

Connecting Hour

During the 9:30 AM Connecting Hour today, you have several opportunities to connect with others in your church family. You can share a cup of coffee in the Main Hall, serve together in ministry to others, or attend a Bible Fellowship:

Pre-K – 3rd Grade	Children’s Area
4th – 5th Grade	The Loft
Middle School	The Gym
High School	The Gym
Adults 1 (College – 20s)	Room 206A
Adults 2 (30s – 40s)	Room 206
Adults 3 (50s – 60s)	Room 208
Adults 4 (60s – 70s)	Room 209
Adults 5 (70s & up)	Room 207
Just for Women	Room 201

Kids & Worship

Wondering where to take your kids on Sundays?

8:00 AM — Nursery care for ages 3 and under. Kids in Pre-K and up join their families in the Chapel for the entire worship service.

9:30 AM — Nursery care for ages 3 and under. Bible Fellowships are offered for Pre-K and up; be sure to pick them up before the next service!

10:45 AM — Nursery care for ages 3 and under. Kids in Pre-K and up begin worship with their families in the Gymnatorium. Around 11:05, parents can optionally take 3rd graders and younger to the Main Hall for an age-appropriate Bible lesson. We’ll let you know when it’s time! Children in 4th grade and up remain with their families for the entire worship service.

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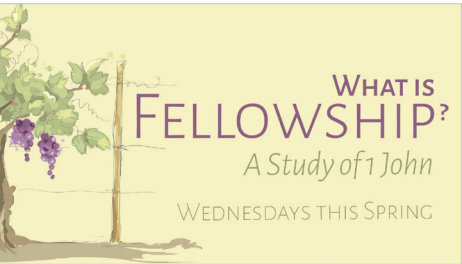
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Wednesdays beginning January 15



This Bible study through the book of 1 John will help you discover how to have joy in your Christian life through an intimate, abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. 🙏



You are on the front lines of a spiritual battle for your thoughts and attitude—and deception is the enemy’s greatest weapon. Hear the good news about winning the battle for your mind. 🙏



Learn proven truths that can help you face conflicts together, solve problems, improve communication, and deal with core relational issues in your marriage. 🙏

Sign Up Online

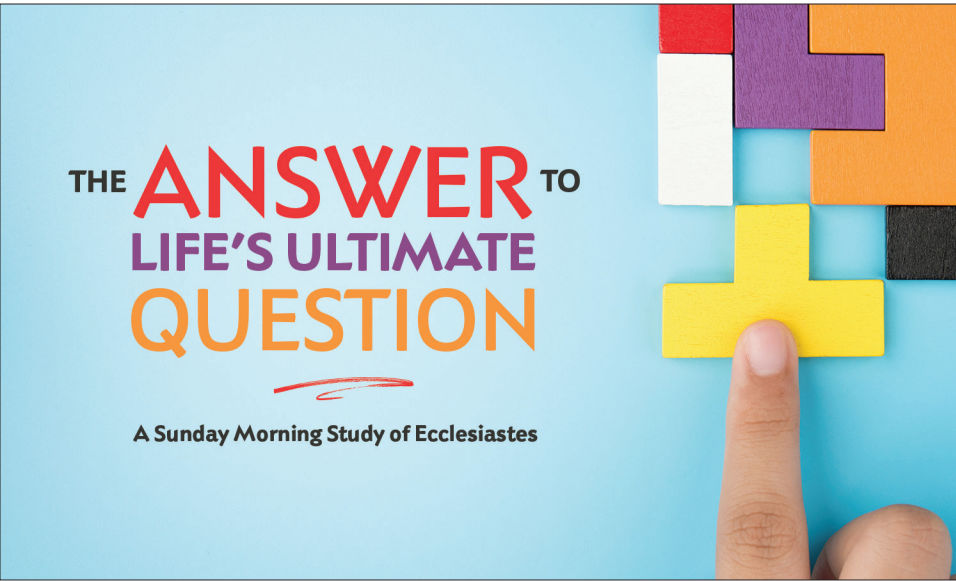
Point your phone’s camera at this code to get started:



See something that might be a good fit for you this semester? Sign up to let us know you’re coming! Either visit gracechurch.com, use the code above, or see us in the Main Hall today!

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Today we begin *The Answer to Life’s Ultimate Question*, a Sunday morning study of the book of Ecclesiastes and its wisdom for those who are wondering whether life has any meaning or purpose. We’re glad you’ve joined us as we gather together in worship this morning!

News & Family Matters

New Sunday Morning Schedule Begins Today

Thanks for being here today as we begin our church family’s new Sunday morning schedule. Whether you’ve come to the early service at 8:00 or the later service at 10:45, we hope you find an option that’s helpful as we worship and learn together. We know it’s a new experience for everyone, and we’re thankful you’re on this journey with us.

If you’re curious about Bible Fellowships during the 9:30 Connecting Hour, look on the inside flap of today’s bulletin.

If you need information about where to take your children while you’re here, details are provided under “Kids & Worship,” also on the inside flap.

Disciple Now Registration Deadline

Parents, if your middle school or high school students are planning to be part of this year’s Disciple Now weekend (January 17–19), please take a few minutes to sign them up online at gracechurch.com. We must get every student assigned to their host home by January 15.

Elder Candidate Information

The elders are considering adding Bill Daniel to the elder board. If you would like to provide input on this decision, please contact one of the existing elders listed on the back of the bulletin.

Bill previously served as an elder until early 2019, but took a voluntary leave of absence when the board, including Bill, voted to institute a policy that church staff members, other than the Senior Pastor, could not simultaneously serve as elders. Bill recently retired from his position as Church Executive and is therefore eligible to return as an elder.

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Service ★


Today, 8:00–9:15 AM in the Chapel

Connecting Hour ☆

Today, 9:30–10:30 AM in multiple locations

Worship Service ☆

Today, 10:45 AM–Noon in the Gymnatorium

 : Childcare available by reservation

★ : New this week

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM, in the Library

Women

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at 1615 Tilden

Middle & High School

The ARC

Tuesday, 5:30–7:30 PM, meet at the G.Y.M.

This Morning

The Answer to Life's Ultimate Question, Lesson 1: *Living Life Under the Sun*

Reggie Coe, Marriage & Senior Adults Pastor

- I. **The author:** Ecclesiastes was written by Solomon who probably used a pen name (the Preacher) to write the book— *Ecclesiastes* 1:1.

- II. The purpose:** Ecclesiastes presents the wise perspective that life is like a vapor and it is impossible to comprehend how events in our lives fit into the mystery of life—*Ecclesiastes 1:2*.

- ### III. The illustrations: He points us to the cycles we observe in life—*Ecclesiastes* 1:3–8.

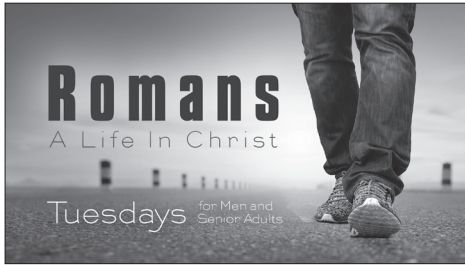
- A.** Our attempts to master the details of life and “put it all together” will fail—*Ecclesiastes 1:3*.

- B.** The cycles of life on this earth, whether generational or natural or intellectual, continue to occur without giving us any insight into how all of life fits together—*Ecclesiastes 1:4–8*.

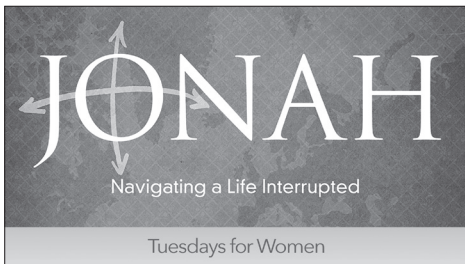
- IV. The reality:** God has placed us in a world which we cannot fully figure out, nor make sense of, why all happens the way it does—*Ecclesiastes 1:9–10; see 3:10–11.*


- V. One takeaway:** Past perspectives and possible future insights will not unravel the mystery of why events in life happen as they do—*Ecclesiastes 1:11; see 12:13–14*.

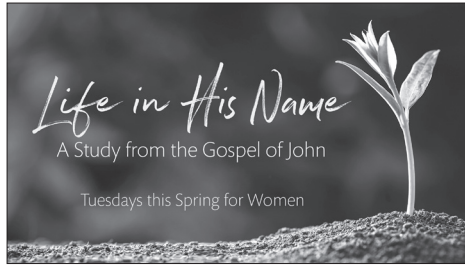
Tuesdays beginning January 14




Discover what a life in Christ looks like and how we access it by faith through this study of Paul's great theological work. Learn practical ways you can live faithfully, walking in the Spirit.



In this 7-session DVD study, Priscilla Shirer helps women redefine interruption and see that it is actually God's invitation to follow Him. 



Discover what it means to have “life in His name” as we examine the deity of Christ and consider His incredible ability to care and provide for each of us. 

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Next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:26