

# PRAYmissions

## Harrison's in Western Asia

I've had to let go of so many things this year. Expectations, belongings, and friends. I've leaned into pieces of myself that have been silent for a long time and seen new facets of the Good News glimmering.

This year has been particularly shifting for John. He is back in his element: new place, new language, new relationships, new challenges to overcome. But this year he has learned so much about himself and the gifts and strengths God has given him. He has become more patient, more kind, more gentle. More willing to listen, and to share his vulnerabilities. For a guy who likes to DO, the waiting has been particularly frustrating, but he has come out on the other side more resilient.

When we met a team in February to formulate our vision, I brought a drawing of what I hoped to see happen in this city. In a city filled with pavement and cement apartment buildings, it is rare to find green space. Occasionally you will find a tree, a weed, a flower, or a vine growing in a small patch of dirt. Life clinging on in a barren place. This was vision I brought to the work we are doing. In a (metaphorical) city of cement hearts, may life spring from the tiniest cracks, growing into lush vines of hope.

In our area of the city, there is massive renovation happening everywhere. On every street there are buildings torn down, no longer deemed safe for habitation. Our local city has proposed a massive undertaking to tear down many of the buildings in our suburb and rebuild them over the next several years (don't worry the home we bought happens to be brand new). But as the buildings are being torn down, it is revealing tiny alcoves of life in hidden courtyards between houses. Life in the shadows. On my walk home from school last week, I saw one of the green oasis's, revealed when a dangerous building was torn down. My heart was encouraged. The HS whispered to my heart "pray that hearts would be like these plants. As security is shaken, pray that the strongholds, like the buildings, would come down, making way for Light and Growth in hearts longing for light."

See the Welcome Center bulletin board for the full missionary prayer letters.



June 25, 2023

# GRACE

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Today's Title: *Romans 9:1-18*

Today's Speaker: *Pastor Tim Combs*

*Great to have you at Grace!*



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## Week of June 25

### Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am What is a Healthy Church Member?

10:15 am Worship Service

### Tuesday

7:00 pm Prayer Time Facebook Group

### Wednesday

6:30 pm Young Church

6:30 pm Discipleship Group

### Saturday

2:00 pm Volleyball

## Stewardship Report

### Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$4,890  
Missions: \$742

### Received June 18

Local Budget: \$3,210  
Missions: \$381  
Love in a Bag: \$10  
Care: \$75

**Discipleship Group** is Wednesday in the ABF Overflow room from 6:30-8pm. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you there.

### Tri State District Camp:

It's a great time to start planning!

Dates: July 9-14

Location: Camp Lebanon

Who can come?

Junior Camp: kids entering grades 4-7

Senior Camp: teens entering grades 8-12

Registration is \$300 registration has gone up, <https://www.tristatecamp.com/register.html> There are also opportunities to serve as a counselor for Jr. Camp or Sr. Camp or to serve in the kitchen as staff for the week. Call/Text Billy Bender with questions 937-231-5259. \*\*\*Scholarships may be made available if there is a need.

### Stay connected!

Want to know what's up at Grace Community Church?

- Regularly visit: [www.hhgcc.org](http://www.hhgcc.org)
- Join the "Grace Community Church" Facebook page
- Receive email prayer requests and announcements by joining GCC's Gmail groups via the church website, [www.hhgcc.org](http://www.hhgcc.org).

**Holly Bloemhof** and family will be in town soon and will be visiting Grace on July 2nd. She was able to find a vehicle while they are in town.

**RightNow Media** describes itself as "the Netflix for Christians" complete with Bible study materials and Christian entertainment for adults and children. GCCers can join for free! Send an email to [office@hhgcc.org](mailto:office@hhgcc.org) to receive and invite to RightNow Media and receive "the keys" to access the site. Apps are available for many devices.

### Next Week:

Text: Romans 9:19-33

SEE YOU  
Next Week!  
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**Is this your first time at Grace?** So glad you're here! Please fill out the yellow-green visitor card so we can say hi and get to know you better. Stop by the Welcome Center kiosk for a welcome gift! Hope to see you again!

### Vacation Bible School (VBS):

Thank you so much for everyone that volunteered their time during VBS. Weather is bringing in food to feed the volunteers or working a station or room it was all appreciated so much. God lived through each of you this week!



**Donor Envelopes:** To facilitate regular giving, request a set of weekly donation envelopes with an individualized ID number. Sign up by email to [office@hhgcc.org](mailto:office@hhgcc.org) or call Tiffany 937-233-4324.

**Volunteers:** From time to time, the church has minor fix-it projects requiring skills in carpentry, electricity, plumbing, equipment repair, and landscaping. Do you have extra time on your hands and wondering where you can help? Volunteer your time and talent, please call Karen Bonham 937-776-2079. If we don't have volunteers, we will have to hire outside personnel. Thanks!

**Head Sets are available** for the hearing impaired for use during the Sunday morning services. The sound technician at the rear of the auditorium is happy to assist you.

**Donate used ink cartridges** to GCC by leaving them on the church office desk or in the window. They are recycled at Staples in exchange for merchandise discounts. Thanks!

## Wednesday Nights

6:30 - 8:00 pm Church for Youth  
Come join in on the fun!

## About Us

### Purpose

Grace Community Church exists for God—for His praise and purpose and to display His character and compassion.

We are to worship Him, grow to be like Him, and encourage others to believe in and follow Him

(See: Eph. 3:20; John 15:8, 16; Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20)

### Pattern

- Cultivating people with a growing love for God and His truth.
- Rejoicing in our worship.
- Strengthening our families.
- Encouraging each other with words, prayer, and actions.
- Actively reaching our world near and far.



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