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_____ I have a prayer request (please list on back)

_____ I am a first time visitor

_____ I would like to be contacted by a pastor

_____ I would like to join the church

_____ Sign me up for weekly email updates

_____ Sign me up for this small group/class:

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Sermon Text: Revelation 2:8-11
Sermon: The Rich Church of Smyrna

I. Background on Smyrna

- 1. *The economy*
- 2. *The imperial cult*

Revelation 2:9b "I know the slander of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they really aren't because theirs is a synagogue of Satan." NLT

II. Christ's Contradictions

2 Corinthians 6:10 Our hearts ache, but we always have joy. We are poor, but we give spiritual riches to others. We own nothing, and yet we have everything.

- 1. *The poor people of Smyrna are rich*

Revelation 2:9a "I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich!" NLT

- 2. *Martyrs will receive life*

Revelation 2:8b "This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who died and is alive." NLT

Matthew 10:28 "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell." NLT

- 3. *Persecuted will be crowned*

Revelation 2:10b "Remain faithful even when facing death, and I will give you the crown of life." NLT

Trunk or Treat! Saturday, October 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. All of our Grace Church family is invited! Trunk or Treat provides a safe environment for our Church Family to trick-or-treat as a group. Adults: park your car in the S & T parking lot (closest to Church Street), with your TRUNK open and DECORATED. Kids: walk from trunk to trunk for treats beginning at 7:00 pm! Awards will be given for the best decorated trunk! Don't forget to wear your costumes!

ENGAGED and MARRIED COUPLES: WEEKEND TO REMEMBER 2017 is offering two different weekends in Pittsburgh. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center with more details or go to Familylife.com.

Senior Adults are invited to have Lunch With the Pastors on Thursday, October 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Blue T-shirts with the new Grace Church logo are now available at a cost of \$10 each in the church office, or see Will Pinos! Support our local campus ministry. Also available in youth sizes!

It is not too early to be thinking of the Christmas season and the Love Basket. This year's **Love Basket registration** will be October 23, 24, and 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you know anyone who needs the special lift that a Love Basket would provide, please call Ed Scott at 724-388-3291 with their name and telephone number by November 17.

New time and place for GEMs (God Empowering Me/Gals Encouraging Me) weight loss Grace Group for women will now meet at 10:00 am on Sundays in Room 202.

Youth Meeting: Today, October 08, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Grace Growth Center. PLEASE BRING A SNACK!!! Guest Speaker: Phil Floyd. It's going to be awesome!

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October 08, 2017

Our Pastors

Rev. Bill Blair - Senior Pastor

Pastor Kathy Mihoerck - Congregational Care
 & Senior Adult Ministries

Pastor Dennis Marshall - Visitation

We gather in grace

The coffee is ready! Please enjoy a time of fellowship in our Welcome Center between worship services. Meet and greet your friends and make new ones.

Check your bulletin today for information on special events, including Sunday School, Sock-tober, small groups and *Trunk or Treat!* Get connected with a Grace Group! There is something for everyone!

More information is available in the Welcome Center. Check our website for other opportunities to Gather in Grace!

Child care

Child care for children up to age 4 is available in the nursery Sundays during worship services.

Children K-5 can attend Kid's Church: "The Train Station" - an exciting worship experience - at 11:00 am (please sign your child in downstairs before the worship service begins).

Children ages 3-5 can attend Kid's Church: "The Caboose" during the 11:00 worship service (located down the main hallway past the Welcome Center).

Order of Worship

Traditional Worship 9:00 am

Gathering Music

Announcements

Prelude - *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
Agape Bells

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn of Praise - No. 155
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Invocation

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:19-21; 31-33

Response - No. 70
Glory Be to the Father

Anthem - *Holy Is He*
(Congregation joins in singing)

Hymn of Preparation - No. 140
Great is Thy Faithfulness

Message
The "Rich" Church of Smyrna

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
Jesus, Name Above All Names

*Doxology - No. 95
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn - No. 128
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

*Benediction & Postlude

*Indicates the congregation standing as able



If you are joining us for the first time today, we extend to you a very special greeting! We have a gift for you in our

Welcome Center. Additionally, while in the Welcome Center, please take a moment and complete a connect card and return it to the Welcome Center host. Thank you for joining us!

The white carnation on the altar is in memory of Althea Dunlap who passed away on September 28, 2017. Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends.

Our sympathy is extended to Savannah (Barris) Tutko and family and Donald & Melissa Barris on the death of Savannah's husband, Michael Tutko on 09-27-2017.

Please note the time change: The **Coffeehouse Worship** Service now meets at 7:00 pm on Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall.

Sock-tober! During October, Grace children are collecting new adult socks for the homeless. Bring socks to the children's area of the Church. The children will pray over them to bring warmth and God's love to the lives they will touch. Questions? Contact Kara Krauss.

Youth Trail Ride on October 14: Sign up by today! \$10 per rider. We leave at 10 am sharp!

Wednesday Dinner

Serving 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
in Fellowship Hall
Adults: \$5 Kids 4-12: \$2.50
Under 4: Free

THIS WEEK'S MENU

Chili Con Carne,
Grilled Cheese Sandwich,
Salad & Dessert

To properly plan,
reservations are required.
Sign up in the Welcome Center,
or call the church office
by 4:00 pm on Tuesday.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Monday, October 09

Columbus Day



10:00 am Women's Bible Study - Room 106
4:00 pm Women's Prayer Group - Room 205
6:00 pm Trustees Meeting - Room 208
7:00 pm SPRC Meeting - Room 205

Tuesday, October 10

6:30 pm Orchestra - Room 106
7:00 pm Women's Evening Fellowship - Room 101 & 102

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - Room 102
10:00 am The Seekers Women's Group - 173 Valley Rd., Indiana
3:30 pm Women's Grace Group - Room 201
5:00 pm Wednesday Dinner - Fellowship Hall
6:15 pm Prayer Walk - meet at KCAC stadium side lot
6:15 pm Case for Christ Study - Room 208
6:15 pm Men's Grace Group - Room 201
6:15 pm Marrieds with Young Kids - Room 207
7:00 pm Co-Ed Lifers Grace Group - 211 Grant St., Indiana
7:00 pm Agape Bells - Room 105

Thursday, October 12

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study - Room 106
6:30 pm Puppet Ministry Meeting - Room 208
7:00 pm Chancel Choir - Room 203
7:00 pm Worship Team Practice - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 14

7:45 am Prayer Fellowship - G.I.M. (1st Floor)
7:00 pm Coffeehouse Worship - Fellowship Hall

Charlie Brown Christmas Play: Practice for today (October 08) needs to be rescheduled, because we have not received the script yet from the company. The first practice will be held October 15 from 12:30-1:30 pm.

New Small Group for Couples: Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm beginning on October 11 at Sandy and Ken Carr's home at 1442 Philadelphia Street in Indiana. Please call 724-349-3234 to sign up.

Marriage Matters Sunday School Class will start on October 29 at 10:00 am in room 205 (off of Fellowship Hall). This class is for married couples in order to discuss God's word and apply HIS guidelines to everyday marital matters.

Children's Ministry Sunday School will begin Sunday, October 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am. Please contact Kara Krauss if you would like your child to sign up for Sunday School Classes.

Childcare for Sunday School will be provided during the Sunday School hour of 10:00 -11:00 am for those who need it!

Remember in prayer....

North Korea
Joan Shirley
Micah Taylor
Jean Rapach
Terry St. Clair
Betty Scarpino
Chris Lybarger
Andrew Manzek
Debbie Douglass
Dale Cunningham
All First Responders
Rosemary McDowell
Althea Dunlap Family
Michael Tutko Family
Victims of the recent
Hurricanes
Deployed Military
Personnel

GRACE CHURCH FEATURED EVENTS

FALL SMALL GROUPS and CLASSES have begun—Sign up today!

AFTER SCHOOL COMES GRACE: After School Program for children grades Kindergarten - 5th Grade. If you would like information to register your child(ren) please complete:

Parent Name: _____

Child(s) Name: _____

Grade(s): _____

Parent Email: _____

Prayer Request: