## 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 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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## **Information**



If you would like to serve with our church family as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer on December 9, you can sign up for a time slot in the Main Hall this morning.



Ladies, reserve your seat at the table for this enjoyable evening with the women of your church family. Cost is \$10. Registration deadline is this Thursday—sign up in the Main Hall today!



A red card with the complete schedule of Christmas and New Year activities happening in the month of December is now available. We hope it helps you stay in the know during the busy holiday season ahead. If you need one or more, pick them up at any exit around the building.

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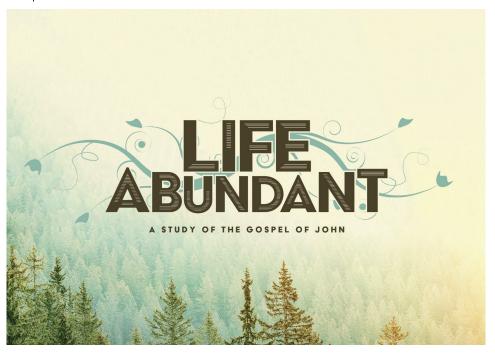
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# **News and Family Matters**

#### Dates to Know in 2018

Although these events occur next year, preparations are already underway. If you're interested in getting involved, be sure to contact the leader of any ministry listed below.

Disciple Now, January 12–14 Men's Retreat, April 13-14 College Mission Trip, June 2-8 **Spring studies begin,** January 14–20 Camp in the City, May 28–June 1 High School Mission Trip, June 17–22

Adult Jamaica Trip, July 14–21 Middle School Camp, July 15–19

# **Christmas Worship Schedule**

#### **Sunday, December 10 Morning Worship** 9:00 and 10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium Bible Fellowships & children's programs available

**Sunday, December 24 Morning Worship** Only 10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium No Bible Fellowships or children's programs

Sunday, December 17 Morning Worship 9:00 and 10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium No Bible Fellowships, children's program available

#### Sunday, December 24 Candlelighting 4:00 and 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Nursery care available for children 3 and under

## 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

### **Marriage and Family Studies**

#### GriefShare

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

### Women

#### **Community Group**

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

## Men

#### Samson's Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

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

## College

#### **College Late Night**

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

#### 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 40: The Lord's Prayer for Himself and His Disciples**—*John 17:1–19* Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- The Lord's prayer for Himself: Jesus asked His Father for strength to finish all that was necessary to provide eternal life—John 17:1–5.
- **II.** The Lord's prayer for His disciples: The Lord Jesus made three requests for His disciples to be able to survive and thrive in the world—John 17:6–19.
  - **A.** The status of His disciples: The Savior related to the Father that His eleven disciples had been successfully grounded in His words—John 17:6–8.
  - **B.** The focus on His disciples: The Lord Jesus narrowed the focus of His prayer on this evening to His eleven disciples—*John 17:9–10*.
  - C. The supplication for His disciples: The Son of God made three specific requests to the Father on behalf of His disciples in view of His imminent departure from the earth— John 17:11–19.
    - 1. He asked the Father to enable them to experience unity as a refuge against the encroachment of the world system in their lives—John 17:11–13.
    - 2. He then asked His Father to provide the wherewithal to His disciples to stand against Satan in masterminding the world system against them (cp. 1 John 5:19)—John 17:14–16.
    - **3.** He finally asked His Father to use the Word to insulate His disciples, so they could continue His work in the world—*John 17:17–19*.

**Next Sunday** 

John 17:20-26