## 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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## **Coming This Summer**



Pine Cove's excellent neighborhood summer camp program is returning to Grace Church at the end of this school year. Parents, the available spots fill up quickly — watch for registration to open on **Monday, February 5!** Church family, you can also volunteer and make this a great week for kids in our community — visit us in the Main Hall if you'd like to help provide food or assist around the building during that week.

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Today we continue looking together at the landscape of today's 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 Underway**

Our new season of studies, classes, and small groups for all ages began last week. If you're looking for a way to connect and grow beyond the Sunday morning worship service, there's still time. We encourage you to jump in this week!

You can find a complete list of these opportunities in the Spring 2018 *Guide to Grace Church*, available at any exit, and on our updated website at gracechurch.com. We hope you'll take a few minutes to consider which ones might be a good fit for you.

#### **Website Updates**

This year, tasks like registering for classes and giving online have become faster and easier than ever. Please consider taking advantage of the speed and convenience offered by these updates to our website as we begin a new year together.

### **Family Matters**

Please pray for Tammy and Derek Hughes as they grieve the passing of her 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

## **Biblical and Topical Studies**

#### An Outfitter's Guide to the Book of Acts

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 206 &

#### **Financial Peace University**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207 &

### The Bondage Breaker

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

#### Quest

Thursday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 204

## **Marriage and Family Studies**

#### What Did You Expect?

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 209 ₽

## Men

#### Walking with Christ

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

#### Samson's Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

#### Friday Morning Study

Friday, 6:30-7:30 AM in room 206

#### Women

#### Discerning the Voice of God

Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM in room 208 &

#### The Quest

Thursday, 10:00-11:30 AM in room 208

### **Senior Adults**

#### **Tuesday Bible Study**

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in room 111

- △ : Childcare available by reservation
- **★**: New this week

## College

### College LateNight

Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

## **High School**

#### Youth

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

#### Middle School

#### **Foundations Study**

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

### Children

#### Kids' Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Children's Area

## This Morning

### Lesson 3: The Sanctity of Marriage and the Home

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

- **I.** The creation of marriage: God created the first humans to be in the covenantal relationship of marriage—*Genesis 2:7, 18–24.* 
  - **A.** The creation of man and woman—*Genesis 2:7, 18–23.*
  - **B.** The essence of marriage—*Genesis 2:24*

From the Grace Church doctrinal statement: We believe that marriage is a covenant of companionship between one person who is a genetic male and one person who is a genetic female, which establishes a one-flesh union. Any other type of union does not comply with the Bible's definition of marriage—Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6.

- **II.** The confirmation of marriage by Christ: The Savior confirmed the nature of marriage and the priority of marriage—*Matthew 19:4–6.* 
  - **A.** His confirmation of the Older Testament's perspective of marriage—*Matthew 19:4–6a.*
  - **B.** His confirmation of God's place in the marriage union—*Matthew 19:6b*.
  - **C.** His confirmation of God's design for marriage to be a life-long relationship—*Matthew 19:6c.*
- **III.** The comparison of marriage to Christ's relationship to the church: Paul compared Christ to the husband and the church to the wife—*Ephesians 5:21–31*.
- **IV.** The centrality of the home: Both the Older and the Newer Testaments view the home as the foundational unit for human life—*Deuteronomy 6:4–9; Ephesians 6:1–4.* 
  - **A.** The home is designed to be place of worship and instruction—*Deuteronomy 6:4–9.*
  - **B.** The home is designed to be a place where respect and care are developed— Ephesians 6:1–4.

# Notes


Next Sunday

Huddle Up, Week 4