

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 7, 2025 – **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Welcome and Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Announcements

Songs of Thanksgiving Angels We Have Heard on High
As the Deer Pants

Sharing Time and Pastoral Prayer

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 Come Thou Long Expected
Jesus
Take My Life

Scripture Reading II Corinthians 5:17-21

Message Pastor Ian
The Breastplate of Righteousness

Closing Song His Name Shall Be (sit & listen (feel free to sing along!))

Benediction

Coffee & Conversation at the back of the church

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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!**

Sunshine Ministry. We will be delivering poinsettias to the people on our ministry list on Monday, **December 8th** 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 8th** at 2 pm at the church.

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.**

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.

Birthdays

12/13 David Gittins
12/15 Rod Krey
12/18 Suzy Shelhamer
12/20 Joyce Wagner
12/29 Richard Tessier

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 cell: 941-291-9291 – United States only

Prayer Needs: Wendy Gaynor at 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

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> |