

## WELCOME

Welcome to Grace Community Church of Englewood! We're glad you're here today. This celebration is a great time to connect with God and His people. We hope you'll find our time together encouraging and that you'll sense the presence of God. *Let's worship together!*

**Date** November 30, 2025 – **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### Welcome and Prayer

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

### Announcements

**Songs of Thanksgiving** O Come O Come, Emmanuel  
Blessed Be Your Name

### Sharing Time and Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Reading** II Timothy 2:1-7; Ephesians 6:10-12, 14a

### Children Dismissed to Sunday School

**Offering** (Yellow envelopes = Grace, Blue envelopes = First Baptist)  
*(if you put cash in an envelope, and want it recorded for tax purposes, please write your name & address on the envelope).*

**Songs of Praise and Worship** Standing on the Promises  
Higher Ground

**Message** Pastor Ian  
The Belt of Truth

**Closing Song** Lord I Lift Your Name on High

### Benediction

**Coffee & Conversation** at the back of the church

## Announcements

**Prayer.** Anyone who needs prayer today or continuing prayer in the coming days, see *Barb Davis* after the worship service this morning.

**Tuesday Bible Study.** Throughout December, we will be looking at a DVD series by Lee Strobel entitled, “**The Case for Christmas.**” In this four-part Bible study, we’ll separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy and the truth from the tradition. Curious? Join us at **10:00 am each Tuesday!**

**Family Movie Night. Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** Movie is, “*The Star,*” which is an animated nativity story from the animals’ point of view. Very cute movie and fun for children and adults too!

**Ladies’ Luncheon.** *Wendy Gaynor* will be our hostess for the next luncheon which will be on Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Mama’s Italian Restaurant**, 2091 S McCall Road, Englewood. There is a *sign up sheet* on the bulletin board.

**Sunshine Ministry.** We will be delivering poinsettias to the people on our ministry list on Monday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** in the morning. See *Bev Alston* for more information and if you would like to help.

**Ministry Leaders’ and Admin Meeting.** The next meeting will be on Monday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 2 pm at the church.

**Christmas Services.** The services this year will be:

*Traditional Carols and Readings by Candlelight* service on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm at the church**

*Christmas Eve at Indian Mound Park* at **5 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

A *sign up sheet* for helpers is on the bulletin board for the service at Indian Mound Park.

### Birthdays

11/3	Justin Decker	12/13	David Gittins
11/4	Wendy Gaynor	12/15	Rod Krey
11/8	Susie Cates	12/18	Suzy Shelhamer
11/9	Linda Szafranski	12/20	Joyce Wagner
11/17	Chuck Shelton	12/29	Richard Tessier
11/18	Stan Policka		
11/26	Sandy Forster		
11/29	Mike Grotheim		

**Regular Week at a Glance**

**Tuesday** 10:00 am - Bible Study with Pastor Ian, at church  
6:00 pm - Weekly Prayer, at church  
**Wednesday** 9:00 am - Ladies at Culture Coffee on Dearborn  
**Thursday** 1:30 pm - Ladies' Bible Study  
**Saturday** 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast at Stefano's  
**Sunday** 10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

**Contact Information:**

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**Pastor Ian's email:** [PastorIanB@yahoo.com](mailto:PastorIanB@yahoo.com)

**Pastor Ian's cell:** 941-291-9291 – United States only

**Prayer Needs:** Wendy Gaynor at [n87dq88wg@aol.com](mailto:n87dq88wg@aol.com)

**Ministry Leaders and Admin:**

Ian Burbridge – Pastor and Elder  
Darrell Decker – Elder  
Nada Decker – Children's Ministry  
Diane Nordquist – Missions  
Chuck Shelton – Finance  
David Nordquist - Finance  
Linda Burbridge – Women's Ministry, Administration, Publicity & Advertising  
Ray Forster – Maintenance, Building Committee  
Bev Alston – Outreach  
Wendy Gaynor – Building Committee  
Linda Szafranski – Events Coordinator

Members interested in viewing the budget may do so by contacting either *David Nordquist* or *Chuck Shelton*.

<b>Financial Statement –</b>	<b>at Oct 31, 2025</b>	<b>at Sep 30, 2025</b>
Estimated Commitments	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings	7,479.00	5,834.20
<b>Balances:</b>		
Operating Fund	1,909.13	4,595.39
Emergency Fund	21,517.93	29,517.93
Benevolence Fund	2,690.08	2,690.08
Missions & GNC Funds	7,306.02	8,035.20
Building Fund	<u>83,672.51</u>	<u>83,672.51</u>
Total	<u>\$117,095.67</u>	<u>\$128,511.11</u>