



# IDENTITY

## WALKING WITH GOD

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. EPHESIANS 5:1-2, 8, 15-17 (ESV)*

## To Walk With God

### 1. Choose your **examples**.

*Ephesians 5:1 (ESV) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

*Philippians 3:17 (GWT) Brothers and sisters, imitate me, and pay attention to those who live by the example we have given you.*

*1 Corinthians 11:1 (GWT) Imitate me as I imitate Christ.*

*Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

*Romans 2:4 (GWT) Do you have contempt for God, who is very kind to you, puts up with you, and deals patiently with you? Don't you realize that it is God's kindness that is trying to lead you to Him and change the way you think and act?*

*Romans 2:4 (ESV) Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?*

### 2. Choose your **focus**.

*Ephesians 5:2 (ESV) And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*Joshua 1:7 (ESV) Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.*

*Philippians 3:14 (ESV) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

*Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (ESV) "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*

*1 John 4:19 (PHP) Yes, we love Him because He first loved us.*

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### 3. Choose what **fits**.

*Ephesians 5:3 (ESV) But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.*

*Ephesians 5:4 (ESV) Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.*

*Ephesians 5:5 (ESV) For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

*Ephesians 1:11 (ESV) In Him we have obtained an inheritance...*

*Ephesians 5:6-7 (ESV) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not become partners with them...*

### 4. Choose **wisdom**.

*Ephesians 5:15-16 (ESV) Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

*Proverbs 2:2 (ESV) ...making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding...*

*Proverbs 4:7 (HCSB) "Wisdom is supreme — so get wisdom. And whatever else you get, get understanding."*

*James 1:5 (ESV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

*Ephesians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

## HOW TO BEST USE YOUR TIME

- ▶ Make and keep a daily **appointment** with God.
- ▶ Arm yourself with **scripture**.
- ▶ Develop **discipline**.



GRACE CHURCH

Services  
Sunday at 9 & 11 am

October 15, 2023

4701 Illinois Route 111  
Granite City, IL 62040

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WHAT'S  
NEXT?



WOMEN OF GRACE

# Fall Gathering

Sat, Oct 21 @ 6:30 pm

Register

Soup, Chili & Caramel Apple Bar

Contact Kim @ 618.401.4455

## GRACE MAIN CHOIR

Here at Grace East  
Sunday, October 22

Mon, Oct 23 6 - 7:30 PM

# GLOW!

4 years – 6th Grade  
**FUN!**  
**FOOD!**  
**FELLOWSHIP!**  
**PRAYER!**

Sign up: [jmckinney@GraceSTL.org](mailto:jmckinney@GraceSTL.org)

Sun, Oct 29 @ 10:15 am

# Baptism CLASS

**Baptisms follow the 11 am service!**

More Info: [markallenperkins6@gmail.com](mailto:markallenperkins6@gmail.com)  
or 618-920-9712 or stop by the Info Desk

## MEN @ GRACE

### FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, Nov 4  
8 am

Sign up at the Welcome Center or  
[GraceEast.org/Mens-Breakfast](http://GraceEast.org/Mens-Breakfast) or  
[rvalencia@GraceSTL.org](mailto:rvalencia@GraceSTL.org)  
618-604-0534

SUN, NOV 5 • 5 - 7 PM • GYM

YOUTH GRADES 6-12!  
AT THE CHURCH!

# GAME NIGHT!

Fun, food & games!

Questions? Contact Daniel Schafers @  
314.221.0118 or [dschafers@GraceSTL.org](mailto:dschafers@GraceSTL.org)

### SMALL GROUPS & PRAYER

<b>S.M.I.L.E</b>	SUN	10:15 AM	Gym Room 103	Kyle & Wendy Knight	<a href="mailto:beveryblessed@yahoo.com">beveryblessed@yahoo.com</a>	636-485-3827
<b>Stretching/Scriptures</b>	MON	9:30 AM	GCE Gym	Evelyn Harris	<a href="mailto:evharris@charter.net">evharris@charter.net</a>	618-558-7989
<b>Ephesians</b>	MON	6:00 PM	Gym Room 103	Melissa Valencia	<a href="mailto:melissavalencia@charter.net">melissavalencia@charter.net</a>	618-604-1965
<b>James</b>	TUE	10:00 AM	GCE B5	Marilyn Davis	<a href="mailto:saverdixon@gmail.com">saverdixon@gmail.com</a>	618-709-2371
<b>Womens Bible Study</b>	TUE	6:30 PM	Gym Room 103	Kasey C. & Katie V.	<a href="mailto:kayy85@aol.com">kayy85@aol.com</a>	618-420-2008
<b>Bible Study</b>	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
<b>Youth Bible Study</b>	1st & 3rd SUN	11:00 AM	GCE B3	Daniel Schafers	<a href="mailto:dschafers@gracestl.org">dschafers@gracestl.org</a>	314-221-0118
<b>YAM-Young Adults</b>	2nd & 4th SUN	6:30 PM	Gym Room 103	Jackson Moore	<a href="mailto:moorejackson116@gmail.com">moorejackson116@gmail.com</a>	618-580-9114