

# K CAMP

## GRACE LUTHERAN

*-Summer Camp-*

### KIDS NEED CAMP

Camp has always been a special place for kids. Now more than ever, our kids need a place to grow, feel confident, and excel.

### AGES

DISCOVERERS: AGES 3-5

EXPLORERS: ENTERING GRADE 1-5TH

### 9 WEEKS OF CAMP

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8 AM TO 3:00 PM (OPTION 3:00-6 PM)

**K KIDVENTURE**



**KIDVENTURE  
SUMMER 2021 DATES**  
JUNE 1-JULY 30, 2021

## REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 8 AT 9 AM

**KIDVENTURE.COM**

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# Get Connected

Connect with the body online this spring by signing up for one of our **Life Groups** or coming to a **Social Group**! For those viewing the newsletter online, click on the links below to sign up.

For those reading the newsletter in print form, please type in the link below to sign up, or you may call the church office at 817-274-1626 to reserve your spot.

All groups will be held online via Zoom (click [here](#) to learn how to use it).

This same information can be found on the new church website at <https://grace.lc/get-connected>.

## Life Groups

In Life Groups, 5-12 people meet weekly to pray, connect, and discuss Jesus-centered study material together. Sign up now for our Spring groups below – they start the first week of February and last 7-12 weeks.

**#G1 Co-ed Monday Group** – We'll be reading *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis with a 12-week study guide.

- Led by Kristin and Jimmy Braziel
- Mondays at 7:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G2 Men's Group**

- Led by Richard Del Cristo, Jr.
- Study TBD with group members' input
- Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G3 Co-ed Group** – In *Get Out of Your Head*, Jennie Allen gives us tools from the book of Philippians to stop the spiral of toxic thoughts, and transform our emotions, our outlook, and even our circumstances, by taking control of our minds.

- Led by Greg and Gail Roe
- Mondays at 6:45 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G4 Co-ed Sunday Group**

- Led by Jessica Forester
- Sundays at 10:00 am
- Podcast Study TBD
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G5 Women's evening Group** – Each week we will review and discuss the previous Sunday's Church Services: Bible Readings, Songs, and Sermon.

- Led by Ellen Pelzer
- Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G6 Co-ed Thursday Group** – We will be exploring the book *Kill the Spider* by Carlos Whittaker

- Led by Joe and Joanne Elmers
- Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G7 Co-ed Sunday Group** – In the *Jesus in the Secular World* small group study, Ben Pierce combines vivid illustrations from years of front-line ministry with practical Biblical principles for how we can reach the secular world.

- Led by Scott and Cynthia Cunningham
- Sundays at 6:30 pm
- 8-week study
- Sign up [here](#)

**#G8 Co-ed Group** – Personal Spiritual Growth: In this 7-week study we will look at three practices that are important in our spiritual growth: Giving, Praying, and Fasting. These lessons are based on Jesus' words found in Matthew 6:1-18.

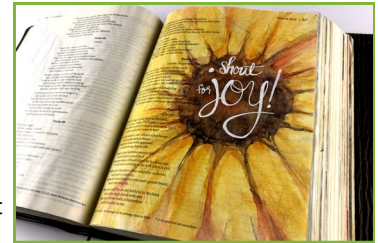
- Led by Alison and Steve Roth
- Mondays at 7:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)

## Open Groups

Social groups are open to everyone and offer opportunity to connect and socialize with the body.

**Bible Journaling** – Exercise your crafting skills by making a creative response to God's Word using a variety of techniques. We connect with the Lord and apply His Word in our lives using the gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Through drawing, journaling, and art you can document your walk with God leaving a legacy of faith.

- Hosted by Alison Roth
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10:00 am
- [Click here](#) for a supply list
- Sign up [here](#)



**Book Club** – Like to read? At our next meeting we'll be discussing the historical fiction *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

- Hosted by Ruth Brown
- 3rd Wednesdays at 4:00 pm
- Sign up [here](#)
- [Zoom link](#)



**Virtual Happy Hour**

– Bring your own cocktail (or mocktail) and shoot the breeze. Don't do life alone!

- Hosted by the Rukavinas and Mangels
- 2nd Thursdays at 6:00 pm, re-starting in February
- [Zoom link](#)

**Tuesday Night Basketball**

– Play a game and enjoy fellowship with family and friends!

- Held in-person at the Gym in the Family Life Center
- Tuesday Nights at 7:30 pm
- Contact Jim Runzheimer for more information @ [runz-law@att.net](mailto:runz-law@att.net)



**Movie Night** – Family friendly movie night via Netflix Watch Party (Google Chrome extension, download [here](#))

- Hosted by Barbara Koehn
- 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- First movie to watch: I Can Only Imagine
- Sign up [here](#)



Email [jdelcristo@grace.lc](mailto:jdelcristo@grace.lc) if you have any questions about these groups before signing up or attending!





Did you know that the church calendar is available ONLINE at [grace.lc](https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar)? [CLICK HERE](https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar) (<https://grace.lc/events-activities/calendar>) to access it. Any calendar changes and/or additions made in the church office are updated online in real time!

## Paying It Back — and Forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful. Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who'd helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning "In each other's shadows the people live."

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus' Golden Rule: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

## LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE?

We would welcome you as an Altar Guild volunteer. We are behind the scenes workers. We work at glorifying God by keeping the sanctuary and narthex clean, organized and decorated for any given season. Please contact Susan White if you are interested: 972-979-2188.



# February 2021

## Birthdays

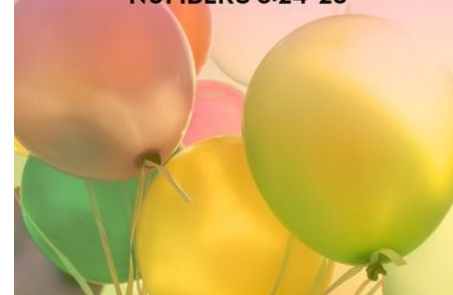
2/1 Ceara Barber	2/14 Elise Morris
2/1 Janet Leppert	2/14 Justin Taylor
2/1 Ty Cunningham	2/16 A.J. Jones
2/2 Hosny Gad	2/16 Libby Burgdorf
2/2 Rylan Morris	2/16 Joan Brooke
2/3 James Kempf	2/16 Lou Ann Kersten
2/3 Mary Schlotte	2/16 Steve Roth
2/4 Sharese Dickerson	2/16 Zoey Sessums
2/5 Ally Franklin	2/17 Rebecca Reed
2/5 Bill Murrell	2/18 Deryl Surratt
2/5 Russell Hildebrandt	2/19 Nikki Patton
2/7 Janet Baetz	2/21 Nancy Grieser
2/8 Ann Bassett	2/22 Dean Mickelson
2/8 Mark Sterling	2/22 Esmeralda Enriquez
2/8 Miguel Nieves	2/23 Kennedy Schmidt
2/8 Pat Coomes	2/23 Nathan Horton
2/8 Rachel Schmidt	2/24 Susan White
2/8 Ryan Sterling	2/24 Jenna Del Cristo
2/8 Walter Baumann	2/25 Beverly Gilbert
2/10 Francis Oshinowo	2/25 Dara Cunningham
2/10 Phyllis Slotter	2/25 Erik Rubel
2/10 William Richmond	2/26 Lisa Woolston
2/11 Joann Boyle	2/27 Kenneth Sterling
2/12 Jim Duppsstadt	2/28 Sarah Joeckel
2/13 Thomas Wagoner	

## Anniversaries

2/10 Tommy & Elizabeth Ott
2/12 James & Olene Gerhardt
2/14 Ernie & Chris Owens
2/14 Larry & Darla Creel

"The Lord bless you and protect you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his face to you and grant you peace."

NUMBERS 6:24-26





### ***Great causes inspire generous responses***

**W**hile the chilling shadow of a pandemic enveloped the world in 2020, the Holy Spirit shined a light on Liberia through one man who infected a small group of volunteers and donors with a contagious spirit to bring hope to a nation, a continent and perhaps the entire world. That man is Perry Geevon Smith. The nation is Liberia, a republic established with Christian principles in 1847 and modeled after many of the values of the founders of the United States of America. The cause is the support of two Christian schools founded ten and five years ago respectively, along with a measure of humanitarian aid and medical support to the staff and families.

#### **2020 – Faithfulness and Faith**

- Despite the postponed school openings due to Covid-19, generous donors provided funds sufficient to pay on the lease and remodel the Monrovia school, pay the school teachers and staff, and provide uniforms and supplies to have a joyous resumption of classes in early 2021.
- A full color brochure was developed and printed
- Our 501(c)(3) application was approved
- A beautiful logo and web site, [www.lovingliberia.com](http://www.lovingliberia.com) was created
- A Director of Development position was proposed

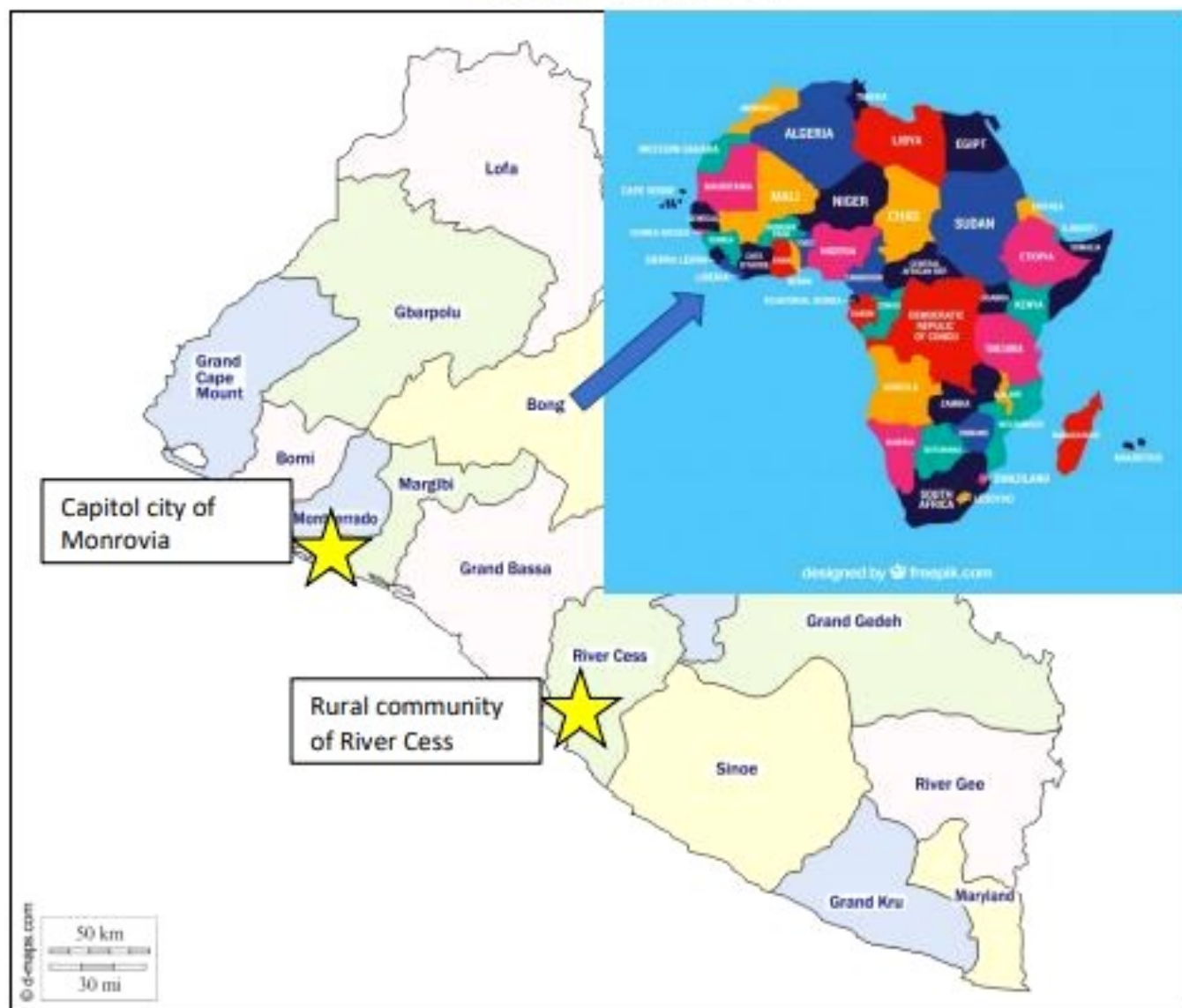
#### **2021 – Goals, Vision and Plans**

- To add sufficient monthly donors @ \$30.00 a month to sponsor each child for a total operating budget of \$79,200.
- To acquire a 400-acre parcel in River Cess for the purpose of establishing a modern Christian school, student boarding facilities and a self-sustaining Christian community. Cost per acre surveyed, probated and with corner stones is: \$92.00.
- To begin construction on a school and community center to house students in River Cess. A preliminary concept drawing has been submitted.
- To increase enrollment by 10% in both River Cess and Monrovia
- To be able to respond to more humanitarian and health needs.
- To attract a minimum of 100 new donors, four donor organizations, two grants, and one major business sponsorship

**We will continue this month with online Bible Studies.**



# ROAD MAP TO FULFILLING THE LOVING LIBERIA 2021 VISION



To our amazing donors,

Your response last year was so very encouraging and so very generous. There weren't very many of us but together the Lord helped us make it happen. Schools, staff, parents and children have renewed hope and we have renewed vision.

Already you have proven that a big part of your heart is Loving Liberia. Now the following suggestions are intended to help you inform and inspire others to join the cause that is dear to you. I believe that if you will get started doing the things that you can, the Lord will touch the hearts of your circle of influence and the kingdom of God will rejoice over the transformation of Liberia.

Sincerely,

R. J. Koland, acting Director of Development for Loving Liberia