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Beginning Next Week (more inside)



This course's fresh biblical perspective can help resolve personal and spiritual conflicts in your life as you become a more fruitful disciple of Jesus. Wednesdays at 6:30.



Discover how God has uniquely gifted you to serve Him and others by developing a life map and personal mission statement in this small group journey. Wednesdays at 6:30.



This 9-week video series calls men to boldly step into courageous manhood by honestly evaluating where they stand and establishing a strategic vision for their life. Wednesdays at 6:30.



You know what it's like to be married to your husband, but what is it like for him? Learn to have a marriage by design, not by default. Wednesdays at 6:30.

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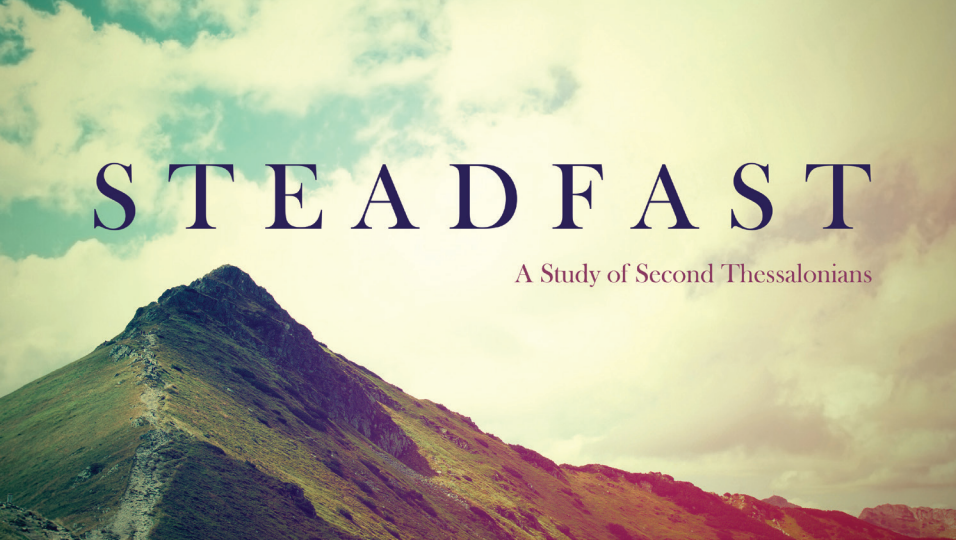
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Today in worship we're beginning *Steadfast*, a Sunday morning study of the apostle Paul's second letter to the church in Thessalonica. We're glad you've joined us as we gather together this morning!

Please Pray with Us

Our staff is operating under the oversight of the elders in the general direction set by our lead pastor Tom Rodgers, who passed away on June 30. Please continue to pray for our entire leadership team as we seek direction and clarity during this time.

Coming Soon



Connect with women of all ages in Westlake, Texas at the lovely Marriott Solana on February 22 and 23. Kerry Scheer of Denton Bible Church, our guest speaker, will help us connect with each other as we consider "Our Stories in light of His Glory."

Enter code "FREETEE" during online registration by tomorrow, January 7, to receive a free shirt!



Disciple Now 2019 for students in middle and high school is almost here, but it's not too late to sign up!

Students will enjoy a fun-filled weekend of games and worship with friends as we explore the biblical story of the prodigal son.

January 18–20, sign up at gracechurch.com.

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Today, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

Women


Women's Community Group

Today, 5:30–7:30 PM at 1615 Tilden St

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

 : Childcare available by reservation

★ : New this week

High School

Youth Hangout

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Middle School

Youth Hangout

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

This Morning

Lesson 1: Giving Thanks and Affirmation—2 Thessalonians 1:1–4

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

- I. Living in grace and peace:** this letter picks up where the letter of 1 Thessalonians left off—*2 Thessalonians 2:1–2; see 1 Thessalonians 5:28.*
 - A.** Paul included his partners in ministry who joined him in building into the lives of the Thessalonians—*2 Thessalonians 2:1; see 1 Thessalonians 1:1.*
 - B.** The grace of God provides us with a relationship that we could never earn but which the Lord freely gives—*2 Thessalonians 2:2a.*
 - C.** The peace of God is the stability that He provides for those who have received His gift of grace—*2 Thessalonians 2:2b.*
- II. Growing in faith and love:** The Thessalonian believers continued to grow in their relationship with the Lord and in their love toward one another—*2 Thessalonians 2:3.*
- III. Being steadfast in the midst of trials:** The believers in Thessalonica embraced the Lord during trying times and exhibited steadfast endurance—*2 Thessalonians 2:4.*
 - A.** Steadfastness in the midst of trials and suffering provides something worthy of affirmation—*2 Thessalonians 2:4a.*
 - B.** Faith grows as we trust God to lead us through the trials and sufferings we face—*2 Thessalonians 2:4b.*
 - C.** Living in a fallen world means we will experience difficult circumstances through which the Lord will faithfully develop the steadfastness He wants to build into us—*2 Thessalonians 2:4c.*

Notes

Beginning Next Week



The book of Hebrews declares the excellency of Christ's ministry when compared with all others—learn how in this new Tuesday study for men (6:00 AM or 6:30 PM) and seniors (1:00 PM).



This Wednesday night journey through the book of Judges resumes next week and reveals how God manifests His faithfulness against the backdrop of human waywardness.



This study and discussion group will cover material from "The Pursuit of God" and "The Knowledge of the Holy" to encourage women in their walk with God. 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM.



Learn to recognize and do God's will by understanding and applying seven principles that define how we experience our relationship with Him in this women's study resuming 1/15.

Next Sunday

1 Thessalonians 1:5–12