

Sermon Outline

Embraced by Grace — John 2:1-11

Three Keys to Being Embraced by God's Grace

1. Surrender to _____

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." (Vs 1-5)

2. Be filled with _____

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. (Vs 6-7)

3. Trust the Father _____

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." (Vs 8-10)

Don't settle for _____

when you can have _____

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples put their faith in him. (Vs 11)

So What?

1. What is the Spirit of God saying to you through this passage this morning? Take a moment to reflect and respond to his voice.
2. Have you come to the point in your spiritual journey where you have accepted Christ as the one who leads your life or is that something you're still working on? If Christ were to really lead your life what needs to change?
3. Have you ever asked God to fill you with his Holy Spirit? What is holding you back from allowing God's Spirit to have full rein in your life? Take a moment to reflect and share this with a trusted friend or accountability person this week.
4. Do you believe that the Father is working out his best plan in your life and has saved the best for now? What regrets do you have? Take a moment to lift those up to the Father and ask him to turn those regrets into something for his glory.

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The Week at a Glance

Monday Prayer & Praise — 7:30 PM

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study — 9:30 AM

Wednesday Club House — 6:45 PM
YG — 7:30 PM

Thursday Choir Rehearsal — 7:00 PM

Friday

Saturday College & Careers — 7:30 PM

Sunday Convergence — 9:00 AM
Worship Service — 10:30 AM



Financial update to the end of January

Budget July 1-January 31, 2010	175,000	
General fund offerings July 1-January 31, 2010		178,814
Other income (Rentals, Day Camp)		40,661
Total income		219,475
Total expenses July 1-January 31, 2010 (224,415)		
Amount income exceeds expenses		(4,940)
Special offerings	55,433	
Renovation expenditures	-22,870	
Projector	-11,033	17,757
Total income over expenditures		12,817

General fund offerings for February

Our monthly budget requirement (2009/2010)	\$25,000
Offerings to February 14, 2010	\$7,698

Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x 25	Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x 23	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 32	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Nigel Chang	Nigel@GSCC.ca x 26	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
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General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

Pastoral Team: Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

Elders: Robyn Allin, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

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Sunday, February 21, 2010

The Season of the Cross

Welcome - Carol Smith

The Great Litany

Choral Reflection: "Hymn of Mercy" - Forrest

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11 - Jane Clarke

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (#267)

The Presentation of Gifts - Brian McConnell

Offertory - Daniel Lahn, Tim Lahn, Julie McConnell,
Trevor McConnell & Debi Radin

Doxology

Children's Ministry

Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: John 2:1-11 - Jordan Lahn

Message: "Embraced by Grace" - Sharon Tam

The Apostles' Creed

Passing the Peace

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - Rob Dean

Songs of Thanksgiving

Commissioning & Blessing

* Following communion, a prayer team will be present at the back of the sanctuary for those who wish to receive the ministry of prayer.

We Exist to Invite Ordinary People to Encounter Christ
and Thoughtfully Follow Him in the World.

Life and Ministry of the Church

Parenting Group – February 24TH

Lifelong family commitment requires that we discover ways of speaking and listening so that we can be heard and understood, even if perspectives may differ. Feb 24TH is an opportunity to come together and laugh together at our misunderstandings and to seek new ways of communicating. This discussion will be based on Deborah Tanner's book: *"You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation."* Our special guests are Henry and Sharon Tam, two people committed to loving each other despite the differences. The event will begin with refreshments at 7:00 PM in the upstairs lounge. The presentation and discussion will begin at 7:15 PM.

Kaleidoscope: Hello Kelly Concert – March 5TH

Friday, March 5TH we will feature Hello Kelly, a Canadian pop-rock band that presents its concerts to encourage and challenge Kelly (their audience) to define their beliefs. They will be joined by the band, To Tell, which will be a great chance for all to enjoy up-beat power tunes and gentle string ballads. Tickets are available today.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner – April 16-18TH

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is an opportunity to invite people to your home, or to go to someone's home for a potluck meal. Set aside the weekend of April 16TH–18TH now, so you can enjoy table fellowship with other brothers and sisters at GSCC. Stay tuned for more details.

New Church Administrator

Wendy Pearson commenced employment with GSCC on February 8TH, 2010. She brings a great deal of previous church administration experience and office and facility management expertise, as well as a variety of other creative skills. We believe Wendy will be a great addition to our office and church family. We will be introducing her to the congregation in the not-too-distant future.

Visit the Good Shepherd Web site at www.gsccl.ca to listen to past messages and services or to sign up for any of our e-mails lists (announcements, prayer requests, or CVC updates).

Upcoming Events: Please Mark Your Calendars

February 24	Parenting Group
February 27	Audio Training
March 5	Kaleidoscope Concert
March 31 - April 4	Holy Week Services
April 4	Easter



Audio Training – Sat., Feb 27TH @ 9:00AM

Have you always wanted to run the sound system in our church but were afraid it might be too difficult? Now is your chance to spend a morning getting a feel for whether you might like to join this ministry. Come learn about the new system this Saturday, February 27TH, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM as we walk you through the system and its many capabilities. If you think you might be interested, please talk to Jordan or Murray Lahn.

Alpha Starts – Tuesday, March 2ND

The next Alpha Introductory Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 2ND at 6:30 PM. Be sure to invite your friends, neighbours and co-workers to this wonderful meal and video "Is there more to life than this?" Invite them for the ONE night. If they choose to, they can then sign up for the full 10-week course running every Tuesday night from 6:35 PM to 9:20PM. See <http://www.gsccl.ca/alpha.htm> for full details and a brochure (or pick up one in the foyer today). For more information, or if you are intending to bring someone to the wonderful roast beef dinner, please advise Nancy Lahn or send an email to Alpha@gsccl.ca.

Income Tax Receipts

In order to save postage, your receipts are available for pick up for you today. Please help us with this cost-cutting option by picking up your receipt at the back of the sanctuary. Receipts not picked up today will be mailed.

Prayer

- ♦ **SUNDAY:** Pray for **Wendy Pearson** our new church administrator as she learns the many names and faces of our congregation and the many tasks and responsibilities associated with her role. Pray that she would experience God's peace and that the Good Shepherd family would welcome her with open arms.
- ♦ **MONDAY:** Pray for **Gregorio Asterius** who went into the hospital last weekend. Pray that God would give the doctors wisdom and guidance in bringing about his healing. Pray also for Loida (his wife) and the rest of the family that they could cast every care to God who cares for them.
- ♦ **TUESDAY:** Pray for **Lenora Toms** who is suffering from a severe depression. She has not been eating or sleeping well. Pray for Julius as he cares for her that God would strengthen and support him. Pray also that the Good Shepherd Family would reach out to her as she journeys through this dark valley.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY:** Pray for **Youth Group and Clubhouse** as they meet tonight at church. Pray that all of our children and youth would experience God in ways that are real and personal for each of them. Pray for their leaders and counsellors that God would give them wisdom and guidance to speak love and grace into these young lives.
- ♦ **THURSDAY:** Pray for the **choir** as they meet together today that God would minister to each of the members, even as they minister to others. Pray for Barb Constable as she leads the choir and the music ministry at our church. Pray that God would give her wisdom and good time management of the many demands on her schedule.
- ♦ **FRIDAY:** Pray for the **Alpha course** starting in March. Pray for Murray and Nancy Lahn and all the helpers that God's Holy Spirit would be evident in all the course activities. Pray that God would bring those whom He's calling to himself through this ministry.
- ♦ **SATURDAY:** Pray for the **families in our church** that God would strengthen marriages and bonds between parents and children. Pray that families would put God at the centre of their life together and that God would give them wisdom to know how to manage their time and energy in ways that would honour God. Pray also for the singles in our church, that they would experience the love and blessings that come from being part of the family of God.

Please notify the church office (office@gsccl.ca) if you have a prayer request.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

Julius & Lenora Toms

Ben, Heather, Paige and Meghan Tsui

Allan Vander-Spek

Board of Elders Update

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1. Complete the Vision
2. Clarify Roles and Responsibilities between the Board of Elders and Board of Directors
3. Enhance the Spiritual Vitality of Board of Elders and
4. Strengthen our Financial Management

Each board member also developed personal 2010 objectives related to their specific role on the board.

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- Rej Proulx provided a report on the Child/Youth/Leader Protection Policy
- Carol Smith provided an update on the Children's Ministry
- Robyn Allin provided an update on the Personnel Committee's activities in identifying a new church administrator to replace Melissa Weigel
- Sharon Tam provided a report on the ministry activities of Good Shepherd

The Board took the following actions:

- Passed a motion to be 100% compliant with our Child/Youth/Leader Protection Policy by June, 2010.
- Regretfully accepted the resignation of Margaret Barker from the Board of Elders
- Planned for a meeting to take place between Stewardship Committee, the Board of Elders and Board of Directors to develop a financial strategy for our 2010 – 2011 ministry year
- Agreed to the appointment of Evelyn Kudjerski to the Condominium Board until such time as she can be presented to the congregation for appointment in June. Evelyn replaces Gene Burns on the Condo Board – which now consists of Ron Peneycad, Geri Stairs and Evelyn.

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