



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

happenings

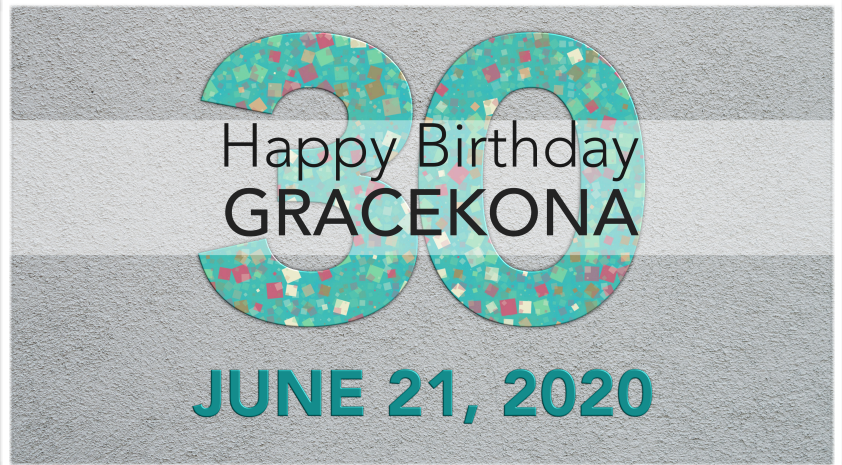
Business Meeting: Following the service **today**, we will have our quarterly business meeting. If you are a voting member, please join us for this brief meeting.

Birthday Celebration: Grace turns thirty years old this month! Please join us after the Business Meeting **today** to celebrate three decades of Grace.

LIVE streaming; Our live streaming option, available on our website, will still be available for those who prefer to stay home.

Grace Kids: Auntie Michelle will be continuing lessons on the fruit of the Spirit this week at: <https://gracekona.org/fruitofthespirit>.

Prayer Requests: Please don't hesitate to send us any updates or prayer requests to: pray@gracekona.org. If you'd like to be a part of our Grace Kona prayer team, please email the office.



HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY

Bruce Campbell - June 21, 2020

They said ...

But God ...

GRACE GROUP discussion questions - James 1:19-27

**Spend some time catching up and talking story.
Spend some time in the text - Read James 1.**

James 1:19-27 — What is James' encouragement to us?

1. Where else does the Bible talk about hearing, speaking and anger? What does it say?
2. What might the original readers have been angry about? Do you think they were angry at God? At others?
3. How does the idea of being slow to anger connect with the admonition to put away what is evil and receive the word? Why does James combine these ideas?
4. What main point is James making in these verses? How do they fit in the larger context of this letter?
5. What does James mean by "the perfect law of freedom?" Why does he compare it to a mirror?
6. How does James portray the tongue? What point is he making?

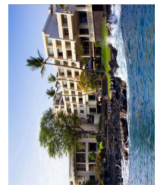
James 1:19-27 — How does it apply to our lives today?

1. When is anger acceptable?
2. What kinds of actions or attitudes bring about the righteousness of God?
3. How have you let go of sin in your life?
4. What do people usually think of when they talk about pure religion?
5. What actions could you take this week to love and elevate the marginalized?
6. What does it look like for you to control your tongue? When have you done it well? What needs work?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.

A CONDENSED TIMELINE OF GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1. The Beginning...



In Jan of 1990, our founding pastor, Bruce Campbell, begins a home Bible study with seven believers in Kona.

By June, the first **EvangelicalFree Church in Kona** holds its opening service in the Kona Surf Resort. In 1992, a five acre parcel is purchased. Sadly, we discover a church cannot be built on the property. Everyone perseveres in prayer.

3. 1st Mission trip

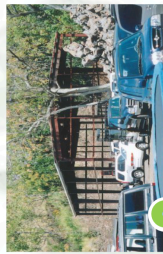
1997 was our **first mission trip** to Cambodia. That same year, a series of meetings with the County Planning Commission began in order to develop the property. The previous parcel was sold and a capital campaign to fund new construction began. In 1998, we were told by the county that we would **"never build the church on this property."** We continue trusting in the Lord who moves mountains.



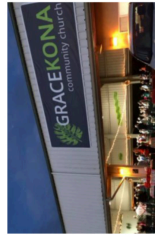
5. Services & Construction

In 2005, **weekly Sunday services** begin at Kealahoe Elementary and so does fundraising for our new facility. Grace starts an annual Christmas Gospel presentation in downtown Kona & the school. By 2006, the facility is up and landscaping begins. Our **"Core Values"** and **"Mission Statement"** are written.

Later, in 2006, services begin on-site despite having been granted only **"temporary occupancy"** due to a turn-lane issue with our front entrance road.



7. Our 25th Anniversary!



Grace Community celebrates 25 years! Ministries such as: AWANA, Celebrate Recovery, Women of Grace, Middle and High School Youth, Men's Breakfasts, fall festivals, Theology classes, Saturday worship, Homes of Light, Easter tour "Way of the Cross," Life Groups, and many more, contribute to the life of the community and church. Andrew Severinsen becomes lead pastor in the Spring of 2019.

1995-1996

1990-1992

1997-1998

2000-2004

2005-2006

2008-2010

2015-Present

2. Prayer & Outreach begins

In 1995, a prayer ministry is launched. Meanwhile, in Feb of 1996, **outreach services** begin at Honokohau Boat Harbor. In 1996, our current property is gifted to the church. The vision for land is realized, although it would take a while to settle in our new church home. We wait and pray patiently for things to come together.

4. 10th Anniversary & Ground Breaking

In 2000, after much prayer, the Planning Commission **reverses their decision.** Hence, we are allowed to build on the property. Soon after, we officially change our name to **Grace Community Church.** Thereafter, we relocate our service from the Kona Surf Resort to the cafeteria of Kealahoe Intermediate School. In 2003, **we break ground** on our new property. Construction follows in 2004.



6. Trials & Victories over Occupancy

2008 brings difficulty with county agencies demanding that a utility pole near our front entrance be moved. They then issue us a **"cease and desist order"** regarding our occupancy. Grace leadership holds a praise and worship time. The next day, the planning director sends an email granting temporary occupancy. A gazebo is built on the edge of our grassfield in 2010 and enjoys multi-purposed activity.

