



# GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

May 2026

Grace Community Church is a Holy Spirit led movement for all people to discover and demonstrate a growing relationship in Jesus Christ.

Service Every Sunday 11 am | Prayer Time 10:30 am

Fellowship meal immediately after service

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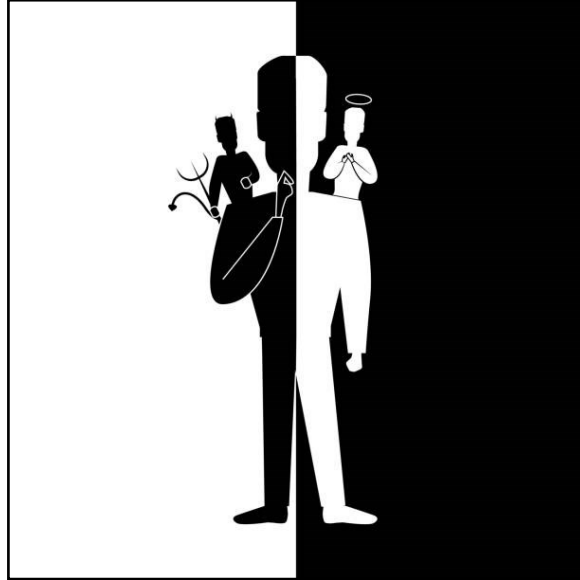
## The Problem With Sin

We all have a "Sin" problem! *"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us"* 1 John 1:8. For those in Christ Jesus, the problem is solved. Through the Cross and Resurrection, the One who knew no sin became sin for us and that imputed righteousness makes us acceptable to God. Even more, we are adopted into his family through Christ. The Bible indicates that we are all born into sin. From Adam to the newest birth on this planet, all will die because of sin, and our only hope in life eternal is in Christ. *"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive"* 1 Corinthians 15:22.

Still, we live in a world overcome with sinful thoughts and intentions. *"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* Genesis 6:5. Needless to say, as a human race, we have fallen short of God's intention as his image bearers.

And although we have been delivered from power of sin, we are still in the presence of sin. That affects us all.

Practicing sinfulness is evidence of our desperate need for a Savior. It becomes clear of how sinfulness has plagued humans, as we observe wickedness even in our youngest. Many of you are aware that Yvette and I recently spent a week with our son, Sean, daughter-in-law, RoseAnna and grandchildren, Azalea (8), Solomon (5), Axel (3) and Anabelle (2 weeks). On our last full day, we were heading home from an afternoon of play and toy shopping with the three oldest. They were tired, and so were we. Everyone was loaded, with Yvette and I in the front of our rented Jeep Compass and the kids on the back seat – Axel on the right in a child's seat, Solomon in a booster on the left, and Azalea in the middle. We were barely on the road, when Axel accidentally squirted himself in the face with his water bottle. (Mama had trained all the kids to bring water whenever they got into the car. She learned that kids are always thirsty. Smart!) As you might have guessed, the other two siblings thought that was funny and laughed out loud. Axel shouted for them to stop, to which they laughed louder. So,



Axel took his empty aluminum water bottle and bonked his sister on the head with an audible "gong" sound. Immediately, Azalea started crying, and Papa almost had to pull the car over, because Axel didn't want to apologize...at first. After he finally said he was sorry, Azalea, through the sniffles and tears, graciously said "I forgive you". Admittedly, I didn't expect that!

As I pondered that moment, it was clear that Axel's response in hitting Azalea in the head was sinful. But also, the fact that the other two were laughing at him was sinful too. (We were in a car full of sinners – including us). Questions started to circulate in my mind...Why would it be funny when someone gets water all over their face? Why would Axel respond so violently? Clearly, Axel was embarrassed and angered by the events that took place. Those feelings caused him to act out in frustration and violence towards people who loved him. Azalea unfortunately, was the closest. Where did that response/behavior come from? There was only one answer – sin is the problem. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* Romans 3:23. And that is a problem for us all, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ*

*Jesus our Lord"* Romans 6:23.

Thankfully, God has given rescue to us through Christ. *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"* 1 John 2:1. *"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"* Colossians 1:13-14.

This should give us confidence that through Christ, we can stand sinless and blameless before God. Sin is inherently in every person from conception, i.e. we are born into sin. (That doesn't mean we keep doing it!) Yet, because of God's great love, his response when we repent and ask forgiveness is the same as that eight-year-old little girl with a throbbing bump on her head, "I forgive you!"

Sin is a problem. But thank God! He has given each of us the solution in Jesus Christ!

Are your sins forgiven?

*Pastor Robert*

## Celebrating Mom (and Mom Figures, Too!)

Mother's Day is this month, so we are celebrating those special women. We should honor our moms every day, though, not just because they work hard or cook our macaroni and cheese. God commands us to honor our parents. It's actually one of the Ten Commandments laid out for us, and it's also one that has a special promise attached. God tells us that when we honor our parents, we will be blessed. It will go well with us and we will actually have long life! God knows that honoring our parents will bless us because honoring our parents honors Him.

How do we honor our mothers and fathers? We know how much they love and



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care for us. We honor them in return by loving them, and by respecting them and obeying what they ask. When we obey and respect them, it's like we're doing the same for the Lord. He loves us more than we can imagine, and He is the one who places authority figures in our lives to help us

and provide for us. He gives us leaders to guide and teach us.

But what if we don't have a great relationship with our mom? Sadly, there are people who might not know their moms very well, if at all. Some don't live with their birth mothers or don't have great examples of God's love shown by parents. Some have mothers who have passed away or moved away. The good news is that God gives us many opportunities to know adults who care. Parents are not the only "parental figures" we have. God also gives us special leaders like aunts, cousins, grandparents, teachers, pastors, and friends. When we respect and obey those special adults

in our lives, we show respect for God, too. He is the one who places people in authority over our lives. He does this to help take care of us.

So remember to honor your mother (or mother figures), not just one day out of the year, but always. Show them how much you appreciate them. Give your mom a hug, a piece of chocolate, or a special compliment. And give thanks to the Lord for them!

*Dear God, Thank you for giving us moms and dads. Please help us to love and honor them And to honor you. Help us obey and respect our parents. Thank you for your love We love you, God! In Jesus's name, Amen!*

# MAY 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

3 <i>Communion</i>	4	5 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	6	7	8 Men's Bible Study 10 am	9
10  - HAPPY - <i>Mother's DAY</i>	11	12 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	13-14  <b>Memorial Day Cookout</b> Perrin home, Mon., 25, 4pm; bring a friend, a chair & a side to share! Please RSVP.		15 Men's Bible Study 10 am	16
17  Awana Banquet 5pm	18	19 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	20	21	22 Men's Bible Study 10 am	23
24  Monthly Birthday Celebration!	25  MEMORIAL DAY	26 Worship Team Practice 5:30pm; Men's/Ladies Bible Study 7pm	27	28	29 Men's Bible Study 10 am	30
31	 <b>SUMMERFEST FAMILY FESTIVAL</b> <b>SAT., AUGUST 6, 10 am -3pm</b> 3-4 committee members needed to plan this event! Volunteers will be needed to set up, run games, serve food, and clean up! First committee meeting is May 31 after church. See Linda interested!					

## COMING SOON

  
- HAPPY -  
**Mother's DAY**  
Men do the meal  
Sunday, May 10

Sat., June 6  
GCC, 8-1  
See Linda for info  
**YARD SALE**

  
**Twin Lakes**  
Saturday, July 11  
10am — 2pm

## PRAYER ANGELS PROJECT

Every week, place your name in the basket near the front door. Before you leave, pull a name out. Pray for that person all week! Participation is voluntary.

### GCC Birthdays This Month

John Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Jeff Rabeau, Linda Snyder, Emily Tharpe

### Foster Children Ministry

Male 17 years old 06/05/2008  
Male 10 years old 12/10/2015  
Male 1 month old 01/05/2026

If you would like to sponsor a child see Patricia Johnson

### Charlotte County Senior Needs

Grace is supporting local DSS by donating the following items: Depends sizes Medium/Large, Boost, Ensure. See Yvette for more information.

### Hospitality

Our fellowship meal is an extension of our service where we gather together to share the love of Jesus. The meal is served buffet style with guests and seniors going first. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.** If you would like to help out by bringing food, setting up or cleaning up, please see Diana Matthews

### Join Our Family

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Grace family, see Pastor Robert.

### Supplemental Bag Ministry

Each month GCC prepares and distributes bags filled with paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items to members of our community. Help is needed to pack and deliver bags as well as donation of items. For more information, see Patricia Johnson.

### GCC Online

Want to watch our sermons online? Go to [www.connect2gcc.org](http://www.connect2gcc.org). scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the watch or sermons link. This will take you to our YouTube channel, where you will find one years worth of sermons. Or if you prefer, go to our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/connect2gcc](http://www.facebook.com/connect2gcc) to watch live every Sunday morning or whenever you like!



Awana's is every Sunday at 5pm! If you would like to volunteer or register a child, go to [connect2gcc.org](http://connect2gcc.org) or see Betty Shook, our Director of Awana, Yvette Perrin, Awana Secretary, or Pastor Robert.



The function of the Board of Grace Community Church is to support a Holy Spirit-led movement for all people to discover and demonstrate a growing relationship in Jesus Christ.

#### Grace Community Church Board Members:

*Robert Perrin*, Pastor and Chairman of the Board; *Glen Matthews*, Church Representative, Facility and Maintenance Coordinator; *Tracy Wood*, Church Representative, Operations Coordinator; *JoAnn Carmen*, Treasurer; *Betty Shook*, Secretary

Please contact Tracy or Glen with any concerns or suggestions you would like the GCC board to address.

### May Fellowship Menu

May 3: Soup & Grilled Cheese  
May 10: Mother's Day  
May 17: Casseroles  
May 24: Pasta  
May 31: Mexican

