## 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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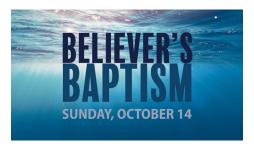


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## **Information**



If you would like to publicly declare your faith in Jesus by being baptized next Sunday, please contact any of our pastors by tomorrow at noon to begin the process.



There's lots of fun in store for kids and their families at our annual fall festival! Join us in the west parking lot at 6:00 PM for games, candy, popcorn, and a costume parade.



October 19: Senior Adult Game Night October 31: No Wednesday Night Activities November 17: Thanksgiving Outreach December 3: Ladies' Christmas Night Out



Details about what's coming soon are always available online at gracechurch.com! You can sign up for upcoming events, give online, or listen to our podcast right from the front page.

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Today in worship we're continuing *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 as we gather together this morning!

## 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.

## **News and Family Matters**

#### **Baptisms Next Sunday at Noon**

Next week we'll gather in the chapel after the second service to celebrate with those who are being baptized. Please make plans to join us for a few minutes and support them as they take this next step in the discipleship process.

#### Serving at the Fall Festival

In three weeks, hundreds of children from our church family and the surrounding area will be in our parking lot for a safe evening of fall-themed fun. We need lots of adult help to make this enjoyable event happen — see the insert in today's bulletin for ways you can serve!

#### **Family Matters**

Please pray for Cheryl and Charlie Prothro and their family as they grieve the passing of her father. Please pray for Joanne and Gary Silverman as they grieve the passing of his mother.

### 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 ≜

#### **Marriage & Family Studies**

#### **Love and Respect**

Today, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM in room 209

#### **Growing through Grief**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 208 &

#### **Song of Solomon**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207 ≜

#### Women

#### **Experiencing God**

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM in room 208 & or Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 201 &

#### 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

- Second : 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.

#### Pre-game Dinner \*

Thursday, 5:30–7:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

#### **High School**

#### **Tuesday Bible Study**

Wednesday, 6:00–7:30 PM in the Groom's Suite

#### Youth

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

## This Morning

**Lesson 5: Facing Bullies**—Nehemiah 4:1–23

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

# Responding to verbal ridicule: Nehemiah responded to the bullies Sanballat and Tobiah's sarcasm by entrusting himself and the people to the Lord—Nehemiah 4:1–6. A. Sanballat used demeaning words toward the Jews and their efforts—Nehemiah 4:1–2.

- **B.** Tobiah used sarcastic ridicule in referring to the effort of rebuilding—*Nehemiah 4:3.*
- **C.** Nehemiah prayed that the Lord would bring justice against these enemies of His work —Nehemiah 4:4–5.
- **D.** The work continued—Nehemiah 4:6.
- **II. Responding to physical threats:** Nehemiah responded to the growing threats of the bullies by preparing the people to protect themselves and continue the work—*Nehemiah 4:7–23.* 
  - **A.** Nehemiah responded to Sanballat's growing threats by praying and establishing a guard to watch day and night—*Nehemiah 4:7–9*.
  - **B.** Nehemiah addressed the people's growing fears by pointing them to the Lord's commitment to them—*Nehemiah 4:10–14a*.
  - **C.** Nehemiah exhorted them to protect their people and this place that they loved —*Nehemiah 4:14b.*
  - **D.** Nehemiah created a "minute man" operation where the people worked with their weapons close at hand—*Nehemiah 4:15–23*.

## Notes

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**Next Sunday** 

Nehemiah 5 and Lord's Supper