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!



Did you know...

...you can access an online church directory at our website? Just click "Member Access" in the top left, then "Church Directory" to opt in.

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

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Information



We hope you'll take part in this annual family opportunity to bless our community. Take a bag to fill or sign up to deliver Thanksgiving meals to those in need—see us in the Main Hall!



You can pick up a shoebox in the hallway this morning as part of Operation Christmas Child. Your family can fill it with much-needed gifts and send joy to children around the world.



If you would like to dedicate your child (age 18 months or younger) during worship on November 12, please contact Valerie Rhine at valerie@gracechurch.com by November 6.



Thank you to everyone who helped make last week's Fall Nights@Grace a success—you were a blessing to the children in our church family and surrounding community who participated.

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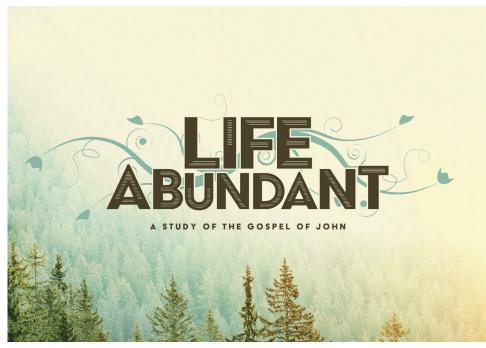
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Today we're continuing our study of the Gospel of John and its unique perspective on the person and character of Jesus Christ. Together we'll develop a better understanding of how Jesus came to give us eternal life—and how to experience that life abundantly.

News and Family Matters

Guest Services Team

The unfamiliar faces and layout of any church, including ours, can be overwhelming to anyone visiting for the first time. This fall, we are expanding our efforts to minister to those who join us for worship.

Please pray for the successful development of this team—contact Derek Hughes if you'd like more information about how you can get involved.

Family Matters

Please pray for the family of Willie Hastings as they grieve his passing.

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

Biblical and Topical Studies

An Outfitter's Guide to the Book of Acts

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

Victory Over the Darkness

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

Quest

Thursday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 210

Marriage and Family Studies

GriefShare

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM in room 208

The Cure and Parenting

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207 ♣

What Did You Expect?

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 209 &

<u>W</u>omen

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at 1615 Tilden St.

MOMs Study: Respectfully Yours

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

Disappointment with God

Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the library ≗

Discerning the Voice of God

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in room 208

Men

Angels: Understanding God's Messengers

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

Friday Morning Study: Acts

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

- ≗ : Childcare available by reservation
- ★: Beginning this week

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study: Angels

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

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

Preschool-3rd Grade

Kids' Quest

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

This Morning

Lesson 36: Fruit Bearing, Part 3—John 15:4–8

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- 1. Reviewing the context for the allegory of fruit bearing: Jesus and His disciples have left the Upper Room en route to the Garden of Gethsemane where He would teach them about the process of fruit bearing in a vineyard located in the Kidron Valley according to John 14:31b.
- **II. Identifying the divine functions in fruit bearing:** God the Father and Son fulfill the same functions as the vinedresser and vine do in a vineyard—*John 15:1*.
- **III.** The process of fruit bearing: Fruitfulness is the result of a three-fold process involving the Son as the Vine, the Father as the Vinedresser, and believers as branches—John 15:2–5.
 - **A.** Stage one: The Father provides the fruitless believer with the opportunities and necessary care to begin to bear fruit—*John 15:2a*.
 - **B.** Stage two: The Father prunes the fruit-bearing believer to bear more fruit, as had been done in the lives of Jesus' disciples—*John 15:2b–3*.
 - **C. Stage three:** The "more fruit"-bearing believer will bear much fruit as he develops a mutually abiding relationship with the Vine—*John 15:4–8*.

Conclusion: "Don't struggle . . . snuggle!"—Corrie ten Boom

Next Sunday

John 15:9-25