

# SEPTEMBER AT RED CLAY

## "MAKING THE GRADE"

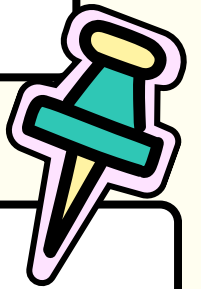


Elementary school children are shuffling into their new classrooms, opening fresh boxes of crayons, and cracking into crisp reams of paper. They'll use that paper to report their learning, which will be handed in and, eventually, handed back. With anticipation, they'll look for gold stars, happy faces, or stamps that say, "Good Job!" or "Well done!"—anything to affirm, "**You did it.**"

In many ways, life doesn't change much over time. **We all continue to face tests.** Some we're ready for, while others feel like unexpected "pop quizzes." Yet, we still seek signs of affirmation—a gold star from God that encourages us to keep going.

This fall, we invite you to join us for a special sermon series exploring this theme through the tests of Abraham, Gideon, Jesus, and Peter. Whether you're a longtime member or just curious, come journey with us in worship, community, and service, as we celebrate how, in God's eyes, we've already **made the grade.** Everyone is welcome!

## HOMECOMING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH



### "FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING" AT 8:30 AM

Join Pastor Nate for this new Theology Class that will meet the 2nd Sunday of each month. Scan QR Code for more info.

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### ADULT FORUM AT 9:00 AM

Join Hank Smithies in this class as they continue to study the history and archeology of the Bible.

### WORSHIP AT 10 AM

*The Test of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)*

We begin our new sermon series: "Making the Grade". Special Worship Music will include the Festival Choir and trumpet solos with Zimo Liu. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** and **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** begin.



### FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us outside and grab lunch from the **FOOD TRUCK** and listen to **MUSIC** with **CHARLIE HANNAGAN** while the kids enjoy a **ROCK WALL** and an **INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE**. Our **CONFIRMATION CLASS** will also begin.

### PICKLEBALL

We end the day with pickleball at 6:30 pm.





## SEPTEMBER 15

### WORSHIP AT 10 AM

*The Test of Gideon (Judges 6-7)*

### SHOWCASE SUNDAY SERIES BEGINS AT 11 AM

This new series of showcases will provide an opportunity for you to learn about our various ministries and how you might get involved. Our **Nurture** Ministries will be featured this Sunday.

### NOONDAY CONCERT AT 11:30 AM

Join us in the sanctuary for this concert featuring beloved hymns and popular songs played by Jeffrey Miller and sung by guest artist Dinyar Vania.



## SEPTEMBER 22

### WORSHIP AT 10 AM

*The Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13)*

### SHOWCASE SUNDAY AT 11 AM

Visit the table in Founders Hall after worship to learn about **Friendship House** ministry opportunities.

### YOUNGER YOUTH GROUP AT 11:30 AM

This **new group** for 3rd - 6th graders kicks off with Ms. Jamie. Join the **FOAM PARTY** in the lower parking lot from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

### PICKLEBALL AT 6:30 PM

Join us in Founders Hall.



## SEPTEMBER 18

### FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE

Volunteer from 1 - 3 PM.

### KERYGMA PROGRAM - 6:30 - 8 PM

Deepen your understanding of the Bible studying "Great Themes of the Bible: Knowing God" each Wednesday from September 18 to October 30. Cost is \$28 per person or family. Advance registration is required.

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### ORFF ENSEMBLE - 6:30 - 8 PM

In this new ensemble for middle schoolers, children will learn popular songs, new songs, and basic percussion techniques.



## SEPTEMBER 27

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP FROM 7 - 9 PM

This powerful men's fellowship event is open to all. Enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner, games with friends, followed by an inspiring story and discussion with Chris Locke, founder of Sean's House. Cost is \$25. Scan QR code for more info or to sign up.

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## SEPTEMBER 29

### WORSHIP AT 10 AM

*The Test of Peter Walking on Water (Matthew 14:22-33)*

### SHOWCASE SUNDAY AT 11 AM

Visit the table in Founders Hall after worship to learn about our **Caring** Ministries.

### SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING AT 11:30 AM

Are you seeking healing, hope, comfort or peace for yourself, for others, for our world? Or, would you simply welcome some quiet time with God? This service will be a time for quiet prayer and reflection, as well as an opportunity to receive individual prayers and anointing with oil, if you desire. All are welcome.



Save The Date

**OCTOBER 4**  
**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**  
 Fellowship Hall at 7 pm  
 Charcuterie Board Workshop & Wine. The Cheese Chick joins us to teach a workshop in making your own charcuterie board, followed by wine, cheese & fellowship time.

