

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

February 7
TITHES AND OFFERINGS

NEEDED WEEKLY	\$	10,607
RECEIVED	\$	7,318

MISSIONS

NEEDED WEEKLY	\$	568
RECEIVED	\$	460

RESTORE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

RECEIVED TO DATE	\$	338,828
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ATTENDANCE: 230

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
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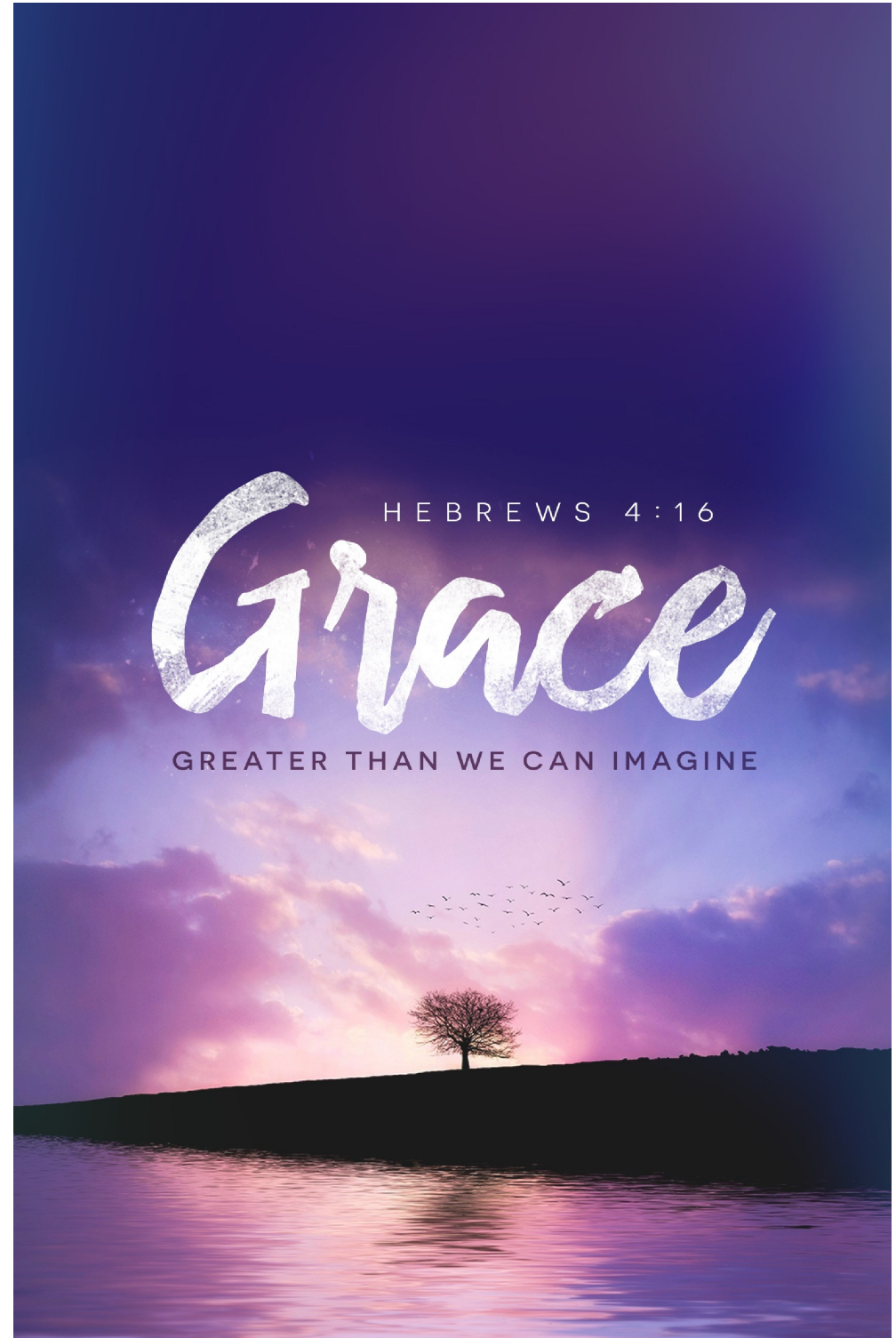
February 14-21, 2016

SUNDAY	Freedom Sunday
8:45 a.m.	Intro to GRIF
9:00 a.m.	Growing Orange, Children's Growth Groups, Through the Word
9:30 a.m.	Prayer (Pastor's study)
10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sonshine Island, Base Camp
5:30 p.m.	Youth Small Groups
6:00 p.m.	Freed-Up Financial Living GRIF Kid's Musical Rehearsal
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	Spaghetti Lunch & Pie Auction Fundraiser
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Looking Ahead

February	March
Dinner for 8 Month	25 Good Friday
28 Youth Koinonia	27 Easter
28 & 29 - 24/7 Prayer	
March	April
1-5 24/7 Prayer	4-8 Spring Break - No ELL or Wed. Ministries
10 Church Board Mtg.	10 Ignite - NMI Event
13 Daylight Savings move clocks up 1 hour	14 Church Board Mtg.
13 Alabaster Offering	22-23 Middle School Believe Conference
14 NMI Meeting	24 GRIF Kid's Musical
19 Adult Trivia Night	30 Family Photo
23 Tenebrae Service	Scavenger Hunt

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Pastor Craig's topic this morning: "Peace Through Forgiveness"
II Corinthians 5: 14-21

Serving Others

Thank you for your donations for **SOUPER SUNDAY!** The staff at John Knox Food Pantry were very thankful for the bags and bags of food and personal items.

ALABASTER Offering March 13 Helping to **MAKE Christlike Disciples in the Nations by building:** Churches...Medical Facilities...Schools...Homes
Pick up an Alabaster Box in the foyer.

Today will be the **last day** to bring in gently used or new Bibles. 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. There is a box in the foyer near the mission cart. Questions, see our NMI President, Melody Edwards.

A group from GRIF will be going to Olivet Nazarene University for a **job fair on February 24** and could use help in the following ways:

- ✓ *Make a connection with the talent acquisition process at their work in order to determine the availability of positions for the ONU students we are hoping to recruit.*
- ✓ *Contact the students we recruit in order to offer networking help to the students we are hoping to recruit.*
- ✓ *Be willing to house or help with transportation in order for the students to come to Grand Rapids to interview.*

Youth Ministry

Annual Youth Pie Auction Sunday, February 21

After the morning service, join the teens for a Spaghetti Lunch and Pie Auction. Money raised is used to help defray costs for youth activities. This is a great time for everyone! You will have an opportunity to bid on pies in fun, interactive ways. If you would like to donate a pie to be auctioned, contact the Church Office or make a note on the communication card and place it in the offering. Thank you!

Children's Ministry

Spring Musical "Back to the Cross"

Rehearsals begin Sunday, February 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
If you have questions, please see Jennifer Shride.

Send a greeting from home to our Missionaries Steve & Rebecca Barber in Thailand rasbarber@yahoo.com.



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

Praise & Prayer Requests

Roger Miller Hospitalized and recovering from surgery. The Miller family are very grateful for your prayers, cards and support! No visitors please as he continues to rest and heal.

David Nichols, hip surgery this Tuesday and **Anne Schultz** rotator cup surgery Friday
Chris Malachino, 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, David Oliver, MaryJane Olthouse & Rosa Tompkins

God's moving in family relationships

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.

Worship Arts Ministries

Worship Arts Ministry would like to invite you to join in on a special **Holy Week Choir**. No audition is necessary for this brief commitment. Practices will be held every other Tuesday from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the music office beginning February 23. This choir will be part of a number of the services during the week. If this interests you, please sign up and pick up a music folder outside the music office.

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 _____

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.