



# TIME OF THE LORD'S FAVOR

## Living in the Lord's Favor

*Luke 4:14-21 (ESV) And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about Him went out through all the surrounding country. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

## He is the Messiah

**1. Jesus is the only Chosen One!**

**2. He is the Messiah!**

*John 14:6 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

*John 19:30 (ESV) When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.*

## Isaiah and Jesus Said:

► **Preach the Good News to the poor.**

All people are spiritually poor.

► **Bind up the broken-hearted.**

All people have heartaches.

► **Proclaim freedom for the captives.**

We are all in bondage.

► **Release the prisoners from darkness.**

We all need a new and deeper understanding.

## How to Respond

*Luke 4:22-27 (ESV) And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself. What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in Your hometown as well.'" And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers[a] in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."*

► **People don't understand who He is:**

- Not just a Rabbi
- Not just an encouraging speaker
- Not just Joseph's son

► **Jesus is sent to those who believe and are willing to act on their belief.**

- The widow made the cakes (1 Kings 17:8-16).
- Naaman washed in the Jordan (2 Kings 5:1-14).

## How will you respond?

*Luke 4:28-30 (ESV) When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went away.*

*Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.*



GRACE CHURCH

Services  
Sunday at 9 & 11 am

April 23, 2023

4701 Illinois Route 111  
Granite City, IL 62040

GraceEast.org  
618.797.9910

WHAT'S  
NEXT?



VBS is going to be



Sunday - Thursday  
July 16 - 20, 2023

6 - 8:30 PM

FREE for kids ages  
4 years old - 6th Grade!



Sign up here! Or  
GraceEast.org/VBS

Questions? Contact Jen @ [jmckinney@gracestl.org](mailto:jmckinney@gracestl.org)



BIBLE ADVENTURE!  
3 Years - 6th Grade



THIS  
MONDAY!  
APR 24

6 - 7:30 PM  
FUN! FOOD!  
FELLOWSHIP!  
PRAYER!



SUN, MAY 7  
5 - 7 PM • GYM  
Fun, food & games!

YOUTH  
**GAME NIGHT!**  
AT THE CHURCH!

Grades 6 - 12 welcome!  
Questions? Contact Art & Megan  
@ 314.223.0133 or  
[mjalinsky@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjalinsky@sbcglobal.net)

**Tea With Mom**  
FOR MOTHER'S DAY

May 6 • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm • Grace East Gym  
Tickets \$15 • Lunch included  
Women's Ministry Event

Sign up here

Contact Kim 618-401-4455 or Katie 618-975-2264

**MEN@GRACE**  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST

Sat, May 6  
8 - 9 am

Sign up at the  
Welcome Center or  
[GraceEast.org/Mens-Breakfast](http://GraceEast.org/Mens-Breakfast)

SMALL GROUPS & PRAYER

S.M.I.L.E	SUN	10:15 AM	Gym Room 103	Kyle & Wendy Knight	<a href="mailto:beveryblessed@yahoo.com">beveryblessed@yahoo.com</a>	636-485-3827
Stretching/Scriptures	MON	9:30 AM	GCE Gym	Evelyn Harris	<a href="mailto:evharris@charter.net">evharris@charter.net</a>	618-558-7989
The Chosen	MON	6:00 PM	Sanctuary	Rufus & Melissa Valencia	<a href="mailto:rufus@gracestl.org">rufus@gracestl.org</a>	618-604-0534
The God in Me	TUE	10:00 AM	GCE B5	Marilyn Davis	<a href="mailto:saverdixon@gmail.com">saverdixon@gmail.com</a>	618-709-2371
Womens Bible Study	TUE	6:30 PM	Gym Room 103	Kasey C. & Katie V.	<a href="mailto:kayy85@aol.com">kayy85@aol.com</a>	618-420-2008
Bible Study	TUE	6:30 PM	Cook's home	Terry & Pam Cook	<a href="mailto:cook.terry@yahoo.com">cook.terry@yahoo.com</a>	618-789-3362
Jesus & Women	WED	11:30 AM	Kozer home	Lynnette Kozer	<a href="mailto:lkozer77@gmail.com">lkozer77@gmail.com</a>	618-781-2744
Prayer	FRI	6:00 PM	Sanctuary	Kyle & Wendy Knight	<a href="mailto:beveryblessed@yahoo.com">beveryblessed@yahoo.com</a>	636-485-3827
Youth Bible Study	1st & 3rd SUN	11:00 AM	GCE B3	Art & Megan Jalinsky	<a href="mailto:mjalinsky@sbcglobal.net">mjalinsky@sbcglobal.net</a>	314-223-0133
YAM-Young Adults	2nd & 4th SUN	6:30 PM	Gym Room 103	Timmy Vaughan	<a href="mailto:timcanrecycling@gmail.com">timcanrecycling@gmail.com</a>	618-876-9030