

Today's Message

For the Love of God

What needs to change?  
Ezra and Acts

Nehemiah was broken over hearing the conditions of God's people and His city. (v 4)  
Nehemiah was some 600-700 miles away and hearing what was going on..

1. He sat down and wept
2. He mourned several days
3. He fasted over the conditions in Jerusalem
4. He prayed!
  - a. He focused on God (v 5-6a)
    - i. Acknowledged God's greatness and awesomeness
    - ii. Acknowledged God's faithfulness and love to those who love and obey Him
    - iii. Asked for God's ear to be attentive and His eyes open to the prayer of His servant
  - b. He understood the seriousness of sin, which led him to confess his own as well as the sin of all of Israel (6b-7)
    - i. Confess the sins of self, father's house and all Israel
    - ii. Confess the wickedness of people toward God
    - iii. Confess the disobedience of the commands, decrees and laws given to Moses
  - c. Nehemiah went back to Scripture (v 8-9) Deut. 4, 28 and 30.
    - i. You cannot separate God's Word from Prayer  
**It is impossible to develop powerful biblical praying without joining your prayers to the promises of God's Word** (Dr Frizzell)  
There are two things from Scripture that Nehemiah acknowledges:
      - ii. God is attentive to judge sin
      - iii. God is attentive to redeem those who repent
  - d. Finally, Nehemiah only asks as one who is dedicated to the reverence of God's name. (v11)

Our lives are to bring Glory to God and to result in His name being praised throughout the whole earth. John Piper: **Far above the glory of God most people value pain-free lives. For most people love is whatever puts human value and human well-being at the center.** (When it should be God's glory!)

January 10, 2021

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Church Service 10:30 a.m.

## Welcome to Grace Community Fellowship!

Welcome to Grace Community Fellowship! We are glad that you are here.

If you are new to Grace, please take a moment to **fill out the communication card** attached to the program and drop it in one of the boxes in the back of the auditorium. Parents, nursery (0-3 yrs) is available, during the service. The children's classrooms are through the double doors in the back of the auditorium.

## What's Happening at Grace

### 2020/2021 Bible Reading Plan

We are participating in a church-wide Bible reading and prayer plan. You can join in anytime if you haven't already started! All the details are listed on our website at [www.gcfhillsboro.net/2020-2021](http://www.gcfhillsboro.net/2020-2021). There is a yearly guide at the information center.

### Special Called Business Meeting TODAY immediately following the service

In October, we asked the church to nominate men, who meet the biblical qualifications of elder, to be considered to serve as an elder at GCF. In November, the current elders put forth 2 names for evaluation by the church body. The elders have read the feedback and have approved Jason Unruh and Brian Nickel to serve as elders beginning in January, serving a 3-year term. To complete the process, we will have a special called business meeting today, immediately following the service to affirm Jason Unruh and Brian Nickel as elders.

### Grace Family Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 24, immediately following the morning service. The main items to be presented will be the 2021 budget, an update on status of hiring a full-time staff position as well as information about upcoming additions to GCF's organizational structure. We will be live streaming this meeting on the Church Center App, Vimeo and YouTube only. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

### Children's Church Opportunities

Starting February 7th, 2021, Children's Church will be offered on the first Sunday of every month.

## Statistics from Previous Sunday

Attendance: 128

General Fund Offering: \$3,615.00

## Ways to Connect with Us



[gcfhillsboro.net](http://gcfhillsboro.net)  
[gcfhillsboro.churchcenter.com](http://gcfhillsboro.churchcenter.com)



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Grace Community Fellowship



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Church Center App

### THIS WEEK

January 14                      Elder meeting

### Grace Community Fellowship Elders

Chair: Jim Villanueva, Vice Chair: Dennis Funk, Cal Jost, Jeremy Duerksen  
Mike Barter - Lead Pastor

### Synergy Kansas Churches

Grace Community Church (Newton): Jack Napier  
Grace Community Fellowship (Hillsboro): Mike Barter  
Grace Crossing (Moundridge): Jason Rains  
New Anthem Community Church (Park City): Landon Jordan  
Harvest Bible Church (Ellsworth): Marc Compton  
King's Cross Church (Lyons): Caleb Barrows

### International Church Plant

Emmanuel Church (Boliva): Roberto Torres

## Giving

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's provision for us.

You can give during the service by placing your tithes and offerings in one of the two boxes in the back of the auditorium or you can give online as a one time gift or set up automatic withdrawals at [gcfhillsboro.net/give-online](http://gcfhillsboro.net/give-online)

General Budget Income 2021: \$3,615.00

General Budget Income 2020 Final: \$555,706.59

Building Loan Balance: \$781,764.02