

Welcome!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Together we'll examine the account of those who first encountered Him as told by John, one of His closest followers.

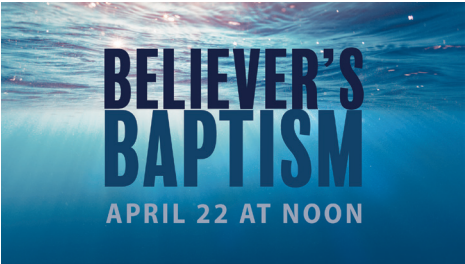
Our services this morning each last about an hour, and other Sunday morning programs (such as Bible Fellowships) do not meet this week. If you have kids in kindergarten or below with you, they're welcome to participate in the children's program located across the hall.

If you have questions about Jesus or would like to know more about our church family, please visit with a member of our Guest Services team in the hallway or pick up a *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit after the service. Again, we're glad you're here!

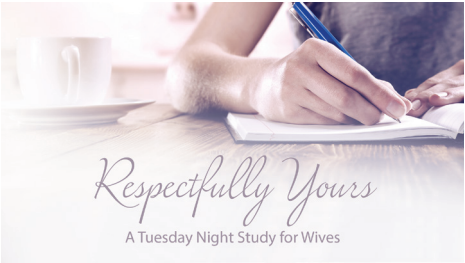
Family Matters

Please pray for Daphne Sanders and her family as they grieve the loss of her husband Ray.

Coming Up



If you would like to publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized on April 22, please contact the church office to arrange a meeting with a member of our pastoral team.



You might know that love best motivates a woman in marriage, but do you know what best motivates a man? This 9-week study for women begins April 10 & includes discussion and prayer.



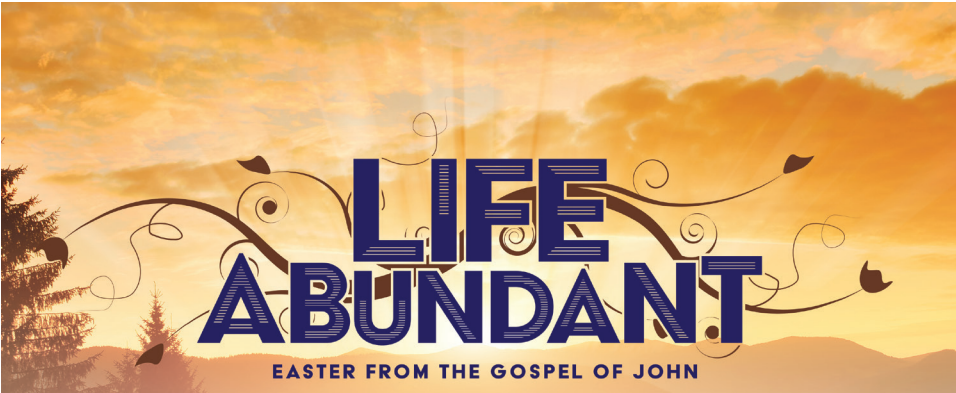
This annual evening is a great opportunity for father figures to build memories with their little girls. Cost is \$20 per family, including desserts at the Country Club. Online sign-ups open today.



If you've been in one of our previous marriage classes, or might like to join one in the future, we invite you to spend this evening of good food, fellowship, and entertainment with us.

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April 1, 2018



John 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.¹

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