



COMMUNITY CHURCH
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NEWSLETTER

Pastor Joel Stamper

Nine Years *Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 NIV*

March 20, 2022, marked the ninth year Pastor Joel Stamper has been the pastor of Grace Community Church. He confessed Sunday when he first thought about preaching every Sunday, he was afraid he might run out of messages. .LOL. We love you Pastor Joel and appreciate you and all you do for us.

New Family Additions

Hendrix Rey



@ 3 months weighing 6 lbs 9oz.
Birth weight was 1 lb 14 oz
Prayers answered!

Joe Morris's great-grandson was born three months pre-mature. The prayers went up immediately. And praise God, the parents were able to take this sweet bundle of joy home Mar. 20th. Thank you Lord for all Your love and kindness.

Nathan Kakas, Jr.



Vicky and Andy Kakas are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, baby Nathan.

He arrived February 14 weighing 7.5 pounds

Healthy and very handsome!
Thank you all so much for the prayers.
We serve an awesome God !

Pregnancy Care Center Fund Raiser

Many thanks to all who helped with our Baby Bottle Campaign. We raised \$3,940.

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Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He was separated from his Christian family and forced to tend to sheep. In his loneliness he began to pray ceaselessly.

When he was 20, he escaped from his captors, returned home to Great Britain, and reunited with his family. He began to study to become a priest and later returned to Ireland where he worked for 40 years. He is credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death believed to have been on March 17, 461. Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Operation Christmas Child

We have a goal of 400 boxes for this year and to meet this goal we have implemented a plan for each month. We will collect and pack boxes through out the year. Packing days will be announced so you can help with that process also.

During the month of March we are collecting school supplies which includes notebooks, crayons, pencils, pens, etc. April donation collection is personal care items. Suggested items are small blankets, bar soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, hair bows, sunglasses, adhesive bandages, reusable plastic containers (cups, water bottles, plates or bowls).



We have a full range of categories in our library, from Bible Studies to Youth. Our book review this month is from the *Animal Ark* series in the Youth section. Our DVD section has two Easter movies; the review on them are also included in this month's newsletter.

Collie With A Card - reviewed by Malachi Coleman

This is a short story where there is a farmer at work and a collie gives the farmer a valentine. In the middle the collie and a German Shepherd get in a fight and both end up in a vet's office to get help. In the vet's office they diagnose the German Shepherd with a disease and he cannot walk now. I liked the book from the church library. The book left you on cliff hangers wanting to make you read more.

Risen - reviewed by Belinda Hiemstra

This movie was in the theaters several years ago. It centers around Clavius, a Roman Tribune who answers to Pontius Pilate. He is ordered to put guards on Jesus' tomb and to see that nothing happens, we all know how well that went. Clavius is then ordered to find the followers of Jesus, and put a stop to the rumors that He is alive. There are many twists in this movie, including the Roman Army searching for Clavius; who has disappeared after finding the disciples. This is an excellent movie with great actors, it is rated PG-13 due to the realistic battle scenes and the crucifixion.

Resurrection - reviewed by Belinda Hiemstra

This movie is based on a short story by Max Lucado. The movie centers around Claudius a Roman guard and his friend Marcus. Claudius finds himself questioning the events surrounding the death of Jesus which not only threatens his role as a soldier but his very life.