

Welcome to GRIF!

Name _____ Address _____ City & State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____ I am a regular attendee _____ visitor/guest _____ invited by _____ Please note the following information (change of address, phone, other) _____

Please fill out this Communication Card and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

This helps us know that you were here. Whether you are a visitor or regular GRIF attendee, you can use this tool to communicate with the church staff, share prayer requests and praises or give us your address to send you a greeting as a visitor with us.

GIVING REPORT January 17 TITHES AND OFFERINGS NEEDED WEEKLY \$ 10,607 RECEIVED \$ 6,917 MISSIONS NEEDED WEEKLY \$ 568 RECEIVED \$ 185 RESTORE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RECEIVED TO DATE \$ 338,390 ATTENDANCE: 215

GRIF Updates To receive a weekly GRIF Update, put your email on the Communication Card or email secretary@grifonline.org. Sermon Podcasts www.grifonline.org. Click on Resources and then Sermon Archive and the date you would like to hear. Wireless User Name & Password BYOD2GRIF/ BYODtoGRIF

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January 24-31, 2016

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Growing Orange, Children's Growth Groups, Through the Word 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Pastor's Office) 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sonshine Island, Base Camp 3:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministries Service Project Meet @ Closet of Hope, 2950 Clyde Park (note time change) 5:30 p.m. Youth Small Groups 6:00 p.m. Freed-Up Financial Living MONDAY 9:00 a.m. English Language Learners TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Group (sanctuary) 9:00 a.m. English Language Learners 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study WEDNESDAY 6:30 p.m. ELL, Kid's World, Student Ministries & Women's Bible Study THURSDAY 9:00 a.m. English Language Learners FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. English Language Learners SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Growing Orange, Children's Growth Groups, Through the Word 9:30 a.m. Prayer 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sonshine Island, Base Camp 4:00 p.m. NO Young Adult Ministries 5:00 p.m. Hymn Sing 5:30 p.m. Youth Koinonia at Ruffers 6:00 p.m. Freed-Up Financial Living

Looking Ahead

January 29-Feb. 29 Dinner for 8 February Dinner for 8 Month 11 Church Board Mtg 14 Intro to GRIF 21 Youth Pie Auction 28 to March 5 24/7 Prayer 6 Adult Trivia Night 7 Alabaster Kick-Off 7 Intro to GRIF 10 Ash Wednesday

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Pastor Craig will be speaking this morning on "It's About Time" Psalm 90

Welcome Special Guests The Olivetians from Olivet Nazarene University

There is a **Baptism Service** on **Sunday, Jan. 31**. If you are interested in participating please contact the Church Office by tomorrow or make a note on the communication card.

Freed Up Financial begins **TONIGHT** (6:00-7:15 p.m.) for six weeks. Please see Scott Cousino or Edwin Marino for more information. Cost: \$20 payable to GRIF.

Come to a **Hymn Sing!** All ages are invited to come next **Sunday** from 5-6:00 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Pick out your favorite hymn and we will sing it as a group.

Trivia Night This adult fellowship will be loaded with lots of fun facts, laughter, food and opportunity to meet new people. Plan to come **Saturday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m.** Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share. Please sign-up on the communication card.

Into to GRIF This is an opportunity for you to learn more about GRIF! Join Pastor Craig for 2 sessions, **Sunday, February 7 & 14 from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.**

We will discuss:

- The beliefs and history of the church.
- Our mission, values, and vision.
- How to connect with other people at GRIF.
- Opportunities to use your gifts, experience, and interests in ministry.
- Answers to questions that you may have about GRIF.

Interested?? Please sign up by calling the Church Office or complete the communication card in the bulletin. The group will meet in Room 1/2 in the gym.

Helping Others

Bible Donations During Tropical Storm Erica, Christians and students at the Nazarene Bible College in Dominica lost a great number of books, including Bibles. Jeff and Dawn Chesnut live in Dominica and are helping get Bibles back into the hand of Christians who desperately want to read and study God's Word. Do you have gently used or new Bibles that you are willing to donate? Place them in the box in the foyer near the mission cart. Questions, see our NMI President, Melody Edwards.

It is time for our annual **SOUPER SUNDAY!** On NFL's Super Bowl Sunday, we collect non-perishable food and personal items for the John Knox Food Pantry. Donations will be collected on **February 2**. We will deliver them to the Pantry on the following Monday.

Women's Winter Bible Study

The Inheritance begins **Tues. Jan. 26, 9:30 am** and **Wed. Jan. 27, 6:30 pm**

This 9 week series, by Beth Moore, takes an in-depth look at *Inheritance* throughout God's Word based *Psalm 16: 5-6*. We encourage all women to consider joining this life changing study! Childcare provided. Book cost: \$7. For more info, please see Debbie Sack.

Youth Ministry

Youth Koinonia Night - Sunday, January 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Ben Ruffer's (6920 Burger Dr. SE). If you need a ride, meet at GRIF at 4:45, pick up at 7:15 p.m.

Save the Date - Annual Youth Pie Auction Sunday, February 21 after the morning service. More details to follow.

Our Mission: *To connect people in our multicultural community to Jesus Christ, and together, grow in full devotion to Him.*

Praise & Prayer Requests

- Courtney Pratt** Praise for a new baby girl born January 18th
- Tim Chenoweth** Navigating recent diagnosis of diabetes and Multiple Sclerosis.
- Roger Miller** Hospitalized in serious condition, no visitors please.
- Rosa Tompkins** Recovering from surgery
- Bert DeVries** Core ministry of 4BetterOr4Worse Ministry . New year of growth and change.
- Chris Malachino, Dave Oliver, Donna Miller, Mike Schultz & Cyndi Ruffer (Nathan's mother)** Ongoing health concerns and treatments
- Prayers for our shut-ins:** Susan Brillhart, Lillian Mountain, Lillian Chellete, Rosa Tompkins, MaryJane Olthouse
- Unspoken requests**
- God's moving in family relationships**

Deborah Chenoweth A huge **thank you** to all who prayed, gave words of encouragement, provided meals and cards during my tests, thyroid cancer diagnosis, and surgical procedures. We **Praise God** for a good pathology report including clear lymph nodes. Please continue to pray for healing, and potential radiation treatments. Your many expressions of love have been a huge comfort and invaluable support for Tim and me. Thanks again!

Prayer Times: Tuesdays (6:30 a.m.) & Sundays (9:30 a.m.)

Growth Groups

SUNDAYS 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Adults & Teens

- ◆ **Through the Word** study is **Faithful Living**. This is a multi-generational group led by Lyla Martin and taught by David DeKraker. Location: Gathering Place
- ◆ **Growing Orange** This group is focused on families with teens (5th grade and up) and are invited to participate together. Location: Teen Room

Children

- ◆ **Grow** "Sunday School" type lessons for Preschool and K-5th grade
- ◆ **Children's Quizzing** Grades 3-5. A fun and challenging study taking kids on a journey through Joshua, Judges & Ruth.

CommunityLink

Did you know...*The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reports 2014 had the highest levels of human displacement on record. Conflict and persecution forced an average of 42,500 people to leave their homes daily to seek protection elsewhere. The numbers did not decrease in 2015. CommunityLink (GRIF's outreach ministry GRIF) offers a safe place 5 days a week for up to 90 refugee from all over the world. Thank you for your support and prayers.*

Winter Weather Policy: *Activities will be cancelled when the Kentwood Public Schools cancel due to severe weather conditions.*

I would like to ask prayer for _____

Communication Card - Information and Responses

Please share this **request** with pastoral staff only prayer group
 in bulletin/email update This is a praise and/or answered prayer.

Name(s) _____

I would like information about _____

I would like to sign up for _____
 I would like to talk to someone about a spiritual need in my life.
 I desire more information about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.