

Building bridges between Christ and our community

September 10, 2023
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Welcome to Grace! Please fill out a Connect Card—either a digital version or a hard copy and *place it in the offering basket at the communion tables*. (This is how we take attendance.) For more information on Grace, visit our website: www.gumcmi.com. Thank you for joining us today.

September Missions Links of Hope & Brevard Justice Ministry (BRIGHT)

Links of Hope has served over 33,000 individuals in 20 years. They build strong, Christian families; provide family management services to prevent child abuse; bring hope to families; & reduce incarceration rates. They work with inmates who are parents, teaching parenting skills and methods to redirect anger in positive/safe ways, restoring hope for those coming out of abusive relationships, & increasing clients' literacy skills. (Banquet: Oct 21)

BRIGHT is a wonderful way to hold our elected officials accountable & do justice as God has commanded us. Too many don't have access to resources that many of us take for granted. We're to help those who struggle to get housing & access to medical care; & advocate for rehabilitation and education instead of prison sentences for very minor offences. Consider donating, becoming a Team Leader, attending our Nehemiah action ... to do justice for our community.

Please mark your donations "September Missions."

Sunday School: 10 am



Nursery/preschool to Kindergarten: Rm 121
Grades 1-3: Rm 221 Grades 4-6: Rm 224

Children's Church 11am: Grades K-6: Rm 221

Nursery: 9 am—noon, 0-4 years old: Rm 121

Worship Services: 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday School: 10:00 am
Gathering Grounds E&A Lobby: 8:30—11:15 am

Worship Service
September 3, 2023
9:00 am

Grandparents Day

Video: Announcement & Car Show

Prelude "Mansion Over the Hilltop"

Welcome/Greeting Matt Gleason

*Song "Holy Forever"

*Song "The Heart of Worship"

Social Affirmation, #886 Gretchen McGaffic

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Beth
The Lord's Prayer, #895

Special Music

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7 Gretchen McGaffic

Scripture: Matthew 23:25-28 Pastor Gary

Message: Pastor Gary
"Developing Authentic Faith: Heart for God"

Communion (Gluten free wafers available)

*Hymn, #430 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Place your offering & Connect Card in the offering baskets
up front with communion.

Pizza with the Pastors. Join us for pizza, fellowship and
conversation with the pastors today, around noon.

Attendance:	<u>9:00 am</u>	140	<u>11:00 am</u>	49
Youth	<u>10:00 am</u>	x	<u>Salty Service</u>	25
Children	<u>10:00 am</u>	8	<u>11:00 am</u>	12
Nursery:		8		

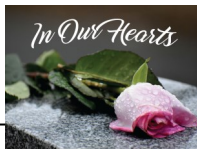


Flowers are to the Glory and Honor of God in loving memory of Kerry Lynn Cordes from her husband, Tim Cordes.

To sign up for flowers, let the church office know or add to your Connect Card. The cost is \$28. You can take your flowers home on Sunday or Monday.

The next open Sundays are Oct 22 and Nov 5.

Our sympathy to the family of Rhett Hagler. His memorial service is on Sep 16, at 11 am.



Journey through the Book of Genesis. Pastor Gary has an individual, weekly study. See the Gracevine or the office for a copy.

Grief & SALT. See Don, 321-634-2523; donlusk57@gmail.com

Seasoned Adults Learning Together (SALT), Mondays at 2 pm. Connect with peers, learn about topics of interest, & encourage others in times of need.

New Beginnings Grief Support Group, Mondays at 5:30 pm. For those on the loss-recovery journey. Biblically based to help you find your “new normal,” using the text *How to Recover from Grief* by Richard Detrich & Nicola Steele.

New Member Class. Want to become a member? Let the office know. Meet with the Pastors today at noon, and then on Sep 17 & 24 at 10 am.

Raise Right. Do you go to the store? You can order Publix, CVS & Walgreens gift cards. And raise money for Grace.

Car Show Meeting. Be part of the 2024 car show committee. Come to the meeting on Sep 14, at 5:30. POC: Debby Kroll.

You Matter Day. Sep 16, 10-3. Make a stepping stone for our garden here. Help needed. See Niki.

New Church Directory. Pictures taken on Oct 19, 20: noon—6:30; Oct 21: 10-4:30; Nov 14 noon—6:30. Sign up to get your pictures at: www.ucdir.com. Church code: fl868. PW: photos.

Upcoming Events

Sep 12, 6:30 pm Church Council
Sep 23, 9 am Pumpkin Patch Setup #1
Oct 21, 9:30—3 Fall Festival/Craft Fair

CALENDAR

Church office & library: Mon - Thurs 9-3; Preschool: Mon – Fri, 9 - noon

Sunday, September 10

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service; **Nursery:** 9 am - noon, Birth – 4 yo, #121

10:00 am Special Gathering #112, 200, 209, Chapel & Workroom

10:00 am Sunday School: Nursery/preschool to K, #121; Grades 1-3: # 221;
Grades 4-6: #224; Youth: #219;

Young Adults: #206; New Horizons: #214; Aldersgate: #212

11:00 am Special Gathering: FH; 11:00 am Children's Church: K-6: #224

Noonish: Pizza with the Pastors; New Member Class #1

Monday, September 11

2:00 pm SALT Group, #112;

5:30 pm Grief Support, #112

6:30 pm Girl Scout Leader Mtg, #304; 7:00 pm Vespers with Lilly, Facebook

Tuesday, September 12 *Raise Right Order Due*

10:00 am Women of Faith Bible Study, #212

12:00 pm Quilting/Crafts, #207

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH; * * 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting, Sanctuary **

Wednesday, September 13

9:30 – 10:30 Preschool Chapel Time

10:00 am UWF Unit Meeting, #214;

10:00 am Bible Fellowship, #207

6:00 pm Youth Night, #219 & FH

6:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary;

7:00 pm Choir Practice, Music Room

Thursday, September 14

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Food Pantry, FH;

10:00 am Clothing Closet

5:30 pm Car Show 2024 Meeting, #112

7:30 pm Jubilate Ringers practice, Bell Room;

7:30 pm OA Meeting, #112

Friday, September 15

6:00 am Men's Prayer/Bible Study–Merritt Assembly of God.

Saturday, September 16

11:00 am Celebration of Life for Rhett Hagler, Sanctuary

10 am -3 pm You Matter, Middle yard

No coffee on Sun, Sep 17

THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Connect Card QR Code



Sep/Oct available in the
Narthex and E&A lobby.
(Suggested donation: \$1.50)

The bulletin is available at: gumcmi.com under
"Worship Online"

Items for the bulletin are due by Tuesdays at 11 am

Fruit of the Spirit

Love: Self-sacrificial

Joy: Delight in the blessing of God

Peace: Dwell in Christ's love and mercy

Patience: Endure tough times

Kindness: Empathy and respect for others

Goodness: Excellence in character

Faithfulness: Loyal to Jesus in all things

Gentleness: Tenderness and care for others

Self-control: Stay on course with God's desires