

Welcome to GRIF * * * * Communication/Bulletin Response Card

Please complete and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 I am a regular attendee _____ guest _____ invited by _____

Announcement response _____ A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 This helps us know that you were here. Whether you are a guest 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 guest with us.

Our Mission:
 Connecting people to Christ in our multicultural community.

GIVING REPORT

February 5

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

NEEDED WEEKLY	\$	10,998
RECEIVED	\$	5,194

MISSIONS

NEEDED WEEKLY	\$	566
RECEIVED	\$	675

GRIF Updates
 To receive weekly updates, provide your email on the *Communication Card* or email secretary@grifonline.org.

Sermon Podcasts
www.grifonline.org
 Click on *Resources*, *Sermon Archive*.

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This Week at GRIF
Feb. 19- Feb 26, 2017



SUNDAY
 9 am Orange, Adult and Children's Growth Groups
 10:00 am Worship
 1:30 pm 5th Grade & Middle Schoolers Samaritas Service project
 5:30 pm Youth
 6:00 pm Sacred Marriage

MONDAY
 9 am ELL Classes

TUESDAY
 9 am ELL Classes, Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY
 5:30-6:15 pm Wed. meal
 6:30 pm ELL, Awana, Youth and Adult Groups, Exploring Membership

THURSDAY
 9 am ELL Classes

FRIDAY Church Office closed
 9 am ELL Classes

SUNDAY
 9:00 am Orange, Adult and Children's Growth Groups
 10:00 am Worship
 11:45 am 7 Key Habits
 5:30 pm Youth Koinonia
 6:00 pm Sacred Marriage
 6:00 pm Prayer Week begins

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March**
- 1 Ash Wednesday Service
 - 3 Prayer Service
 - 5 Alabaster Sunday
 - 26 Olivet's *The Narrow*
 - 26 Youth Koinonia
 - 28 Dominica Trip
- April**
- 12 Tenebrae Service
 - 17 Good Friday Service
 - 19 Easter Sunday

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REASON to BELIEVE 3: Suffering – How Can God Be Good and ... ?
1 Peter 1:3-12; Isaiah 43:1-3; Daniel 3; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Reason to Believe series:

- January 29 Foundations – How Do We Know?
- February 5 Scripture, part 1 – Can You Believe It?
- 12 Scripture, part 2 - How Can I Understand It?
- 19 Suffering – How Can God Be Good and...?**
- 26 Jesus – Is He THE Way, Truth, and Life?

The Dilemma: If God is all good and therefore opposed to evil and suffering, yet does not stop it, He must not be all powerful. If God is all powerful and can stop evil and suffering but does not do it, He must not be all good.

When you encounter evil and suffering ... 1 thing not to do and 3 things to do.

First, don't _____ in God.

Then, do this when you suffer ...

1. Something you should look _____ to.

2. Something you should look _____ to.

3. Something you should look _____ to.



GOD

Father → revealed in the **Creation**,
Son and in **Jesus Christ** through **Scripture**,
Holy Spirit understood by **Tradition, Reason, Experience [Intuition]**

Resources:

- * The Bible Project <https://thebibleproject.com>
- * The Veritas Forum (online) www.veritas.org
- * RightNow Media (GRIF subscription – free sign up) <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Library/49>
- * C.S. Lewis. The Problem of Pain.

Praise & Prayer Requests

- * **Robin Shearer** Recovering at Maple Creek from stroke.
- * **Mitch Place's brother, Marty** Recovering from possible brain aneurysm
- * **Leon Lusamba** Recovering from surgery
- * **Ann Schultz** Recovering from surgery.
- * **Rebecca Lovejoy** Ongoing complications of surgery
- * **Those with physical needs and/or receiving medical treatments** - Heidi Enck, Roger and Donna Miller, Cyndi Ruffer, Dr. John Seaman and Rosa Tompkins' Sister Constance.
- * **Prayers for our shut-ins:** Susan Brillhart, Lillian Chelette, Lillian Mountain, David and Carol Oliver and MaryJane Olthouse.

Prayer Group - Everyone is welcome Tuesdays (6:30 a.m.) & Sundays (9:30 a.m.)



The GRIF teens would like to send a resounding THANK YOU to all of the GRIF family for your overwhelming support during the 2017 Pie Auction. Because of your love for our teens, we raised a record breaking \$8,894 to help defray the cost of future trips, retreats, summer camps, and other ministry experiences. Whether you gave of your time, talent, check book, prayers, or other resources, we are grateful to you for showing the teens how much they are valued. Thank you!

Wednesday night is a great time to invite someone to join you for a meal, participate in an opportunity to grow spiritually or serve others. Dinner served 5:30-6:15 pm, The Nepali women will be serving rice with vegetables, roti (fried bread), chicken pieces and cookies.



Journey with Jesus 24/7 Prayer - February 16 – March 4

Journey with Jesus by praying through significant moments he experienced on the way to the cross. Spend time praying for prayer requests of our GRIF family or simply be present to His presence. This week of around the clock prayer is a sacred time for our church family. Sign up today for a segment of time to be in the prayer room. Lon and Karen Mortz will greet those who come in the overnight hours.

The sanctuary is open during the week, in the event the prayer room's schedule is full or as an alternative prayer experience. Sign-ups for the sanctuary are not necessary, just come –day or night.

You may fill out a prayer card with a prayer request and it will be prayed for many times throughout the week of prayer. Place in the offering plate.

It has been said **Right Now Media** is like Netflix for Bible study materials. Instantly stream biblical teachings for home, other groups - even the back seat of your car for the kids! It offers Bible-based content for all ages and it is **FREE!** Circle **"R"** on the response card and include your email.



7 KEY HABITS February 26 @ 11:45 – 2:30

Discover the key habits that are vital in following Christ as your Lord as Savior. This class could change your life. A light lunch is served and childcare is provided with advanced notice. Circle **"H"** on the response card if you are interested in taking this class.

- I would like to ask prayer for _____
- I would like information about _____
- 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.
- Please share **request** with pastoral staff prayer group in bulletin/email update This is a praise/answered prayer.