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 give online at our website? Just click "Member Access" in the top left, then "Give Online." You can also schedule a recurring gift under "Scheduled Giving."

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

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Information



If you've taken a grocery bag to fill, please return it to the church office by this Wednesday. We still need more drivers to help deliver the meals on Saturday—see us in the Main Hall.



Today is the last morning to pick up a shoebox and fill it with Christmas gifts for a child in need. Please return your filled gift boxes to the table in the Main Hall by next Sunday morning.



Ladies, reserve your seat at the table for this enjoyable evening with the women of your church family. Get encouraged and recharged before the Christmas rush begins. Cost is \$10.



Our college ministry will travel to Memphis on June 2–8, 2018. They'll work together with locals and learn about difficult issues facing that community. Students, contact Curtis for details.

News and Family Matters

give us eternal life—and how to experience that life abundantly.

Table Hosts and Dinner Servers Needed

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Ladies, if you'd like to decorate a table for the Women's Christmas Dinner on December 4, please contact Leah Walker at leah@gracechurch.com for more information. You can also visit us in the Main Hall this morning—we still have a few unclaimed tables available!

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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

Guys can help out, too—the men of our church family serve in various ways during the Women's Christmas Dinner. E-mail leah@gracechurch.com for details about how you can be involved.

2018 Dates to Know

Disciple Now, January 12–14

Camp in the City, May 28–June 1 Adult Jamaica Trip, July 14–21 Men's Retreat, April 13–14

High School Mission Trip, June 17–22 **Middle School Camp,** July 15–19

November 12, 2017

Family Matters

Please pray for the family of Liz Shepley as they grieve her passing.

Please pray for the family of Patrice Jennings as they grieve her passing.

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This Week

Churchwi<u>de</u>

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

Thanksgiving Outreach

Saturday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM in the West Parking Lot

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 ♣

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 ♣

Women

Women's Community Group

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

Disappointment with God

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

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

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study: Angels

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

- ≗ : Childcare available by reservation
- ★: Beginning 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

Preschool-3rd Grade

Kids' Quest

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

This Morning

Lesson 38: The Promised Holy Spirit in Light of Coming Persecution—*John 15:26–16:15* Reggie Coe, Marriage & Senior Adults Pastor

- **I.** Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to enable His followers to tell the truth about Christ, even in His physical absence—*John 15:26–27*.
- **II.** Christ prepared His disciples for the long road of persecution that awaited His disciples— John 16:1–6.
 - **A.** Christ told the eleven before the persecution came so that when it came they would not be tripped up—*John 16:1*.
 - **B.** The unbelieving world will be so misdirected that they will think that by persecuting Christ's followers they are really serving God—*John 16:2*.
 - **C.** The world's persecution comes out of ignorance of God and Christ prepared His followers to expect it—*John 16:3–4*.
 - **D.** The reality that Christ would leave brought sorrow to the hearts of the disciples—

 John 16:5–6.
- **III.** The promised Holy Spirit would strengthen, convict and illuminate people as to the truth— *John 16:7–15*.
 - **A.** Christ restated his promise to send the "Helper" to them—John 16:7; see John 14:16–17.
 - **B.** Christ stressed that one aspect of the Holy Spirit's ministry would be convicting the "world" to whom His followers would proclaim the "good news"—John 16:8–11.
 - 1. Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit whereby He pronounces a judicial verdict against the unbeliever for his or her sin—*John 16:8*.
 - 2. The Holy Spirit convicts the unbeliever about unbelief, unrighteousness and coming judgment—*John 16:9–11*.
 - **C.** Christ reassured the disciples that another aspect of the Holy Spirit's ministry would be to direct them into all the truth He had for them—*John 16:12–15*.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit would lead the disciples into further truth, which they were not equipped to handle at the moment—*John 16:12–13*.
 - 2. The focus of the Holy Spirit's ministry would center in showcasing the person of Christ and His truth—John 16:14–15.

Notes

Next Sunday

John 16:16-33