

# Grant Chapel Times

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Wichita, Kansas

**“Impacting the World with the Word!”**  
**A Season of Praise & Thanksgiving**

## “Dedicated to God’s Word”

During the Lenten Season (Ash Wednesday to Holy Week), many people take on the tradition of giving something up and instead of that thing or activity, dedicate oneself even more in their relationship with the Lord. Once those things are given up for the season, the tendency is to take them on with more fervor once Lent is over. But I don’t think that’s really the way to approach this season following Lent, called Eastertide. I believe that this season following Lent is the perfect time to rededicate ourselves to studying and living the lessons found in God’s Word.

Here’s several things that Psalm 119, an ode to the Word of God, notes that are benefits of God’s Word:

1. God’s Word keeps us mentally and spiritually clean (vs. 3).
2. God’s Word increases our freedom (vs. 45).
3. God’s Word gives direction and purpose to our lives (vs. 105).
4. God’s Word imparts to us joy and wisdom (vv. 129-130).
5. God’s Word is pure (vs. 140).
6. God’s Word endures forever (vs. 160).
7. God’s Word elicits rejoicing (vs. 162).
8. God’s Word ought to be kept by the faithful (vs. 168).

The New Testament also espouses the benefits of being dedicated to God’s Word. Paul writes in Romans 8:28 that God’s Word is good in every way to those who know Him, love Him, and obey Him.

So, in this new season, let’s rededicate ourselves to God’s Word. Join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays at 12 Noon (in person) and 6:20 p.m. (via Zoom & Facebook) and Sunday Church School at 9:00 a.m. (in person). - *Pastor Glenn*

## WHAT IS EASTERTIDE?

*Eastertide* or *Paschaltide* is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. There are several Eastertide customs across the Christian world, including flowering the cross, sunrise services, the wearing of Easter bonnets by women, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church, and decorating Easter eggs, a symbol of the empty tomb. The Church celebrates Eastertide for 50 days, culminating with the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1–31). So for the next few weeks, you may still hear some ministers exclaim **“Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!”** on Sunday mornings, to which the reply is, **“The LORD is risen indeed. Hallelujah!”**



# Faith

**Church School  
Continues  
Spring Quarter**

There is a class for everyone. Sunday Church School begins at 9 a.m. and concludes in time for morning worship. Carol Smart is our Church School Superintendent. *Join us!*

In **April**, we’ll continue The Spring Quarter, *Examining Our Faith*. In “Unit 2: The Measure of Faith,” we’ll look at examples of individual faith found in various passages in Luke and Matthew.

“One way a person’s faith is revealed is through their decisions and behavior. The Gospels provide numerous examples of people who demonstrate faith through their actions.”

*(Stand Lesson Commentary)*

- **Apr. 7** - Faith of Four Friends (Luke 5:17-26)
- **Apr. 14** - Faith of a Centurion (Luke 7:1-10)
- **Apr. 21** - Faith of a Woman Who Loved Jesus (Luke 7:36 - 50)
- **Apr. 28** - Faith of a Canaanite Woman (Matt. 15:21-28)

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Ricky Dodd  
Patsy Barnes  
Cynthia Owens  
Kim Locks  
Sterlean Jackson  
Azilean Holieworth



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# 2024 APRIL

| SUNDAY                   | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY                           | WEDNESDAY                 | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY                              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                          | 1                        | 2                                 | 3                         | 4        | 5<br><b>Game Night 6:30</b>   | 6<br>WMS 10:30a<br>Women 11:30        |
| 7                        | 8<br>Official Board 7 pm | 9                                 | 10                        | 11       | 12<br>9 am Trip to Edmond, OK | 13<br>Trustees 10a<br>Stewards 11:30a |
| 14                       | 15                       | 16<br>District Steward report due | 17                        | 18       | 19                            | 20                                    |
| 21                       | 22                       | 23                                | 24<br>Admin Assistant Day | 25       | 26                            | 27<br>District Conference @ St. Paul  |
| 28<br>Lay Witness Sunday | 29                       | 30                                |                           |          |                               |                                       |

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## Roving Camera for March



Another milestone birthday for Bro. Henley



We appreciated our Senior & Junior Ushers



We appreciated Sis. Jennings & Sis. Smart for their work with our youth



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*This Newsletter is for You!*

Please submit your articles of interest, news, poems, or pictures by the *last* Sunday of the month.



Our liturgical Dancers warmed our hearts on Easter



Our Stewardesses served with distinction.



We came "dressed to impress" during Holy Week.



<— Pastor Glenn preached one of the 7 Last Words of Christ at the GWML Good Friday Service.

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