

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!

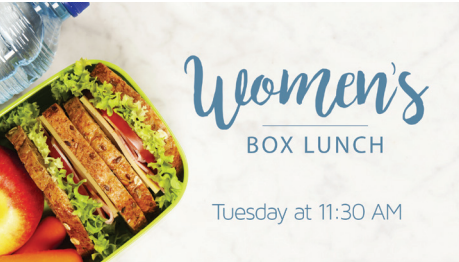
Online Access

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!

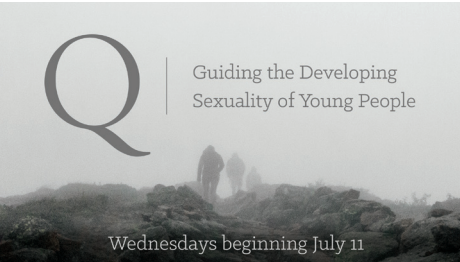
Coming Soon



Enjoy a McAllister's sandwich as we hear from Kerry Scheer of Denton Bible Church, catch up with good friends, and meet new women in your church family. \$8, with childcare available.



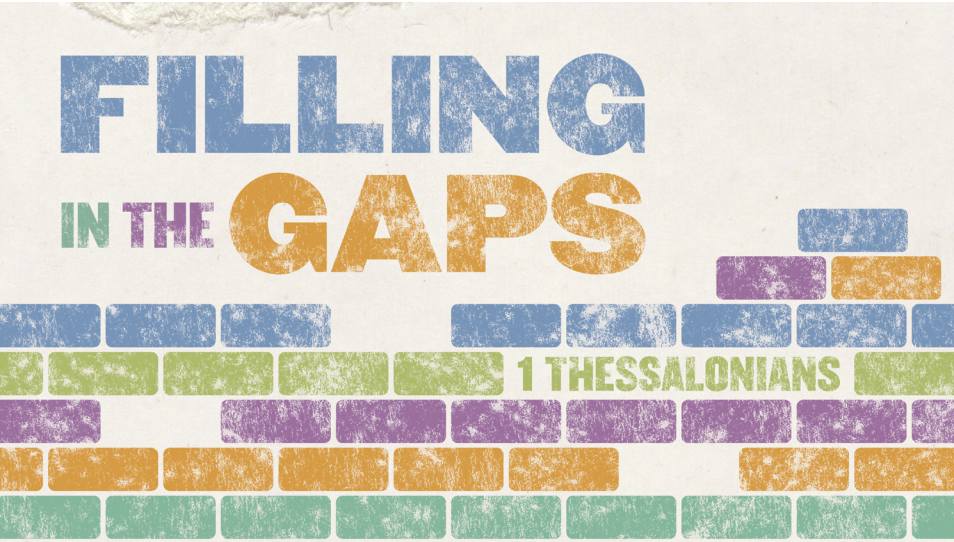
This four-week study of the book of Philippians focuses on how to find joyful contentment through Christ. Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM or evenings at 6:30 PM, with childcare available.



Uncover the issues surrounding the developing sexuality of young people in today's culture and understand our church's perspective on how to guide them along that pathway.



Summer Community Groups meet next Sunday night at 5:30 PM in homes throughout the city. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, contact your life stage pastor (listed below).



This morning we're continuing *Filling in the Gaps*, our summer study of the book of 1 Thessalonians. In this letter, Paul prepares the church to grow strong under the constant attack of their enemies, both seen and unseen. We're glad you've joined us as we worship together!

News and Family Matters

Mark Your Calendar

We'll be sharing more details about these dates as they get closer, but wanted to give you an opportunity to mark your calendar if you're interested in attending!

Men's Steak-out August 15	Fall Kick-off August 29	HH100 Rest Stop August 25
Fall studies begin September 5	Community Groups resume September 9	Mother+Son Night September 30


Family Matters

Congratulations to Rachel and George Castro on the birth of their daughters Ellie Rose and Mia Evan.

Congratulations to Jackie and Mark Wuthrich on the birth of their daughter Jolee May.

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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

Biblical and Topical Studies

Grounded in Grace

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 206

Marriage and Family Studies

The Five Love Languages

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 207

Men

Digging In: How to Study the Bible

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or
Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft


Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Senior Adults

Digging In: How to Study the Bible

Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in room 111

 : Childcare available by reservation

☆ : New this week

College

Summer LateNight

Tuesday, 7:00–9:00 PM at 1293 N. Saratoga Trail

High School

Open G.Y.M.

Monday, 7:00–9:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Middle School

Open G.Y.M.

Monday, 7:00–9:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

4th–5th Grade

Summer Ignite

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

This Morning

Lesson 3: The Method and Motivation for Ministry—1 Thessalonians 2:1–6

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

- I. **The method for ministry:** courageous ministry happens in the midst of persecution and hardship—*1 Thessalonians 2:1–3*.
 - A. Purposefulness and intentionality characterize effective ministry—*1 Thessalonians 2:1*.
 - B. The Lord provides the courage to minister in the face of mistreatment, suffering, and opposition—*1 Thessalonians 2:2*.
 - C. Righteous ministers of the gospel declare the truth that is not tainted with error or deceptive practices—*1 Thessalonians 2:3*.
- II. **The motivation for ministry:** ministry that honors the Lord seeks to please Him and not people—*1 Thessalonians 2:4–6*.
 - A. Righteous ministry seeks to honor the Lord, not impress people—*1 Thessalonians 2:4*.
 - B. Ministry that honors the Lord does not employ manipulative words nor does it seek to influence those being ministered to for financial advantage—*1 Thessalonians 2:5*.
 - C. Trustworthy ministers do not use their position of authority to coerce allegiance from people—*1 Thessalonians 2:6*.

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Next Sunday

1 Thessalonians 2:7–9