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Grace United Methodist Church

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Website: www.graceoilcity.

Facebook: Grace United Methodist Church in Oil City

Worship Service Online: <http://www.graceoilcity.org>

Sunday School: Will resume in the fall

Weekly Sunday Worship Service: 10:00AM

SERMON SERIES IN June

Jesus Way of Masculinity

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This month we'll honor men and fathers. Recently, I wrote this article for my blog. I'd like to share it here with you as a call to Christian men. Check out the original post and other thoughts – www.rongeisler.com

I'm beginning a new series called *The Jesus Way of Masculinity*. While fully God, Jesus was also fully human. His humanness was incarnated in the masculine. Understanding who Jesus was as a man provides insight into how men can live out and model masculine characteristics as created by God.



The place where we begin, though, is not with Jesus. We'll begin with Adam. The Genesis narrative describes “first things.” These first actions of God detail his creative design from chaos to order. Included in God's creative design are people, specifically, male and female. Both are created as equal image bearers of God. Both sexes speak something about God's nature. Both sexes reveal something about their responsibilities in creation.

The male – Adam had a defined responsibility to work alongside God in creation. Prior to fulfilling his responsibilities, it's important to see that Adam's entire life was given to him as a gift from God. Genesis 2:7 (NIV) reads, “Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” This life-giving breath of God communicates that Adam's entire life was predicated on the life given to him by the Creator. This life-giving breath suggests Adam's inheritance as a son of God and led to his responsibilities in creation. Genesis chapter 2 highlights Adam's role:

- His responsibilities occur in a defined place – the Garden
- He was to work and care for the Garden
- He was responsible for his obedience to God's commands
- He named the animals
- He recognized Eve as part of himself
- He committed himself to her

We see Adam as being clearly created by God for a purpose. He was to manage God's place on the earth, rule over creation (naming of animals), and nurture his relationships. All of this was

intended to honor God in the way that Adam (and Eve) were the image bearers of God in the Garden and on Earth.

Very shortly, though, we discover that the original order was destroyed by sin. Adam failed to fulfill his responsibility to nurture his wife and nurture his dominion over the earth instead choosing to rebel against God's design. The rest of the story involves banishment and the beginning of God's redemptive story climaxing in the incarnation of Jesus.

In Romans 5:12-21, the Apostle Paul contrasts the roles of Adam and Jesus. Adam failed to fulfill his image-bearing role which led to the "death" of all of creation. Jesus, and his "one righteous act" (5:18) bring justification. In other words, Jesus' obedience had the potential to bring life back to all of creation. In short, I would suggest that Jesus, as the image-bearer of God, fulfilled the things at which Adam failed.

In general, we can apply this to the masculine role – you are an image bearer of God. Certainly, this applies to women as well. Genesis 1 seems to be clear on this reality. But men cannot shirk this responsibility. The absence of men as image bearers of God in creation is a troubling reality in the 21st century. Many men flee any conversation about God or Christianity. Maybe this has occurred because of the deep feminization of the church and Christianity, but it's not an excuse.

Men, as image bearers, are called to take up the responsibility for revealing the presence of God in every facet of society and take back the ground lost to the enemy. This isn't militant, nor is it Dominion Theology. It is the created nature of men, who, redeemed by Jesus and filled with the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the intended purpose of the masculine.

So, an initial aspect of fulfilling the *Jesus Way of Masculinity* begins with a Christian man owning his call as an image-bearer of God and exerting influence over the direction of creation for the glory of God and the coming of the Kingdom.

Living On Purpose,

Ron

PARISH REGISTER June 2023

Our June Servants

Counting Team

Ben & Jim Borchet, Kim & Steve Scheer

Ushering Team

Captain, Don Hartsell

Sharing Grace Ministry fna TV Ministry Director/Graphics/Audio/PowerPoint

June 11 – Brea Fennick/ Wesley Scheer

June 14 – Bill Lamberton/Rodney Campbell/Tom Eberle/Brea Fennick

June 18 – Leann McCullough/John McCullough/Tom Eberle

June 25 – Wesly, Scheer/Jim Whaley/Rodney Campbell/Bill Lamberton

Greeters

June Captain – Rita Hale

If you would like to be a greeter please contact Rita Hale.

Coffee Bar

Coffee Bar will resume in the fall.

Worship Leaders

June 04– Jerry Brosius

June 11- Jerry Brosius

June 18 – Jack Weiser

June 25- Rita Hale

If you would like to be a Worship Leader, please contact Anita Eberle.

Record of our Faithfulness	2022	2023
	April	April
Avg Sunday School Attendance	38	21
Average Worship Attendance	70	49
Ministry/Operations Offering received	\$17,128	\$18,656
Ministry/Operations Expenses paid	\$18,519	\$22,792
Mission Offering received	\$4,590	\$1,941
Mission Expenses paid	\$1,708	\$2,950

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We encourage your online giving on our website:
graceoilcity.org/giving



CHURCH MEMBERS ON OUR PRAYER LIST:

To add someone to the Prayer Chain or if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain email, call or email Donna Books. 814-676-4423 or donigale@icloud.com

Class of 2023 Graduation Reception in Ashbury Hall, June 4, 2023, immediately after 10:00 am service. Sponsored by Christian Education.

GRACE CHURCH CONTACTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will resume in fall.

PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM

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Church Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9-2:30

Closed noon-12:30

Web Live Broadcast:

Worship service live @ 10:45 via our website at

<https://www.graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings.html>

Previous recordings also available on YouTube.

On the Church Calendar:

Continue to check the weekly bulletins, our website and Facebook pages for calendar updates. Meetings are always being added throughout the month.

June 4 – Graduation Sunday

June 18- Father's Day

Return "Fill a Bottle"

June 16 – Super Seniors Museum Event see Judy Hards for more info.

June 20- Grace Notes Deadline for submitting articles

June 25- Appreciation gathering for Leeann McCullough after worship service in Asbury Hall. Leeann is retiring as Grace Church's financial secretary after many years of service.

June 27 – Grace Notes mailing day

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR
SUMMER**

BEGINS 6/4/23 – 9/3/23

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP 10am-11am

Our Graduates

On Sunday June 4th we will honor our Grace Church Graduates during Sunday morning worship. They will have the opportunity to stand before the congregation and be recognized for their accomplishments. Reception to follow worship service in Ashbury Hall.

Please congratulate our graduating seniors:

Ian Scheer
Christopher French
Brea Fennick
Maria Salvo





*Congratulations to the following high school graduates of
2023*

Brea Fennick

Christopher French

Jan Scheer

Congratulations to the following college graduate of 2023

Maria Salvo

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Congratulations

GRACE CHURCH JUNE SOAP READINGS

Using the SOAP method of Bible reading can keep us on the disciple's pathway. You're invited and encouraged to use the following Bible passages each day of the month. Here's a quick reminder of SOAP.

S – Scripture. Use the ones listed on the calendar

O – Observation. What is God speaking through these verses? What do these verses mean?

What do you observe in your reading? Jot these observations in a journal or notebook.

A – Application. How does what you read apply to your life, right now? What is God saying to you? What principles can you apply to your life today?

P - Prayer. Close the time in prayerful conversation with God. Thank him for what you learned and for how this applies to you right now.

During June, the SOAP readings will focus on men. We'll see what the Bible says about men's character, calling, and relationship with the Creator. While there will be times that the word "man/men" is used generally for human beings, the intent of these SOAP is to communicate to men the call to discipleship. These scriptures are taken from the English Standard Version.

June 1	Titus 2:2	June 16	1Peter 3:7
June 2	Ephesians 5:25-33	June 17	1Corinthians 11:3
June 3	Proverbs 11:17	June 18	Romans 1:26-27
June 4	1Corinthians 16:13	June 19	1Timothy 5:8
June 5	1Timothy 6:11`	June 20	Genesis 2:7
June 6	Proverbs 27:17	June 21	Genesis 2:8-9
June 7	Genesis 1:27	June 22	Genesis 2:15-18
June 8	Psalms 112:1	June 23	Genesis 2:19-20
June 9	Joshua 1:9	June 24	Genesis 2:21-25
June 10	Colossians 3:19	June 25	Genesis 3:6-7
June 11	Psalms 119:9	June 26	Genesis 3:8-10
June 12	Psalms 118:6	June 27	Genesis 3:11-14
June 13	1Timothy 4:8	June 28	Genesis 3:15-16
June 14	Micah 6:8	June 29	Genesis 3:17-19
June 15	1Peter 5:5	June 30	Genesis 3:21-24



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BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Closed for lunch noon - 12:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ellie* Heffernan Kerry Hepler	2 Jerry McElhattan Gwendolyn* Myers	3 Sandra Tenney John/Sue Downing
4 Rita Hale Beth Rood	5 Dan Tharp	6 Alaina English Mark Motter	7 Betsy Peters Dan/Linda Wrhen	8 Jon Sterling	9 David Kulling Cory Vogan Charles/Amber Guyton- Baran	10 Paul* Brown
11 Jim Borchert Suzie Herrera Scott*/Kate Shaffer	12	13 Chloe* Grandin	14 Sally Bowser Jim Puleo Dan*/Julie Berryman Brad/Julie Arnink	15 Larry Shaffer Sr. Jim/Cathy Fink	16	17
18 Tina Goeparth Bob/Ginny Taylor	19 Travis Pearsall John/DeAnna Mahle	20 Jay Bickel Lee Green Wendy Mellring	21 Dylan Highfield Chris/Kerry Hepler	22 David/Gail* Kulling Bill*/Vivian Todd David*/Deborah Moore	23 Kallie*. Smith	24 Jim/Bev Borchert
25 Shane/Jenny* Wheeler	26 Brad*/Allison Deeter	27 James Fultz Mike*/Amy Highfield	28 Jeff/Cindy* Forshee	29	30	