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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Information



Come for the food, stay for the clay shooting, dominoes, fishing, and more at Tom Stephens' ranch just southeast of town—\$15 covers it all. Reserve your spot online or in the Main Hall.



Everyone ages 12 and up can join in as we work together to provide refreshment and encouragement to cyclists in our community. Sign up in the Main Hall to work or provide food.



You can still join us for this study of the book of Philippians, focused on how to find joyful contentment through Christ. Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM or evenings at 6:30 PM.



Come for the second and third week of this discussion of the developing sexuality of young people in today's culture and hear our church's perspective on quiding them along that path.

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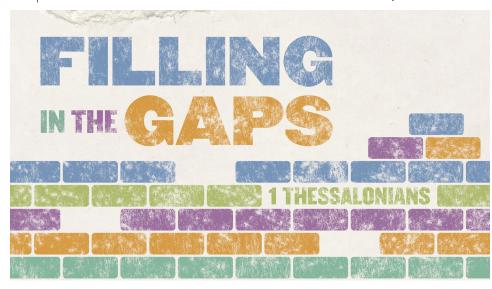
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This morning we're continuing *Filling in the Gaps*, our summer Bible study of 1 Thessalonians. In this letter, Paul prepares the church to grow strong under the constant attack of their enemies, both seen and unseen. Thanks for being here with us in worship today.

News and Family Matters

Family Matters

Please pray for Tammy and Donny Shierry as they grieve the passing of his mother.

Jamaica Deaf Village Team

Please pray for the team listed below as they minister and grow together in Jamaica this week.

Chad Ayers Yvette Eipper Jodie Rhone Kendal Ayers Lauren Giles Karen Rhone Michael Clayton Chris Hansard Josh Snow

Charlie Eipper Sheila McGaughey Karen Vasquez

Dana Eipper Kimberly Ravelo Leah Walker

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

Missions

Jamaica Deaf Village Trip *

Returning this Saturday from Jamaica

Biblical and Topical Studies

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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

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Women

Joyful Contentment

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Senior Adults

Wichita Theatre Musical

Saturday, 1:30-4:00 PM at 919 Indiana Ave

- ≗ : 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.

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

Middle School

Student Life Camp

Today through Thursday in Glorieta, NM

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

Coyote Ranch (for 3rd-5th Grade)

Monday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at 14145 US 287

Summer Ignite

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

Preschool-3rd Grade

Coyote Ranch (for 3rd-5th Grade)

Monday, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at 14145 US 287

This Morning

Lesson 5: Standing Firm in the Midst of Adversity—1 Thessalonians 2:13–16

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

The Thessalonians' response to the Word: The Thessalonians received the Word as a divine message, which empowered them to withstand tremendous adversity—

1 Thessalonians 2:13–16.

I. They believed the Word was from God: Paul expressed gratitude to God that the Thessalonians realized the divine source of his message to them—1 Thessalonians 2:13a.

II. They let the Word transform them: The divine origin of the gospel message provides the inherent power to change people who believe—1 Thessalonians 2:13b.

III. They embraced the Word as effective against external adversity: The Thessalonian believers demonstrated the inherent power of the Word when they stood firm in the face of incredible hostility toward the gospel—1 Thessalonians 2:14–16.

A. The Thessalonian church stood firm against the hostility from unbelievers just as the churches in Judea had done—1 *Thessalonians 2:14*.

B. Paul reassured the Thessalonians by telling them of God's imminent and certain judgment against those who vigorously opposed the gospel—1 Thessalonians 2:15–16.

Notes

Next Sunday

1 Thessalonians 2:17–20