

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ! We are so excited about the fresh, new start God is giving us through His Spirit today! If you are visiting, please let us know your name and fill out a visitor's form. We will be so blessed to know you and welcome you to the Grace Church family!

**Memory Verse – 2 Timothy 1:7** – for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

### Today:

- **Children's Ministry:** 10:00/11:30am  
Lesson today: "Paul: From Saul to Paul"
- **Life Prep Classes:** 11:30am  
**Youth (MS/HS):** "Playlist: Bible Lessons Based On Popular Songs"  
**Adults:** Sermon Discussion

### Mark the Date:

- 9.16 Youth Car Wash Fundraising Event for mission fund and RP Heavy Rescue (1pm-3pm)
- 9.16 Movie Night - Jesus Revolution (4pm)
- 9.17 New Bridge Med. Ctr Volunteering
- 9.20 Homeless Shelter Volunteering
- 9.24 Baptism classes begin - please see Pastor John for information
- 9.30 Mid-Autumn Festival Evangelical Outreach (Mandarin only)
- 10.7 Ridgefield Park Street (9-5pm)
- 10.14 Harvest Trip (TBD)
- 10.15 Mission Sunday
- 10.21 Women of Grace (10am)

*Let us remember those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center on 9/11 and ask that the Lord will comfort the family members.*

**2024 Deacon Board Nominations:** The board of deacons is beginning the process for nominating deacons for the coming year. Please prayerfully consider members of our church who will fit the Biblical requirements for deacons. The term for deacons is four years. Suggestions for candidates can be made to Pastor John, Minister Chan, or Board members (Ken Kam, Antony Yanuardy, Erin Miu, Alfred Lee) for consideration until 10/1. Thank you for your prayers in this important time in our church.

### Volunteers Needed:

- Help with Children Ministry – see Esther
- Bergen Cty Homeless Lunch Serving – Sign up on the announcement bulletin board.
- Nursery: Although there is no immediate need for Nursery help at this time, we are praying in faith for what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see (Heb. 11:1). Please see Esther if you would like to be on the team ready to serve.

**Reminder to co-workers:** please remember to submit payment requests with receipts in a timely manner to the treasury. Thank you!

**Offering:** Please make your offering via Zelle: [ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com](mailto:ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com) or by check made payable to OCM Grace Church – send to church address, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>	
WORSHIP	9:30 AM
<u>WEEKDAY PRAYER TIME</u>	
DAILY TUES-FRI	12:00 PM
WEDNESDAY WITH BIBLE STUDY	8:00 PM
SEE CHURCH WEBSITE FOR THE ZOOM MTG TIMES AND LINKS	

### Daily Bible Reading:

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=A>  
Some prayers in the bulletin are "Reprinted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts"

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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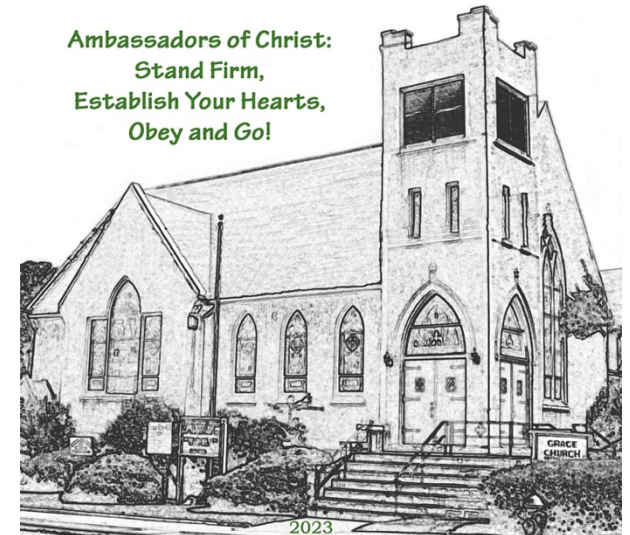
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## OCM Grace Church

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### September 10, 2023

Ambassadors of Christ:  
Stand Firm,  
Establish Your Hearts,  
Obey and Go!



2 Corinthians 5:20a; 1 Corinthians 15:58; James 5:8

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## OUR PRAYERS

Dear Lord, we come before you on this day of starting the school year to sing you a new song, and to praise you. Thank you for your Word which reminds us that we are not given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. Teach us to remember these words both today and every day. In Jesus' Name, *Amen*.

Pray supplications, prayers, intercession for all people.  
For leaders in high positions. 1 Tim. 2:1-2

### Our church:

- Upcoming deacon nominations

### Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Harumi; Brother Fat Goh; James Loy; Uncle Lemuel; Coty's sister Amy; Gordon Huie; Mrs. Shu; PJ's sister Nancy; Mary Bruno's daughter Lisa and sister Patricia, Peter Konopka; Albert Wong, Toby Lai, Albert Lau; Mongyi Loy; Maria Ho
- Salvation: Mary Bruno's son Mario and daughter-in-law Yvonne; missionary friend Sarah
- Special protection: Peter Mui.

### The world:

- Mercy and Justice for the poor, oppressed, and under-privileged. (Isaiah 1:17)
- For the Ukraine-Russia war; the political situation Burkina Faso; other areas of the world that suffer from unrest and oppression.
- God's mercy on those who lost loved ones to gun violence
- Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere

### Our Nation:

- Just and righteous government
- Provision for the poor and needy
- Spiritual revival and turning to Christ
- An end to violence
- For God's mercy on the people of Maui

### Schools/Student:

- For renewal of the Good News Club in Fall/Spring
- College students beginning/returning to school
- All students remain strong in the Lord

Call to Worship Kit

Confession of Sin

Apostles Creed

Praise Antony & family

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:7 Beverly

Sermon: Pastor John

### **The best words ever for the start of something new**

Song of Response

Holy Communion

Intercessory Prayer Yacer

Offering Kit

Announcements Kit

Benediction Pastor John

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### **Psalm 149:1-3**

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the godly!  
Let Israel be glad in his Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!  
Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

## SERMON NOTES