

PRAYmissions

Karen Foster

I enjoyed the Dickson and Blessing's wedding a couple of weeks ago. I would have turned the sound system way down but didn't have that option. There are now earplugs in my purse—a habit I'd forgotten—and I've used them once already.

Do you know how hard it is to get good pictures of dancing, dark-skinned people indoors? There were times when the couple was sitting still, but it wasn't appropriate to be taking pictures then. During the gift-giving dance procession they paused for a photo.

Compared to the little immigrant children I work with; the building was to die for. Building and music and meal are not what a wedding is mainly about, of course. But what does make a wedding? What constitutes marriage?

Coworkers the Carmeans joke with Paul and Faith about their first anniversary; is it a year from the date of the families' traditional ceremony, or the paperwork ceremony at the mayor's office, or the church ceremony?

Dickson and Blessing are Baptist. I know them from Muslim outreach. Paul and Faith are full Gospel. He is an interpreter with our Bible Institute. In our Charis churches? Almost no weddings. I think I've heard of two in 17 years in Yaounde.

Pray

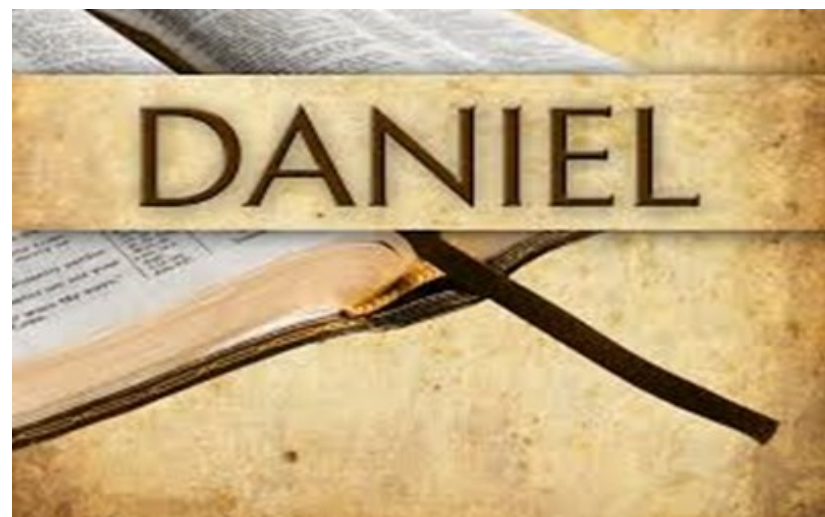
It seems that typically what brings a couple to be considered man and "wife" is a pregnancy. For that they get disciplined in church, then ask for forgiveness and go on with life. Sometimes a dowry is paid. No legalities, no church celebration. **Pray** for more biblical approaches. To get their Bible Institute diplomas, the current group of students will be required to have a marriage certificate, which is issued by a mayor's office. We've been to one of those ceremonies.

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



Today's Message: *Dare to*
Today's Text: *Daniel Review*
Today's Speaker: *Pastor Bob Foote*

Great to have you at Grace!



~ Experiencing God, Encouraging People ~

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Week of Dec 27

Sunday

10:15 am Facebook Live

****Church office will be closed Dec 24 thru Jan 4.

Sensible singing? Holy humming? Gospel greetings?

Public worship will be different for a while, but seeking God and encouraging people are always worth the effort!

Check emails, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/228200600551840/>), and www.hhgcc.org for online studies and more information.

Keep praying as God has his hands on all of us. Let us know how we can help you help your neighbors.

Stewardship Report

Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$6,090
Missions: \$779

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Local Budget: \$7,836
Missions: \$1,270
Love Bag: \$30
Care: \$160
BURO: \$ 300
HotH: \$300

Pray for our children and teachers as school is changing, and is a day to day process. Patience required! Pray, too, for church ministries as we seek effective ways to serve when our old routines are no longer available. Pray for your neighbors as we don't know what they are facing.

Need to borrow something from GCC? To help us keep track of church property, please contact the church office prior to borrowing things. We will verify that no one needs it for their ministry before you sign it out. *Thanks for your help with this!*

Donor Envelopes: To facilitate regular giving, request a set of weekly donation envelopes with an individualized ID number. Sign up by email to gracechurch@hhgcc.org or call Tiffany 937-623-6091 and she can make it happen. **Already on the donor list?** Your 2021 envelopes have arrived and Tiffany has mailed them all out. Give it at least a week for their arrival.

Online giving is available. Visit www.hhgcc.org and click on the "Donate" tab (top right on your screen). You may use a credit card, debit card or have funds drawn directly via ACH from your checking account. Set up a one-time gift or a recurring gift, designate where you would like your funds to go: general fund, missions, benevolence, etc., and if you want your contribution to go to more than one place just click to add a gift to another fund For help please reach out at office@hhgcc.org.

We would love to pray for you! Receive GCC's email prayer updates. Visit GCC's website, hhgcc.org (see QR code at the right). Use the contact us link at the bottom of the main page under "Our Church." Consider joining the "announcements" group at the same time to have access to GCC's inclement weather cancellation information. You may also checkout our Facebook page as we put prayer updates there as well.

Next Week:

Text: Intro to John's Gospel



Thank you so much, to the members of the Heart of the Holidays cast and crew for the huge investment you made again this year in making Christ known in our community. A special thanks to Penny Davis, David and Pam McMeans for the countless hours spent during the entire event.

Amazon's charitable giving program, "Amazon Smile," lets you make your same Amazon selections with one slight change. When you shop through Amazon Smile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Grace Community Church of Huber Heights. How do you get started? Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0735648> and support us every time you shop.

Year-end Giving

To qualify for IRS credit on your 2019 return, GCC must receive your donation by Dec 31.

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 John Miller 937-667-3642. If we don't have volunteers, we will have to hire outside personnel. Thanks!

Stay connected!

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

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

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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