

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 December 21, 2025 – **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Welcome and Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Announcements

Songs of Thanksgiving What Child is This?
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sharing Time and Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20

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 In the Bleak Midwinter
Mary, Did You Know?

Message Pastor Ian
Christmas

Closing Song Holy Forever

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!**

Ladies' Bible Study. We will be **taking a break** for two weeks, missing December 25th and January 1st. The Bible study will **resume on Thursday, January 8th at 1:30 pm at Linda's.**

Men's Breakfast. This has moved to **American Café & Grill (formerly Maria's) at 60 S Indiana Avenue, Englewood.** They will still be meeting each **Saturday at 8:00 am.** All the men are welcome to join in the time of food and fellowship on Saturday mornings!

Christmas Services. The services this year will be:

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

Christmas Eve at Indian Mound Park at **5 pm on December 24th.**
Bring your own lawn chair if you can.

A **sign up sheet** for helpers is on the bulletin board for the service at Indian Mound Park. Please take a look and sign up to what you can help with.

For Your Diaries:

Thursday, January 8th – 6:30 pm - Gospel Echoes Team (Prison Ministry) Banquet at The Carlisle Inn in Sarasota. Free of charge. For more details, see *Susie Cates, Linda B or Linda S.* There will be a *sign up sheet* if you wish to attend.

Saturday, January 10th – Ladies' Luncheon – Venue to be advised. There will be a *sign up sheet* on the bulletin board. *Nada* is hosting.

Monday, January 12th – Gulf Coast Women's Connection Luncheon – 11:30 am at Artur's Restaurant. Cost is \$30. See poster for details on how to register or speak to *Linda B or Nada.*

Sunday, January 25th – Southern Gospel Concert at the church – Bryan and Yvonne Hutson. Free of charge but there will be a love offering. See poster on the bulletin board.

Birthdays

12/13	David Gittins	01/01	Solomon Evans
12/15	Rod Krey	01/09	Doris Craven
12/18	Suzy Shelhamer	01/13	Kevin Martin
12/20	Joyce Wagner	01/14	Barb Davis
12/29	Richard Tessier	01/20	Lessa Shelton

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 American Café & Grill
Sunday 10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

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Prayer Needs: Wendy Gaynor at n87dg88wg@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

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*.

Financial Statement –	at Nov 30, 2025	at Oct 31, 2025
Estimated Commitments	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings	5,525.00	7,479.00
<u>Balances:</u>		
Operating Fund	4,141.53	1,909.13
Emergency Fund	17,517.93	21,517.93
Benevolence Fund	1,730.08	2,690.08
Missions & GNC Funds	6,986.02	7,306.02
Building Fund	<u>83,672.51</u>	<u>83,672.51</u>
Total	<u>\$114,048.07</u>	<u>\$117,095.67</u>