

Welcome

We're glad you've joined us for worship this morning as we continue *Glimpses of Glory*, a new summer study of Jesus' miracles.

While you're here, feel free to visit a Bible Fellowship upstairs or get more information about other activities from our Summer Guide, which is available at the Welcome Center or most exits.

If you have any questions, please visit with a member of our Welcome Team in the Main Hall after the service. Again, we're glad you're here!

ONE WAY TO SERVE

Student Ministry Leaders

Our staff are gearing up for a new year of teaching, discipling, and encouraging students of all ages. The participation of other adult leaders is critical in building the next generation. If you're looking for a way to connect and serve, we'd love to hear from you!

If you'd like to serve your church family in this way, simply return the enclosed card to any offering box. Contact any of our student ministry staff for details.



Our next trip to assist, train, and care for the people of India begins September 10. There are opportunities for anyone to help—contact valerie@gracechurch.com.

This Week

👤 : Childcare provided
📄 : Online registration available
💰 : Payment required

Churchwide

Worship Services 📄

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

Bible Fellowships 📄

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Women

Infused 📄 👤

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or
6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Join us for this five week study of several topics including our bodies, emotions, speech, use of time, and finances.

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Join in at any time with this ongoing fellowship of men who are serious about authenticity, community, humility, and restoration.

5th & 6th Grade

Monday FunDay

Monday, 5:00–7:00 PM in the Loft

Come eat, hangout, and play other games and activities.

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Students gather to laugh, play, and sing together before an interactive Bible study and small group conversations.

Junior High

NRH2O Water Park Trip

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Celebrate the end of summer with a day at the water park! Leaves the G.Y.M. at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$30.

Senior High

Open G.Y.M Night

Monday, 8:00–10:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Hang out with friends and have fun during the summer months.

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities and a discussion of biblical dating and relationships.

College & Career

Summer Late Night

Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 PM in the G.Y.M.

Come hang out with friends, play volleyball, and study the character of Jesus' disciples in a small group setting.

Discussion Questions

- I. Jesus began by dismissing the crowd—He addressed the distraction before it even became an issue. How have you seen God remove distractions in the past as a way to draw you closer to Himself? In what ways might God be removing distraction from your life right now?
- II. After dismissing the crowd, Jesus then went off to pray. How can this model of removing distractions and then praying be implemented into your own life right now? What distractions should you walk away from for a time in order to be with God?
- III. Jesus appeared to the disciples by walking on the sea, and showing His authority over many of their superstitions and misplaced beliefs. What myths and superstitions might influence you that would distract you from Biblical truth? How have those superstitions or beliefs caused you to miss the glory of God?
- IV. As Peter walked on the water towards Jesus, he was distracted by the wind and the waves, and was afraid. What circumstances—the “wind and waves” in your life—distract you from intimacy with God? What dangers and threats pull your focus off of God and His power over your life?
- V. We see in this passage that the result of God’s removal of our distractions is the freedom for us to worship Him—and that distractions and worship cannot co-exist. Why is worship so essential? What makes it our greatest good? And how does this understanding change your outlook on distractions?

GLIMPSES OF GLORY

Lesson 10: Authority Over Distractions (Matthew 14:22–33)

Brandon Carpenter, Senior Adults and Christian Education Pastor

I. One Crowd—*Matthew 14:22–23.*

A. The distraction of the crowd.

B. The responses of Jesus.

II. Three Miracles: —*Matthew 14:24–31.*

A. The miracle of Jesus walking on the sea.

B. The miracle of Peter walking on the water.

C. The miracle of the wind ceasing.

III. Twelve Worshippers —*Matthew 14:33.*

Information

📍 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning
📱 : Online registration available



STEAK-OUT
GRUB & GAMES for GUYS

Come for the food, stay for the clay shooting, dominoes, and more at Tom Stephens' ranch just southeast of town—\$10 covers it all. **August 18 at 6:00 PM** 📍 📱



Family
FALL KICK-OFF

Wednesday, August 26 at 6:00 PM

Join us at the end of summer for a free barbecue dinner as we catch up with friends, share some lighthearted laughs, and learn more about what's happening this fall!



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REST
STOP

AUGUST 29

Bring your family (ages 6 and up) as we work together to provide refreshment and encouragement to the cyclists in our community. **Sign up online if you'd like to help!**

Community News

Community Impact Team report

The Grace Church Community Impact Team oversees our support of other ministries in the Wichita Falls area. We are glad to stand alongside these organizations as they meet the needs of others.

We recently provided financial support to Child Evangelism Fellowship to assist with their summer Neighborhood Bible Study program. Their efforts reach children in our community throughout the year.


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