



JULY 19

LIFE CHANGE IS AN INVITATION AWAY



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I was not raised in a very religious home. We would go to church on Christmas and Easter, so as I got older I knew what Christianity was, but not what it meant to have a relationship with Jesus. Before knowing Jesus, I felt very lost and confused, like there was more to life that everyone else had but I did not. I was at Grace, at my second church service when Pastor Nick was preaching and asked us to bow our heads and pray to God if we wanted to accept Jesus into our lives. I finally understood that a relationship with God is what I was missing and it was then that I made the decision to follow Jesus. My life has never been more full. I feel like God has shown me what my purpose is at this point of my life. Even when I may not understand, I know God is working for good and I just need to have patience and faith. Coming to Grace has given me a community to turn to. Just coming to Sunday service reminds me that I am right where God wants me to be, everything is in His timing, not mine.

TAKE FIVE

GY COLUMBUS MISSION TRIP [July 15-19] - Pray for our upcoming Columbus Mission Trip and for BrightCity Church as they continue to reach and serve the growing Sunbury community. Pray that Super Saturday, their large outreach event, would be a powerful opportunity for kids and families to hear about Jesus. Ask God to use our middle school students as they build relationships, lead children, and share the love of Christ. Pray that GY students would be challenged and strengthened in their faith, returning home with a greater passion for living on mission in their own communities. Pray especially for our high school student leaders as they grow in leadership and service, and for our adult leaders to have wisdom as they disciple and encourage students throughout the week.

GRACE KIDS FAMILY SERVE DAY [July 25] - Pray for the Grace Kids team as they lead our first-ever Family Serve Day. Ask God to use this event to help families live out their faith together in practical ways. Pray that serving side-by-side would create meaningful opportunities for spiritual conversations at home and encourage parents as they disciple their children to know and love Jesus. Pray that this event strengthens families and inspires a lifestyle of serving others for God's glory.

GRACE KIDS CONNECT EVENTS - Ask God to use these events as opportunities to reach our community and welcome new families. Pray that Grace families would intentionally invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers who do not attend church. And pray that every child who comes would experience a fun and meaningful environment where they hear the hope of Jesus in a way they can understand and respond to.

GROUPS MINISTRY - Pray that God would raise up new leaders who are willing to step out in faith and say "yes" to leading a group. Pray over the God-sized goals of launching 5 new groups at our Medina campus and 12 new groups at our Wooster campus to help more people take their next step in following Jesus through biblical community.

LIFE CHANGE IS AN INVITATION AWAY - Pray that we would each be actively pursuing relationships with those who don't yet know Jesus - and inviting them! Pray that we would also intentionally encourage those already attending Grace to take their next step, whether through baptism, serving, or joining a group.

GRACE CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Year-to-Date Giving	\$632,458	
Year-to-Date Budget	\$536,083	\$96,375
NEXT Campaign Giving	\$15,834,217	