12/06/15 PRAYER	Please Pray for:	
If you are visiting and/or have a prayer request, be sure to fill out, tear off and place the perforated section in the offer- ing plate! Take this opportunity to make specific prayer requests known to our prayer warriors! Name:	<ul> <li>Ben O'Neal who will be having surgery tomorrow in Ames.</li> <li>Linda Alber's brother, Bob who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer and will be having surgery on December 19.</li> <li>Alex Kirby while he is traveling to 11 countries in 11 months for the World Race missions trip!</li> <li>Peace and quality of life for John Verkade, dad of Geoff.</li> <li>Progression and pain relief for Rita Knight as she continues physical therapy to regain use of the arm that she broke.</li> <li>Praise! Katie Waddell of Boone has accepted the Office Administrator position for our church.</li> </ul>	GRACE Community Church
I would like my request shared with a prayer team		ABID
Request:	NEXT Sunday, December 13 During the Worship service! Children's Program	
	YTD Budget: \$296,298.24 YTD Income: \$292,370.00	GRACE
	Just a reminder to those serving next week at Grace Baker ~ Kathy Springer Cup of Grace Server ~ Tracy Kirby Greeters ~ Linda Alber; Steve and Sherry Erb Welcome/Info Center ~ Paulette Myers	OFFERING LIFE
GCC Monthly Prayer Guides are available at the Information Center! \$10 suggested donation.	Scripture Reading ~ Shellie Grabau Offertory Prayer ~ Steve Darby Ushers ~ Dave Mozena, Geoff Verkade, Matt Grabau Nursery ~ McPartland family Children's Church ~ Joel & Tracy Waltz; Steve & Anne Darby	We exist to glorify G od
		By seeking Christ Who is our life,
	FIGHTER VERSE For the week of December 13, 2015	A nd by proclaiming
	"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel." (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:23	His saving grace.

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## Emotions X: From Loneliness to Presence

December 6, 2015

## Speaker: Pastor Tim Trudeau

1. What is Loneliness?- II Timothy 4:9-16

Loneliness is a feeling of \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. What is the Root of Loneliness?

The root of loneliness is fear of \_\_\_\_\_by God

- 3. How Does the Gospel Address Loneliness?- Matthew 1:18-23
- **4. What is the Presence of Christ?-** II Tim. 4:16-18, Psa. 34:18, Dan. 3:24-25

## 5. How Do I Get There? How Do I Know this Presence?

1) Take a Step of \_\_\_\_\_- John 14:21

2) Take a Step Toward \_\_\_\_\_ - Psa. 145:18, Isaiah 55:6, James 4:8

3) Take a Step Toward \_\_\_\_\_- II Timothy 4:9-11, Matthew 18:20, John 14:20

## 6. What Resources are Available?

John G. Paton: Missionary to the New Hebrides, Banner of Truth Press

http://www.amazon.com/Story-Paton-Thirty-Years-Cannibals-ebook/dp/ B0083ZH2DW/ref=sr 1 2 twi kin 1?ie=UTF8&qid=1449250875&sr=8-2&keywords=john+paton+autobiography

Text questions to 22333 and begin your text with 14774 followed by your question.

## <u>TODAY</u>

- If You Are Visiting Grace Community Church for the first time, we are so glad you are worshipping with us!
- Please fill out a visitor information card and either place it in the offering basket or drop it off at the Information Center.
- Children's Activity Bags are available near the double entry doors!
- **Children's Church** following the scripture reading. The children will practice for the *Christmas Program* to be held December 13 during the worship service! To help prevent distractions, please leave toys and phones with parents/guardians.
- Connection Groups & FINAL Kids' Connection

# THIS WEEK

- Men's Prayer Time Tuesday morning at 6:00 ~ 122 Marshall Street, Trudeau's home
- IGNITE youth group! Wednesday evening Middle School 6-8:00 High School 7:45-9:30
   Fuel Cells small group Bible Studies Wednesday evening Middle School 8-9:00 High School 6:30-7:45
- Stephen Ministry Training (For those currently enrolled in the class) Thursday evening reading assignment: Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close, SMTM 343-358
- Women's Study ~ <u>Suffering and the Sovereignty of God</u> Friday morning at 10:00 ~ GCC Library Saturday morning at 9:00 ~ 327 Sunrise Street, home of Deb Todd
- Men's Bible Study
   Saturday morning at 8:00 ~ GCC Library
   Christman Bractica
- Children's Christmas Program Practice Saturday from 10:00 noon.

## CELEBRATING THIS WEEK!

Happy Birthday: 12/06 – Mirrka Taylor; 12/08 - Jennifer Caskey, Kaylynne Christenson; 12/09 - Brooklynn Thompson; 12/10 - Shellie Grabau, Weston Powers, Jaden Wright; 12/11 - Mike Baldus 50th!, Cindy O'Neal; 12/12 - KrisAnne O'Neill

Happy Anniversary: 12/06 - Kyle & Dana Hana

# NEXT SUNDAY 12/13

- 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time (coffee & treats)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for ALL Ages!
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Christmas Program

#### Connection Groups Today!

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Leaders	Meeting ti	me & location
298.3104	Katie Darby g Sunday Sch	ool 9:15 am
<b>Tim &amp; Rita 432.7653</b> Hiram & Jo 2022 Five N	lene Philo	5:15
432.4071	u <b>lette Myers</b> ulette Myers Lane	5:15
Joe & Robir 432.8416 Check with		5:15
<b>Tim &amp; Cari</b> <b>433.1146</b> Ron & Jami 318 West 5	e Brown	5:15
Matt & She 515.344.12 GCC for K		ion 5:00

As Connection is the primary place for outreach and assimilation, fellowship, discipleship, missions promotion, communication, and care and accountability for the members of Grace, please consider getting involved!

For more information contact any Connection leader, the church office or stop at the Information Center. Small Church Discussion Questions, 12/6/15 Emotions X: From Loneliness to Presence

# David Wells, in "The Courage to be Protestant," writes, "Loneliness is the modern plague...We are the Wired Generation living in a mostly

electronically mediated world. However, have you noticed that while everyone is speaking, no one is really listening? We are swamped by voices. So many want our time and attention that for our own protection we must shut out most of them. And while we are surfing the net, emailing, watching television, or playing video games, we are doing it all alone. We are wired, **but we are also more lonely and have fewer confidants than ever before."** Do you agree? In what ways has technology either increased or decreased our sense of loneliness?

Define loneliness, and illustrate it from Paul's experience in II Timothy 4:9-16.

What is the incarnation? How does Christ as "Emmanuel" provide an answer to the question, "Will God leave me alone?"

In John 14:21, Jesus promises, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." What is the "manifest presence" of Christ? How does He "manifest" His presence to us? What does it feel like, how do we experience it?

What are the conditions of this manifest presence? Who experiences it?

James writes, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." How does a person "draw near" to God?

In what sense do we "incarnate" the presence of Christ to one another? What is the connection between being in relationship with other Christians and experiencing the presence of Christ?