

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



Join your entire church family for a free barbecue dinner on Wednesday, August 29 as we share stories about the summer and look forward to the start of a new year together.



Details about what's coming this fall are now available online at GraceChurch.com! You can browse new studies and sign up for upcoming events. Paper guides available in late August.



Whether you are struggling with a recent loss or coping with past sorrow, we encourage you to join us as we learn to let God work through our grief in an intentional, biblical way.



Fall Studies Begin: September 5
Community Groups Resume: September 9
Celebration of Hymns: September 16
Mother+Son Night: September 30

Leadership Team

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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.

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

Grade Promotion Today

Since WFISD schools resumed last week, this morning is the day that children and students through high school promote to their next grade level in Grace Church ministry programs.

New 4th graders join 5th graders upstairs in the Loft, and new 6th graders join 7th–12th graders across the street at the G.Y.M. building.

High school freshmen are invited to lunch in the dining room at the rear of the Gymnatorium after worship today.

Any new college students are invited to join us for lunch across the street today as we begin a new semester in our college ministry, as well!

This Week

 : Childcare available by reservation

☆ : New 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 Outreach

HH100 Rest Stop

Saturday morning

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

College

College Welcome Lunch ★

Today, 12:00–1:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

College LateNight ☆

Tuesday, 8:00–9:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

High School

Senior/Freshmen Lunch ★

Today, 12:00–2:00 PM in the Dining Room

This Morning

Lesson 10: The Day of the Lord—1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Curtis Lindsey, College and Young Adults Pastor

- I. Having discussed the rapture, Paul reminds the Thessalonians of God's future plans for unbelievers in order to reassure believers in their current pursuit of godliness.
- II. Paul's message is grounded in the **past**—for those who have trusted Christ, Christ's death guarantees **salvation** from troubles behind and ahead.
- III. Paul's message looks to the **future**—for those who have not yet trusted Christ, God's **plan** for them is sure, sudden, and inescapable.
- IV. Paul's message is meant for the **present**—God's heart is to provide **reassurance**:
 - A. watchfulness in activity,
 - B. protection in adversity, and
 - C. comfort in uncertainty.

Notes

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Next Sunday

Psalm 1