

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!



WEB TIPS

Did you know...

...you can subscribe to calendars from our website on your smartphone or computer? Just visit any ministry's page and look for the red *Subscribe to Calendar* buttons.

Watch this space for more features that make it easy to connect with us!



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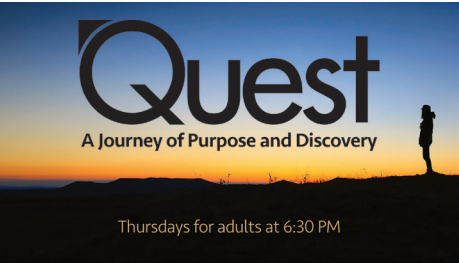
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This Month



You are on the front lines of a spiritual battle for your thoughts—and deception is the enemy's greatest weapon. Hear the testimonies of others as you learn to win the battle for your mind.



Discover how God has uniquely gifted you to serve Him and others by developing a life map and personal mission statement. Enrollment limited to 8 participants—save your spot today!



Learn about God's way of handling money through this Dave Ramsey class, featuring video sessions and small group activities. Purchase curriculum and register at FPU.com/1053408



These two studies are resuming on January 17, as well. If you'd like to jump into the Acts study, or were attending the marriage class last semester, we look forward to seeing you soon!

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Today we begin a few weeks of looking together at the landscape of our culture in light of biblical truths. We'll pursue a deeper understanding of prayer, our best recourse in times like these—how we should approach God, and why it is a critical practice for believers. We're glad you've joined us.

News and Family Matters

Spring Semester Beginning

Even though many of us are still vacuuming up Christmas tree needles and glitter from the holiday season, schedules are beginning to return to normal. Regular office hours are resuming, kids are heading back to school, and the new year provides a fresh opportunity to evaluate how we invest our time during the week.

The Spring 2018 Guide to Grace Church and our updated website at gracechurch.com contain information about studies and activities beyond Sunday morning. We hope you'll take a few minutes to consider which ones might be a good fit for you.

Website Updates

Beginning January 1, registering for classes and giving online have become faster and easier than ever. Consider taking advantage of the speed and convenience offered by these updates as we begin a new year together.

Family Matters

Please pray for these who have lost parents over the holidays:

- Jill and Scott Hogue, as they grieve the passings of his father and her mother
- Tammy and Derek Hughes, as they grieve the passing of his mother
- Julia and Randy Ketner, as they grieve the passing of her mother

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Men

Samson's Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

👤 : Childcare available by reservation

★ : Beginning this week

High School

Disciple Now Kick Off

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Registration ends tonight at 11:59 PM

Disciple Now 2018

Friday, 8:00–Sunday, 12:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

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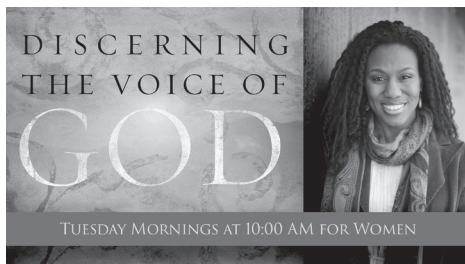
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This Month for Men & Women



What is the New Covenant? How should it shape our relationship with God and our perception of Him? Find answers in this Bible study for men, Tuesday mornings or evenings.




Discover the voice of God as recounted by believers throughout history and learn to discern the ways He speaks to us today in this Priscilla Shirer study for women. 



This ongoing fellowship of Christian men who are serious about authenticity, community, humility, and restoration meets regularly throughout the year — jump in any time.



In this 6-session Beth Moore study, dive into Scripture to explore how the God Who desires to be found created us with an innate curiosity to seek after Him. Childcare only for Tuesday. 

This Morning

Lesson 1: “How’d We Get in the Mess We’re in?”—Romans 1:18–32

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. **Because God is angry:** God is angry against men who defy the self-evident truth of His existence—*Romans 1:18–20*.

- II. **Because God expresses His anger:** God judicially abandons those who reject the self-evident truth of His existence to the deepening domination of their sinful natures—*Romans 1:21–32*.
 - A. **Step #1—philosophical foolishness:** Willful rejection of the self-evident truth of God's existence breeds illogical reasoning and dulled discernment—*Romans 1:21*.

 - B. **Step #2—idolatrous substitutes:** Philosophical foolishness causes sinful men to embrace a wide assortment of idolatrous substitutes—*Romans 1:22–23*.

 - C. **Step #3—sexual immorality:** God abandons idolatrous men to unbridled sexual experiences—*Romans 1:24–25*.

 - D. **Step #4—sexual perversion:** God turns immoral men over to the dishonorable trap of homosexuality—*Romans 1:26–27*.

 - E. **Step #5—unbridled depravity:** God eventually abandons perverse men to the experience of every imaginable form of evil, in spite of man's futile attempts to justify himself—*Romans 1:28–32*.

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Next Sunday

Huddle Up, Week 2