

# HAPPENING TODAY

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES, 9:00 AM

- Adults:  
“Living the New Life in Christ: a Walk-Through of Calvin’s Institutes” — Upper Fellowship Room
- Jr./Sr. High:  
“Joshua” — Youth Room
- Children: Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade, meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

## FELLOWSHIP TIME, 10:00 AM

## WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:30 AM

# THIS WEEK...

## WEDNESDAY, 6:30-8:00 PM

- Grace Kids for Children (ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Jr. High Youth Group
- Adult Bible Study (Sr. High-Adults)  
“Biblical Introduction”

## THURSDAY

- Sr. High Youth Group, 6:30 pm
- Care Team Meeting, 6:30 pm

## SATURDAY

- Men’s Game Night, 6:30 pm

Childcare for infants to 3 years old is available during all services.

### CONTACT INFO

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### PASTORAL STAFF

Dave Emmons, Senior Pastor  
Caleb Purdy, Associate Pastor  
Matt Weir, Associate Pastor

### Elders:

Burf Bowman, Dave Emmons, Jim Estes, Tim Masters,  
Caleb Purdy, John Syracuse, Dave Talladay, Pat Weidel,  
Matt Weir, Walt Whitenight

### Deacons:

Jim Bachman, Dean Davis, Herb DeLine, Nate Duxbury,  
Seth Joseph, Nick Kaszuba, Ron Malone, Seth Muck,  
Dave Pendino, Jason Poeller, JD Seiler, Bill Stevenson, Jim Weber

# SERMON NOTES

# Grace Notes

A weekly newsletter of happenings at Grace Bible Church  
January 11, 2026

The People of God, Under the Word of God,  
Doing the Will of God, All for the Glory of God.



# FOR OUR VISITORS

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

We would love to get to know you! Please take some time to fill out the information below, tear off and drop it in the offering plate. If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by our Welcome Center for more information about GBC and receive a special gift. You may also scan the QR code below to tell us about yourself or leave a note about your visit. We hope you were blessed by your worship time today!

## CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

- WEBSITE: [www.gbcnewfane.com](http://www.gbcnewfane.com)
- FACEBOOK: [Grace Bible Church of Newfane NY](#)

## DOWNLOAD OUR CHURCH APP:



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# INFORMATION & EVENTS

## NEW ADULT & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Begin today, 9:00 am

**"Living the New Life in Christ: a Walk-Through of Calvin's Institutes" — Dr. Jonathan Loopstra**

Many Christians have heard of John Calvin, but have never delved into his most famous/influential work, "*The Institutes of the Christian Religion*" because it is long and can be difficult to understand. However, in *The Institutes*, Calvin suggests that a deep understanding of theology is worthless if the gospel has yet to “penetrate into the most intimate affection of the heart.” This class will help to connect the dots between Calvin's theology and living the daily Christian life.  
(Held in the Upper Fellowship Room)

**Joshua — Pastor Caleb Purdy**

A study through the book of Joshua focusing on how God fulfills his promises to his people. **For grades 6-12 and leaders.**  
(Held in the Youth Room)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRIES

**6:30-8:00 pm** - Grace Kids, Jr. High Youth Group & Bible Study for Sr. High - Adults. Sr. High Youth Group - Thursday, **6:30-8:30 pm**.

## GRACE STUDENTS SNOW CAMP

**January 23-25 at Bethany Camp**  
**Early registration deadline is TODAY!** You may register online by going to: [www.gbcnewfane.com/gracestudents](http://www.gbcnewfane.com/gracestudents) or fill out a form located at the Welcome Center. \$165 per student (additional siblings are \$130 each) if you register today. \$195 per student if registered after January 11. Contact Pastor Caleb for more information.

## MEN’S GAME NIGHT

**This Saturday, January 17, 6:30 pm - church gym**  
Come join us for another men’s game night!

## HAVEN OF HOPE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We have bottles for change available starting this Sunday through the end of February. The bottles are located at the Welcome & Worship Centers.

## KIDSAFE TRAINING SEMINAR

**Sunday, February 8, 12:00 pm**  
All volunteers for any children’s or youth ministry are required to attend our KidSafe Seminar every year. This brief seminar will be held in the Upper Fellowship room immediately following the worship service.

# MISSION FOCUS

**Pray!** David & Susan return overseas to their country of service 1/13/26

**Zac & Micah Mariani serving with Cru – United States**

“...if our gospel narratives about the coming of Jesus tell us anything, it’s that waiting when God seems to be silent is a crucial aspect of our shared calling as followers of Jesus. Simeon and Anna, like many in Israel over the years, had been waiting for God’s redemption to come and now saw it being fulfilled in the child Jesus. Mary saw all that was unfolding around her and rested, pondering it all in her heart.” I (Micah) read this quote in a letter from a dear friend recently and it really hit me as we have found ourselves in a very slow season of waiting, one which we honestly don’t want to linger in much longer. We are still working to expand our team of ministry partners and raise more support so that we can re-engage in ministry full-time. We have had some sweet moments of encouragement where we have seen the Lord provide from places we did not expect but we have had a lot of moments of discouragement as we feel disconnected and impatient. As we are still grieving our life overseas and navigate the waters of transition, it has been easy to question everything. The quote above was a reminder that the waiting is such an important part of our walk with the Lord. I’ve seen the Lord use times of waiting in the past to sanctify me and remind me that everything we are doing isn’t about me anyways – it always has been and always will be about serving and loving God. I trust that as the Lord provides and leads us He will continue to show us what He is doing within our hearts as we prepare for a new and very different season of ministry than we have done before. As we enter the New Year, may you be filled with an unexplainable and unending joy in the Lord that surpasses any circumstance you may find yourself in. Praise! Our support deficit is less than it was before! Ezra has finally figured out how to nap well independently. Prayer requests: For boldness for Micah during the weekly library story times to interact more with other moms. For Zac to find some community and friends in our area that he can do life with. To trust the Lord to continue to provide for our increased support needs.

**January Sunday School Offering - Nasir Kamal**

Our offering this month will go to Nasir Kamal, the Director of BTC, a Biblical Training Center in Lahore, Pakistan offering theological education and ministry training. Nasir is a local pastor, teacher, and the principal/resident director of the training program.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

- Care Team Meeting—Thursday, January 15
- Men’s Game Night—Saturday, January 17
- Next Combined Board Meeting—Tuesday, January 20
- Grace Students Snow Camp—January 23-25, 2026
- Next Missions Committee Meeting—Tuesday, January 27
- KidSafe Training Seminar—Sunday, February 8