

# SEPTEMBER 2018 COLUMNIA COLUMNIA

### James 5:13-16

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

## GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

Loving God we lift up to you the students and teachers in our fellowship. Open their eyes to see the blessings and opportunities you have put before them. Give them wisdom and courage for the challenges that will come their way.

## 2 GRACE COMMUNION GHANA

Gracious God, we pray your blessings upon Bright Buckman, Eric Macbruce, Leslie Yaw Asare-Akato, & Timothy Anani Agbale as we celebrate their ordinations. May they honor you as they joyfully join in the ministry you prepared for them.

## 3 MEDITATION MONDAY

Isaiah 43:1

Who are you? You are redeemed, called by name, and you belong to the creator of the whole Universe. The same hands that formed the glorious creation around you formed you. You have nothing to fear. What a strong and tender reminder of God's involvement in all the details of our lives. Take some today to reflect on how God has protected you and transformed your life for the better.

## 4 GRACE COMMUNION JOPLIN, MISOURI

We've begun an exciting new outreach initiative called Super Wednesday Family Fun Nights! Bi-weekly we welcome families from the area to disconnect from busyness and connect with one another. There are water games outside and board games and dinner inside. We've had a cumulative attendance of 100 people over 3 weeks and word is getting around. Please pray that these events will allow us to genuinely share the love of God and yield fruit for the body of Christ.

## 5 GRACE COMMUNION WASHINGTON DC

On September 8th, our new GCI Small Group in Hyattsville, MD will go on their first outreach activity into the surrounding community. Please pray that we will faithfully follow God's lead as we serve physical and spiritual food to those in need of both.

## 6 GRACE COMMUNION KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Please join us in prayer for our new Children's ministry Program. We have invited families from our neighborhood to join us for a worship session and interactive Bible lesson. May we be blessed and fall more in love with Jesus through the reading of the Word.

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## **7** GC USA - SOUTH CENTRAL RETREAT

Pastors from around the region are gathering this weekend for a retreat. May You, the God of peace, equip our pastors with everything good for doing Your will. May You work in them what is pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ.

## GRACE COMMUNION TEGUCIGALPA, HN

We are grateful for the communion and fellowship during our conference for leaders in Latin America last month. Thank you for your prayers and join us in praying for new leaders to join in ministry in our areas.



## GRACE COMMUNION

Tomorrow kicks off a new semester at GCS. Please join us in praying for our students and their ministries. Lord, we ask that you would give them wisdom — wisdom to follow you, and discernment for your call on this season of their lives.

## 10 MEDITATION MONDAY

Isaiah 43: 2

There is always a new and better life on the other side of the difficult seasons he carries us through. Are anxious thoughts consuming you today? Are you drowning in worry? Hand over your concerns to Jesus, and ask him to be your Prince of Peace.

## GRACE COMMUNION VICTORVILLE. CA

We have partnered with a local Korean Church. We are working with pre-teens and teenagers teaching them English through Bible based lessons. Join us in praying.

## 12 GRACE COMMUNION KENOCKEE, MICHIGAN

We are excited about our new Young Adult group, Safe Haven. The group's focus is for new seekers with questions about faith. Please join us in praying for the success of the ministry, as well as for volunteers for teaching their kids during the meeting time.

## 13 GRACE COMMUNION OCALA, FLORIDA

Gracious God, in perfect assurance of Your presence among us. We pray your blessings upon Margaret Sherman, as we celebrate her ordination. May she honor you as she joyfully joins in the ministry you prepared for her.

## 14 GRACE COMMUNION COLOMBUS, OHIO

Father in heaven we lift up to you those gathering for the Together in Christ event this weekend. Jesus, we pray that you will be at the center of our conversations and unite us together in your love.

## 15 GRACE COMMUNION TRINIDAD

Members and leaders from our fellowship are gathering today for sessions exploring how to develop a disciple-making culture. Please pray that our congregation will be a safe space to grow deeper in love and knowledge of our Triune God.

## 16 GRACE COMMUNION CEBU, PHILLIPPINES

Join us in thanking God for developing our Youth Ministry since our relaunch one year ago. 70 people joined in our celebratory church service, including 40 youth. Pray that the youth in our community will know that they are indeed God's precious children.

# GRACE COMMUNION TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS

## 17 MEDITATION MONDAY

Isaiah 43:4

You are precious to the Creator of the Universe. He loves you and promises you the greatest gift all – his presence. Ease your fears today by thanking Jesus for being Emmanuel, God with us. Take a few minutes to be still and be comforted by his presence.

## 18 GRACE COMMUNION BIRMINHAM, AL

A local nursing home invited us to hold services in their building free of charge. The residents have become our target community. Our weekly attendance has doubled. Join us in thanking God for this relaunch and wisdom for steps forward.

## 19 GRACE COMMUNION MONROVIA, CA

We covet your prayers for our transition as we move to a new location in our target community. We would appreciate your prayers that we manage the details of the transition with wisdom, discernment, sensitivity, and that our new community feels warmly received and they've found a new home, both for our longtime loyal family members and for our new guests.

## 20 GRACE COMMUNION SANTIAGO, PHILLIPINES

We are celebrating the inauguration of our new church building. We are thanking God for his provision and pray that our church will be a space for communion with God and one another.

## 21 GRACE COMMUNION FORT WAYNE, IN

We are celebrating the ordination of Steven Sell. We are delighted Steven answered the Lord's call to serve, may the Lord bless his ministry.

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## 22 GRACE COMMUNION SOUTH CENTRAL, USA

As the pastors from around the region gather, please join us in praying for their time together. Grant them wisdom and direction. May their time together equip, empower, and encourage them in their ministry.

## **73** REAL TEAMS

We pray that team in every area of our humble denomination will be REAL teams.
R elationally connected
E nthusiastically engaged
A ffirming
L iberating Leaders



## 24 MEDITATION MONDAY

Isaiah 43:19

Take time to ask God, is there something new he is bringing to this season in your life? Is there something you need to uproot to make space for the new life God is offering you today? Rest in the assurance that God is active ready to sustain you.

## 25 GRACE COMMUNION CLARKSVILLE, TN

Grace Fellowship Clarksville has begun the process of finding a permanent church home. We are looking for a full time rental or possibly a building or land in a growing part of the city. Please pray God will lead us through the process to the place he has in mind.

## 26 GRACE COMMUNION BIG SANDY, TEXAS

Our senior members are starting a bread ministry in conjunction with their small group. Members will provide bread for the community and invite those interested to stay for bible study. Please pray that practical needs will be met and relationships that reflect the love of Christ are formed.

## 27 GRACE COMMUNION FERGUSON, MO

We are praising God for the blessing of connecting with families from our community through our VBS. Please pray that the children will continue to deepen their relationships with Jesus and continue to connect with our congregation.

## 28 GRACE COMMUNION USA - NORTH CAROLINA

Pastors forom around the area are gathering this weekend for a retreat. Please pray for their time together. Lord, may Your favor rest upon our pastors and establish the work of their hands.

## 29 GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL

As we continue our year of transitions we pray for our leaders and members throughout the process. O Faithful God, we ask you to guide us in our time of transition. We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive to the new opportunities you have for us. We need your grace to redirect our hearts so we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

## 30 GRACE COMMUNION UK & IRELAND

We are excited to roll out resources for our congregations to follow the Narrative Lectionary. Please join us in praying that the content will lead us all to a closer understanding of who God is and who we are in him.



## 31 GRACE COMMUNION ROCHESTER, NY

We are starting new small groups to better connect with our target community. Please pray for the facilitators and the new believers who will be joining these groups. May they experience God's love in tangible ways.