

## Weekly Studies

### Bible Studies

*Details regarding venues and topics can be obtained  
by phoning the church office.*

-  **Wednesday evening Bible Study**  
Time: 19h00 at Grace Fellowship
-  **Thursday morning mom's & tot's study**  
Time: 08h45
-  **Thursday afternoon ladies' study**  
Time: 15h00
-  **Saturday Morning studies**  
Men: 07h00 at Grace Fellowship  
Ladies: 08h00

### Young Adults

The Young Adults meet every Friday evening (except the 1st Friday of the month) for prayer, teaching, and fellowship.

### Sunday School

Sunday school is held during *Bible Hour* (just after the morning service).



## Resource & Training Ministries



*Word of the Cross* provides life-changing Bible teaching on CDs and in booklets about Christian living and theology. Located in the tea room.



*The Shepherds' Conference* is a church leadership conference held each May to strengthen local churches in southern Africa.



*GSM* is a training school that provides continuing study opportunities for pastors and church members in key areas such as biblical counselling and expository preaching.

## Service Times & Contact Details

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP-PRETORIA

Morning 08h30 Bible hour 10h30 Evening 17h30

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*If you are a visitor at Grace Fellowship, you are probably wondering what our church is all about. We can tell you by describing our favourite church in the Bible, the church of Antioch (Acts 11-13).*

# The church of Antioch had four outstanding characteristics that Grace Fellowship tries to imitate.

## Evangelism

*There were some...who came to Antioch and began speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord.*



(Acts 11:20-21, NASB)

The evangelism of the Antioch church wasn't dependent on apostles, famous evangelists, or preachers. People were saved in Antioch, not through professionals or programs, but through the faithfulness of ordinary believers. It was a church built from the pews up. Grace Fellowship is a church where everyone shares the task of spreading the good news of Jesus Christ among their friends, family, and co-workers.

## Training

*And for an entire year they [Paul and Barnabas] met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.*

(Acts 11:26, NASB)

Jesus said, "Make disciples...teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you" (Matt 28:19-20). The church of Antioch took Jesus' commission seriously. Believers need strong doctrine: the church of Antioch taught it. Believers need to know how to live in their families, work place, and classrooms, how to speak, how to control their tempers, and how to be tolerant, kind, and forgiving.

The church of Antioch did such a good job of teaching their members those things, their unbelieving friends wondered at their changed lives, and called them *Christians* or *Christ-followers*. Like the church of Antioch, Grace Fellowship is a place where believers are trained through the teaching of the Word of God: all that Christ commanded us about doctrine and practice.



## Serving

*Each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea...*

(Acts 11:29, NASB)

The Antioch church was a church of *servers*, not *sitters*. When a need—poverty in the Jerusalem church—was announced, the Antioch church immediately determined to assist their Christian brothers and sisters in Judea. They had servant hearts. At Grace Fellowship, we want to be a church of servers—Christians who joyfully and sacrificially contribute to the cement-hauling and brick-laying spiritual tasks of building the church of Jesus Christ.

## Missions

*Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul...When they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

(Acts 13:2-3, NASB)

The church of Antioch was concerned with more than just strengthening their own church. Their goal was to start churches in the other parts of the Roman Empire to reduplicate the work God had done in Antioch. Therefore, they sent out two of their elders, Paul and Barnabas, as church planters. In the same way, at Grace Fellowship we have dedicated ourselves to planting and strengthening Bible-teaching churches in Southern Africa.

There are many great churches in the New Testament, however, the Antioch church in Acts 11-13 retains a special place in our hearts. We love its *evangelism*, *training*, *erving* and *missions*, and we have made those things our commitments at Grace Fellowship.

We invite you to join us as we proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified to our city, our country, our continent, and our world!

