

APRIL

Mission Spotlight



Yusuf felt deep satisfaction as he and 20 Islamic leaders from one of Islam's most ancient communities sat on the floor of a mountain retreat center. It was Christmas morning 2011, and these men and women had come to learn from him more about their newfound faith in Jesus Christ. Yusuf, a middle-aged Christian businessman, had adopted the Muslims in his city as his mission field and had led a growing number of their leaders to faith.

When I asked Yusuf the key to effectiveness, he said, "I used to try to turn them to the Christian religion. But now I try to help them come to the Lord Jesus Christ without the religious blanket."

"And how are you able to do this without persecution?" I asked. "There is persecution," they replied, and pointed to Sheikh Abu Salam, a man in his 30s clutching his Arabic-language New Testament.

"Since I began teaching about Isa [Jesus]," Abu Salam said, "I was chased from the mosque. Now I am fighting my case in the courts. I have told the court, 'This is my mosque! Why should I leave it? I have a right to worship here.'" Since Abu Salam's country determined that Muslims were free to implement sharia (Islamic law) inside the mosque, this meant that he was aggressively pursuing a course of action that could result in a death sentence.

"Why do you not just leave the mosque and form your own churches?" I asked. "Why risk everything to stay in the mosque?"

Several voices spoke up. "To reach others! If we create another church outside the mosque, there will be a gap between us and the lost. We stay in the mosque to reach our lost families and friends."

Interviews reveal multiple factors that have led to today's historic movements: new Bible translations, bold Christian witness, Internet and satellite television and radio broadcasts, and Muslim's own revulsion at the violence they experienced from fellow Muslims. Undergirding each of these factors have been the faithful prayers of thousands of Christians around the world.

- David Garrison

Prayer Points:

- * that Muslim movements to Christ continue and result in a global turning of Muslims to Christ
- * that Christians will respond to current turmoil within the Muslim world with the gospel rather than revenge and violence
- * for Muslims who turn to faith in Jesus Christ, as it is a capital offense in most Islamic countries for a Muslim to change his or her religion

Grace Chapel

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017



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WHILE THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING, TAKE AND EAT THIS IS MY BODY. THEN HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS AND OFFERED IT TO THEM, SAYING, DRINK FROM IT, ALL OF YOU. THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

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Ministry & Leadership

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Tim Russell</i>
Music	Don Maffioli
Children	Jessica Longo & Jennica Trusler
Middle School Youth	Carrie Siples & Jon Moore
High School Youth	Stoney & Brandy Fisher
Women's Ministry	Chris Singer
Men's Ministry	Riley Decker
Elders	Jason Britton, Jim Little & Jeff Chamberlain
Deacon	Rose Sanders & Jim Zimmerman



Welcome to Grace Chapel. Please silence your cell phone when entering the sanctuary. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit with no unnecessary movement in and out of the sanctuary during the service and especially at the close of the service. Thank you!

April LifeVerse

III John 5:24 "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."

Announcements

New Believer's Bible Study: Taking spring break off and will resume April 16, 6:00pm.

Roman's A Little Deeper: Each Sunday at 6:00pm with childcare provided.

Prayer: Prayer at 7:00pm each Wednesday with childcare available. Sunday prayer, 10:00am-12:00pm, held upstairs for Pastor Tim, Jeremy, the church, ministries and the Body of Christ.

Prayer Path: We are going to build a prayer path in the woods behind the church. A meeting is planned after church, Sunday, April 2, for anyone interested in helping. We need tools, machinery and volunteers. Work days are planned for Saturday's in April, general clean up around the church. All volunteers are welcome. See Riley Decker or Paul Baty with questions and ideas.

Men of Grace: Mark your calendar! The next Men's Breakfast will be April 9th.

Women of Grace: Welcome Chris Singer – new ministry leader of Women of Grace! A breakfast is planned for the 4th Sunday, April 23rd. More details to follow.

Gifts & Offerings: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 Boxes are located on the wall at each entrance/exit for gifts and offerings.

Through the Bible together in 2017. Week 14:

- April 2 ~ Judges 16-18; Luke 7:1-30
- April 3 ~ Judges 19-21; Luke 7:31-50
- April 4 ~ Ruth 1-4; Luke 8:1-25
- April 5 ~ 1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 8:26-56
- April 6 ~ 1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 9:1-17
- April 7 ~ 1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 9:18-36
- April 8 ~ 1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 9:37-62

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: Share announcements, praise reports and prayer requests. [facebook.com/groups/gracechapelministries](https://www.facebook.com/groups/gracechapelministries)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Save the box tops from General Mills products. There is a basket on the back table to place them in.

WE ALL HAVE CHANGE: With our change, let's change the world.

Children & Youth Corner

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: 9-12th Grade

SHY meet Thursday @ Stoney & Brandy Fisher's home at 6:30-8:00pm. Ask a SHY member or leader for more info!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH: 6-8th Grade

MSY meet each Sunday during the sermon EXCEPT the first Sunday of each month so we can all enjoy communion with the congregation.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Newborn - 5th Grade

- Please let Jennica or Jessica know if you are interested in volunteering in the Children's Ministry.
- Children's Summer Fellowship: First meeting will be April 2nd after church.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 8th, 4:00pm, at Grace Chapel. Candy donations can be brought to the church this Sunday.