

WELCOME TO grace

ORDER OF WORSHIP GATHERING

Music This is Amazing Grace	Communion Pastor Andy	Sermon Pastor Mike
Welcome Jon Coffman	Family Time Missionaries (Atkins) Jane Smoes	Music Jesus Strong and Kind
Music King of Kings Great I Am Bless God	Grace Kids Dismissal (1st-5th)	Benediction Pastor Andy

THIS WEEK | SEPTEMBER 13 - 20

TODAY	11:00AM: Coffee Fellowship (Gym) 6:00PM: GSM Sr. High Back to School Night
TUE	7:00AM: Prayer Meeting (Great Rm) 6:30PM: Titus Women (GSM Cafe)
WED	6:30AM: Men's Coffee Fellowship (YoYo's) 7:00AM: Prayer for Missionaries (Prayer Rm) 6:00PM: Awana 6:00PM: GSM Junior High Youth Group
THU	9:00AM: Morning MOMS (GSM Cafe) 7:00PM: GSM Senior High Bible Study (Cafe)
FRI	10:00AM: Women's Coffee Connect (YoYo's)
SAT	8:00AM: Forge (GSM Cafe) 9:00AM: Women's Bible Study (Open Rm) 11:00AM: Smoes Celebration of Life 5:30PM: Family Fun Night: Scavenger Hunt 6:00PM: Refuge
SUN	8:15AM: Adult Sunday School (Great Rm) 8:30AM: Prayer (Library) 9:30AM: Worship Service 11:00AM: Donut Sunday (Gym) 6:00PM: GSM Senior High Youth Group

UPCOMING

OCT	1st: Growing in Grace (Gym) 10th: Cornhole, Chili, & Pies (Gym) 17th: Women of Grace Social 30th: Trunk or Treat (Downtown Mahomet)
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Forge (Men's Ministry)

Saturday, Sept. 19 | 8:00am | GSM Cafe
Our Men's Ministry, Forge, is beginning this Saturday at 8:00am in the GSM Cafe. Forge meets every Saturday, 8:00am to 9:30am, from September through May. Build connections and deepen your faith with other men in the church!



Charlie Jo Smoes Celebration of Life

Saturday, Sept. 19 | 11:00am | Sanctuary
Join us to celebrate the beautiful life of Charlie Jo Smoes, daughter of Forrest and Julia. Though her time was short, we find comfort knowing she rests safely in the arms of Jesus (Matthew 19:14). Instead of black, please wear light, cheerful colors as we gather to celebrate a life filled with love and our hope in Christ.



Family Fun Night 9/19

Saturday, Sept. 19 | 5:30pm
Family Fun Night Scavenger Hunt! Gather your family and friends at the church at 5:30pm to start the hunt across Mahomet. Be the first to capture all the places in our community!



Worship Night 9/25

Friday, Sept. 25 | 7:00pm | Fireside
Worship Night is coming up soon. On the 25th of this month we will have the opportunity to gather as a church family and spend the evening praising and worshipping our Lord. Join us from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on the east side of the church by the fire.



Deeper Still Retreat 10/9-11

October 9th - 11th | Free & Confidential
Mark your calendars. Free, confidential post-abortion healing weekend open to men and women. The QR code below will take you to Deeper Still's website, where you can learn more and/or register for the upcoming retreat.



LOCAL MISSION SPOTLIGHT



Mahomet Helping Hands

This July-September Grace is partnering with MHH to support their mission of providing a wide range of essential items for our community, like shelf-stable foods, frozen meat, toiletries, etc. If you'd like to help support their mission, please use one of our Change Jars located in the Welcome Center or find the QR code below!



Scan the QR code and choose "Change jars" or "Mahomet Helping Hands".



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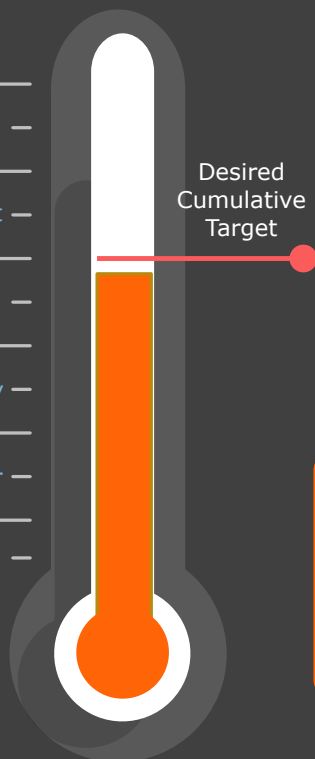


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Nov —
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Sept —
\$726k —
July —
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May —
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Mar —
\$166k —
Jan —



August 2026

Actual Target
\$611k \$726k

16%



THE After WORDS

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Matthew 17:14-20

September Memory Verses
Matthew 5:23 -24 (ESV)

“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

- Mark 9:14-15
- Mark 9:21
- Luke 9:39
- Mark 9:17
- Luke 9:38
- Mark 9:26-27
- Matthew 6:30
- Matthew 8:6
- Matthew 14:31
- Matthew 16:8
- Romans 5:8
- Philippians 1:6
- Matthew 13:32a
- Luke 18:1-8

Plea of a Father

Matthew 17:14-15

Weak Faith

Matthew 17:16-18

What Faith Can Do

Matthew 17:19-20

Further Study

The father in Matthew 17:14-15 approaches Jesus in desperation for his only son. How does this father's plea challenge or encourage the way we bring our deepest concerns (especially for family) to God?

The disciples had previously been given authority to cast out demons (Matthew 10:6-8), yet they failed here. What does this reveal about the difference between having spiritual authority and actually walking in faith and dependence on God?

Jesus calls the generation "faithless and twisted." In what ways might our own generation (or even the church) still display little faith, and how does that affect those watching us?

Jesus says faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. How does should we distinguish between "little faith" that gives up and mustard-seed faith that persists and grows? Which do you more often practice?

Jesus said several times "O you of little faith" (storm, walking on water, feeding the 4,000, etc.). Which of those situations feels most familiar to your own walk with God right now, and why?

Looking at the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), where in your life do you tend to stop praying or stop trusting when results aren't immediate?

What would it look like practically for our small group / church to grow persistent faith together?

Action

Identify and persist: Choose one area where you have been tempted to give up in prayer or obedience. Commit to praying specifically about it every day this week (set a reminder if needed), trusting God's power rather than your own effort or timeline.

Shift the focus: The next time you face a difficulty (health, family, ministry, provision), deliberately pause and remind yourself out loud: "This is not by my power but by God's."

Encourage someone else: Reach out to one person this week who is struggling or discouraged. Share a brief encouragement from this passage (mustard-seed faith, God's persistence toward us, or Jesus' compassion) and offer to pray with them.



**Connection
Card**



**Prayer/Praise
Requests**



Next Steps:
**The Gospel
Explained**

Elders

If you ever need to talk or pray, our elders are available to meet with you.

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