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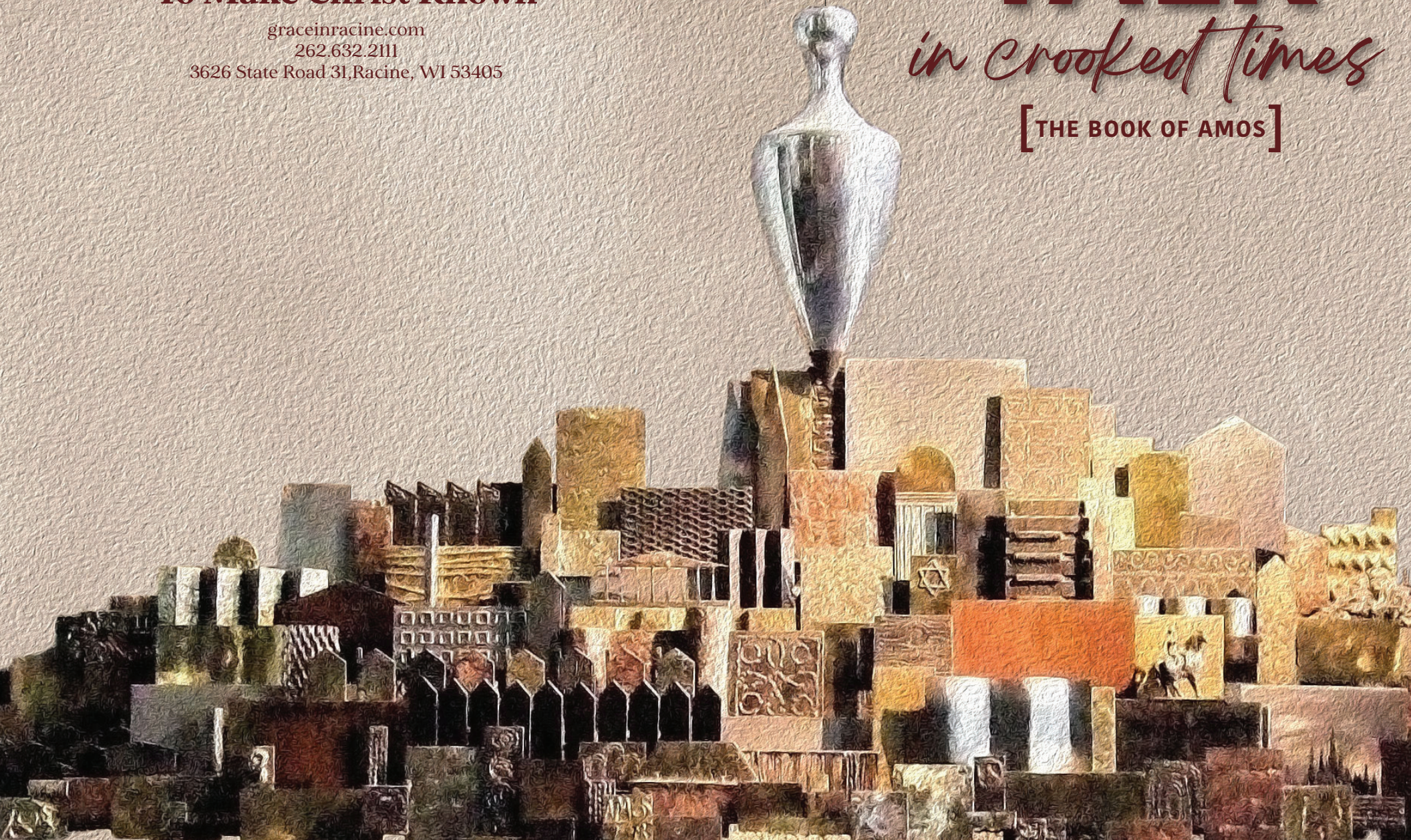
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STRAIGHT TALK

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[THE BOOK OF AMOS]



WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Fill out a Connect Card found in the pewback to let us know you were here.

[Join us at the next Newcomer Gathering](#)

April 19 // 11:10 am // Room B60

If you are new to Grace Church, Newcomer Gatherings are a time for you and your family to meet a few of the pastors, ask questions, and hear what Grace Church has to offer. We serve lunch, too! RSVP at the Welcome Table or by scanning the QR code.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE

["As For Me And My House"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Ephesians 1:3-4](#)

["Come Thou Fount"](#)

["Only A Holy God"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Pastor Matthew Lautz

["My Soul \(Psalm 62\)"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Amos 1:1-2](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Chris Amundson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

["Speak, O Lord"](#)

["As For Me And My House"](#)

Benediction

*We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship.
Refreshments are available in The Commons.
Our Prayer Team is available in the front of the sanctuary.*

CARE MINISTRY

On the passing of Roger Prucha, our love, sympathy, and prayers to his friends and family.

Roger served on staff at Grace Church for 25 years and will be missed by many.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your requests on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your needs up to the Lord. We have a dedicated prayer team that prays over each request. Additionally, our staff meets each week to pray over all of the needs of our congregation.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR) Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft.

CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening.

Contact Gabe Stalker at celebratercovery@graceinracine.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are welcome in our worship service, and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service.

Follow-Along Sheets: Stop by the Info Center for an activity sheet for your child's use during the service.

Scribble Paper: Paper is available in the pews for doodling & coloring. *Please refrain from use of the Connect Cards for doodle purposes.*

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Sunday school is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth – kindergarten. Children ages 2 - kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in “Worshippers in Training” which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed before the teaching portion of worship).

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Now that we have concluded our series in Matthew, we go back in time approximately 700 years, before the birth of Christ, to the book of Amos. It is a time of prosperity for God's people. But it is also a time of moral decay and empty worship. In these first two verses of the book, we see that God is sending a messenger to deliver news that will upend the comfortable life of the people of Israel.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever read the book of Amos? Why do you think it's so common for us to bypass reading the Old Testament prophets?
2. The first verse includes a handful of details that help us to understand the nature of Amos' ministry. Why is it significant to know these details about Amos? How will it affect the way he will be received?
3. Why do you suppose that the author felt the need to mention the earthquake that happened two years after Amos' ministry?
4. From what we read in verse 2, what is the nature of the message that the Lord is about to deliver to his people? What is the imagery of pastures mourning and Mount Carmel withering supposed to evoke in the reader?
5. How do you typically respond when you know you are going to be confronted with a hard truth about yourself? Do you look for ways to evade it? How should you respond?
6. How might Amos' ministry shape the way we share the gospel with others?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

[Amos 1:1-2](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

THE SHEPHERD ROARS

Next Week: [Amos 1:3-2:3](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 1,247
Giving: \$36,596

2026 GIVING

Year to Date: \$500,228
+/- Budget: \$-67,337

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

LOCAL PARTNER: SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Cornhole Fundraiser

Saturday, April 18 // 1-4pm at Grace Church

Help raise funds for Safe Families for Children in Racine & Kenosha while enjoying a cornhole competition with prizes for the top teams, delicious food, and a kids' carnival with games and activities. Scan the QR code to learn more!

LOCAL OUTREACH: COMPASSION EFFORTS

Harvest Outreach Food Pantry Volunteer

Harvest Outreach Food Pantry is a local compassion effort supported by Grace. If you have a few hours a month to spare to transport Grace food donations to Harvest and want to help coordinate our Thanksgiving Food Drive, contact Karen Sytsma, Deaconess of Local Partnerships at localoutreach@graceinracine.com for more information.

Alliance Family Services // Volunteer Opportunity

Alliance Family Services, a compassion effort supported by Grace, is looking for Sidewalk Advocates to accompany its mobile clinic. Right now Alliance can't take its mobile clinic out as often as they would like because they have a shortage of Sidewalk Advocates to support their nurses.

Sidewalk Advocates are on the front lines and offer truth in love—it might be a warm smile, a simple conversation, an invitation to step into the mobile clinic for services. If you have a heart for the Lord, protecting innocent children, and reaching those who desperately need Christ, you have all you need to volunteer! Alliance provides training classes and evangelism training. Scan the QR code for more information.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, April 18 // 8am

Guys, join us as we continue our series entitled: "*Christianity Misunderstood*." The misunderstood phrase that will be discussed is, "Only God Can Judge Me." Guys of all ages are invited for a hot breakfast, worship time, and a message. No RSVP needed.

CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, May 10th

Required class: April 19 // 11am

Child dedication is a commitment parents make before God to give thanks and raise their children according to his purpose. Parents must be members and attend the class to participate. Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

STUDENT MINISTRY:

GAME NIGHT

Friday, April 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm

(Registration open now until Friday, April 17th)

Students grades 6-12, join us for a fun game & pizza night. We'll have games available, or bring your favorite board game. Scan the QR code to register.

MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, April 26th // 11am

Members, save the date and plan to join us at our next member meeting. As members we have a responsibility to know what's going on & coming up within the life of the church.

GRACE SOFTBALL TEAM:

Hitting and Fielding Practice

Will also collect jersey numbers and shirt sizes.

When: Sunday, April 12th, 1pm

Where: Grace Church, South parking lot

Why: Get some swings, pitches and catches in. Fellowship and prayer.

Contact: Ryan Traxinger
262-880-8723 call or text.



Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.