of other singers, please come to our first rehearsal! We have singers with all levels of experience. Questions? Email jason@yakimagrace.com.

Handbells meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm. If you are interested in trying handbells, please reach out to Julie by email: jbhunziker@gmail.com. Musical experience helpful!

Worship Band will rehearse on Thursdays starting in September. We are a fun group that loves to worship our Lord and make a little noise. Contact nate@yakimagrace.com for info.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

NEED WIFI?

Network: Guest Wifi PW: JesusLovesMe!

VISITING TODAY?



Follow the QR Code to find out more about what to expect on a Sunday morning.

You will also find info about our Sunday programs for children and teens, as well as how to connect to who we are as a church.

CONNECT CARD



We are glad you're here! Help us connect with you. Scan the code or fill out a card in the pew racks.

NEED PRAYER?

Our team is available after each service by the piano to pray and connect with you.

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