# Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation—you set the pace.

When you're ready for the next step, consider checking out an additional Sunday activity like Bible Fellowships or Community Groups, or a mid-week study that interests you. There are many great ways to connect with others in our church family each semester as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Guide to Grace Church* as you leave for more details!

# **Online Access**

It's now easier than ever to find the information and tools you need from the front page of our website at **gracechurch.com!** 

You can save time and paperwork by quickly registering yourself or your family for activities, giving online using a card or bank account, and subscribing to calendars and email updates. Get the latest details about upcoming classes, studies, small groups, and special events.

It works great on your smartphone or tablet, too!

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# **Coming Soon**



Learn how an effective disciple of Christ impacts the lives of others around them, both within and outside the church. Begins this Tuesday for men (morning or evening) and seniors (afternoon).



Learn how to recognize and do God's will by understanding and applying seven principles that define how we experience our relationship with Him. Begins Tuesday, September 18.



This year's military-themed event is a chance for moms to have a great time with their little guys up through 5th grade. Cost is \$10 per family. Register online; get details in the Main Hall today.



You're invited to an evening of singing along with favorite hymns, enjoying special music, and sharing refreshments in the Loft on Sunday evening, September 16 at 6:00 PM.

# **Leadership Team**

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This morning we're begininning *Carry On*, a Sunday morning study of the book of Nehemiah, which is the account of a man—and a people—committed to faithfully doing God's work in the face of challenges and opposition. We're glad you've joined us in worship today!

# Please Pray with Us

Our staff is operating under the oversight of the elders in the general direction set by our lead pastor Tom Rodgers, who passed away on June 30. Please continue to pray for our entire leadership team as we seek direction and clarity during this time.

Available at each exit is a guide showing suggested ways you can be praying with us during the coming weeks. We appreciate your prayers and encourage you to pray through the two-week list as many times as you like.

# **Financial Update**

<b>General Fund Status</b>	Received	Expenses	Difference
Fiscal Year 2017–18 September 1–August 31	1,665,643	1,679,408	(13,765)
Fiscal Year 2018–19 Projected Budget	-	1,678,902	-

We believe giving is a form of individual worship — it should be done freely and without compulsion. You may give discreetly at offering boxes located throughout the building or online at any time.

# This Week

### Churchwide

#### **Worship Services**

Today, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

### **Bible Fellowships**

Today, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

#### **Community Groups** ★

Today, 5:30-7:30 PM in host homes ♣

## **Biblical & Topical Studies**

### Judges

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 206 ≜

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 201 ≜

### **Marriage & Family Studies**

#### Love and Respect ★

Today, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM in room 201

#### **Growing through Grief**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 208 ≜

#### Song of Solomon

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207 &

## Men

#### Salt and Light ★

Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 AM or Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 206

#### Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

#### △ : Childcare available by reservation **★**: New this week

### **Senior Adults**

#### Salt and Light \*

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in room 111

## College

### College LateNight

Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

### **High School**

### Tuesday Bible Study \*

Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 PM in the groom's suite

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

### Middle School

#### Foundations \*

Monday, 6:30-7:30 PM at 4635 North Shore Dr

#### Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

### 4th & 5th Grade

#### Ignite

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

### Preschool-3rd Grade

#### **Kids Quest**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the children's area

# **Starting Today**



This interactive video series for couples helps crack the unwritten communication code between husband and wife. Meets upstairs in room 201 begining at 10:30 AM today.



If you'd like to get involved in a small group and begin building relationships together, contact your life stage pastor for details about how you can become part of a Community Group.

# **This Morning**

**Lesson 1: Responding to Bad News**—Nehemiah 1:1–11

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

- **I.** The report: The inhabitants and the city of Jerusalem experienced great distress and shame due in large part to the devastated condition of the city—Nehemiah 1:1–3.
- II. The response: Nehemiah responded by pouring out his heart to the Lord— *Nehemiah* 1:4–11.
  - **A.** He responded with weeping, mourning, fasting and praying—*Nehemiah 1:4*.
  - **B.** He began his response by praising the Lord for Who He is—*Nehemiah 1:5*.
  - **C.** He continued by requesting that the Lord respond to his request—Nehemiah 1:6a.
  - **D.** He confessed the sins of the nation and his own sins—Nehemiah 1:6b-7.
  - He reminded the Lord of His promise to gather His people when they returned to Him after their unfaithfulness—Nehemiah 1:8-9.
  - **F.** He stressed that the people who are suffering are YHWH's people whom He had set apart for Himself—Nehemiah 1:10.
  - **G.** He asked the Lord to listen to his prayer and to grant him favor before the king as he made his request—Nehemiah 1:11.

# Notes

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**Next Sunday** 

Nehemiah 2:1–10, Lord's Supper