

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, everyone, to OCM Grace Church! We are happy that you are here to worship the Lord together! May the Lord bless you richly with His steadfast love and joy!

Memory Verse for the Week – Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Today:

- **Children's Ministry:** Lesson today: The Beginning: A perfect home
- **Life Prep Classes:**
Youth, Young Adults and Adults: Sermon Discussion with Pastor Chad

Weekdays:

- **Bible Study and Prayer** via Zoom on **Wednesdays** at 8 pm.
Current study is in 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- **Noontime Prayer: Tuesday through Friday** via Zoom.
Besides general intercessions, daily prayer focuses are:
Missions (Tues.), Church Ministries (Wed.), Children and Youth (Thurs.),
Unsaved Family and Friends/Listening Prayer (Fri.). All are encouraged to join.

Mark the Date:

- 09.20 – New Bridge Volunteering
- 09.30 – Homeless Shelter Lunch Volunteering
- 10.03 – Ridgefield Park Street Fair Outreach 9-5 pm
- *Please sign-up to volunteer for this important witnessing opportunity.*
- 10.04 – Concert of Prayer for Mission Sunday 1:30 - 2:45 pm in Sanctuary
- 10.04 – OCM Main Church 65th Anniversary Dinner 5:30 pm
- registration info: <https://ocm.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3419519>
- 10.10 – Women of Grace 10 am. Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado
- 10.11 – Mission Sunday - Speaker Rev Jerry Schmoyer; Workshop: Rev. Aaron Shum
- 10.22 – CEF Fall Dinner - come have dinner and learn about how to reach children with the Gospel

2027 Deacon Board Nominations: The board of deacons is beginning the process for nominating deacons for 2027. Please prayerfully consider members of our church who will fit the Biblical requirements for deacons posted on the bulletin board. The term for deacons is four years. Suggestions for candidates can be made to Pastor John, Minister Sandy, Alfred Lee, and Erin Miu for consideration until 10.4. Thank you for your prayers in this important time in our church.

Grace Festival Choir is calling for singers! We will offer special music at the church anniversary service on 11/8. Practice dates: 10/11, 10/25, 11/1. Please talk to Li-Chan.

Volunteering Opportunities: Bergen New Bridge Medical Center; Homeless Shelter - see PJ

Pastoral Search Committee:

Alfred, Alex, Candi, Maris, Marissa, Sebastian, Susan, and Yacer.

Offering:

Two ways of giving: Zelle via church account, ocmgracetreasury@outlook.com;
mail checks payable to OCM Grace Church to 90 Mt. Vernon St, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660, Attn: Treasury (specify for missions or general fund in memo)

Attendance for 9/6: 33

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"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. Luke 12:35-37"

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Erin Miu (Christian Education, Building/Service; Treasury)
Alfred Lee (Fellowship; Mission; Secretary)

90 Mt Vernon Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

Call to Worship

Susan

Psalm 40:6-8

⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

Confession of Sins

Apostles Creed

Praise

Seb

Blessing for the Children

Brianne

Prayer for Illumination

Brianne

Scripture

Luke 9:23-26

Chris

Sermon

Rev. Chad McDonald

The basic will of God. What is your choice?

Song of Response

Intercessory Prayer

Marissa

Offering

Susan

Announcements

Susan

Benediction

Rev. Chad McDonald

Silent Prayer

OUR PRAYERS

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

Dear Father in Heaven, Your Son Jesus fully obeyed your will, unto the cross.
May we, like Him, say "I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart." In Jesus' Name, Amen

Praise:

- Praise the Lord for His blessings on our young people at the Summer Conference Retreat last weekend.

Personal needs:

- Health and recovery: Celine's father; Coty's sister Amy; PJ's sister Nancy; Peter Konopka; James Loy; Willie's wife Lyndell; Kwong and Kwong's mother; Albert; Marco's dad (Brother Kin Fat Chen); Maris and Darren; Kathy Mui.
- Peace and strength: Yacer
- Special protection: Peter Mui; Mary Bruno

Our Church:

- The theme this year, *Keep Your Lamps Burning*, will take root in our lives through the Holy Spirit.
- The growth of children and youth ministries.
- The young adults group will form a strong bond and encourage one another to walk closely with Jesus while navigating new stages of their lives.
- Need deacons for the next term, beginning in Jan. 2027.
- Search for the new Pastor.

Our Nation:

- For all levels of government and all public servants to humbly seek God's wisdom and lead in His love and righteousness.
- For God's Spirit to bring reason, calm, justice, and peace to the nation.
- For Spiritual revival and turning to Christ

Our World:

- For peace; for the suffering in all war-affected areas.
- For all who suffered under extreme weather and natural disasters.
- For Japan, Venezuela, Colombia and all those impacted by the earthquakes.
- Please pray for Nepal flood victims, and the ongoing flood rescue mission

Missions:

- For the Gospel of God's love and salvation to reach every nation.
- For missionaries we support: Donna Baptiste, Calvin Chan; Kenny/Cindy Chau; Daniel/Karla Grenz; Paul and Dorothy Lacy; Gordon Law; Linda Schramm; Jerry Schmoyer; Esther T.