

# 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.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

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# Information



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!



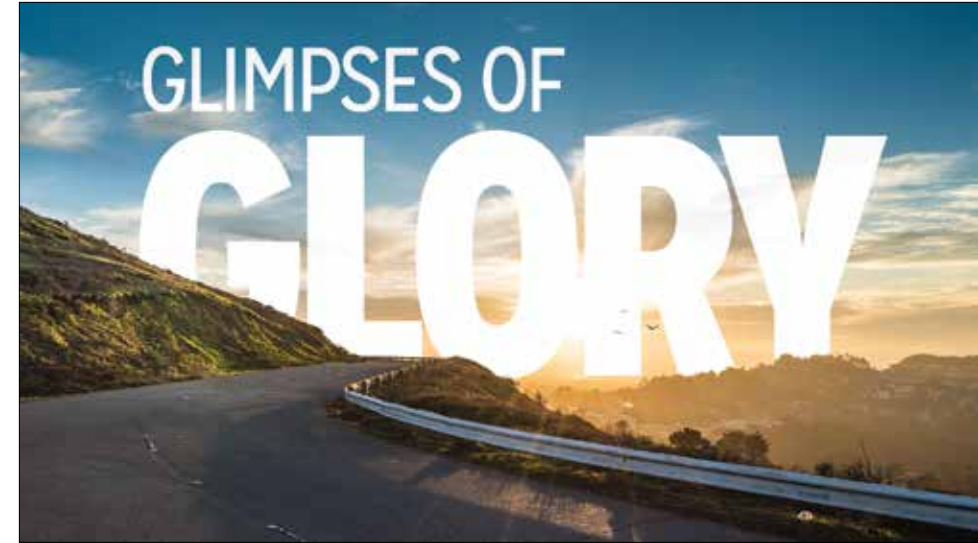
As thousands of cyclists converge on our HH100 rest stop next weekend, we'll provide them with drinks, fruit, and cookies. Please bring your baked or bought cookies to the church office this week.



Most of our Community Groups begin meeting together next Sunday evening for a new season of building relationships. If you'd like be part of a group this semester, contact Nolen Smith.



Our website at GraceChurch.com has just been completely redesigned for the Fall semester! Subscribe to calendars, register for classes, listen to podcasts, give online, and more.



Our summer teaching series, which runs May 31–September 6, examines selected miracles of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. Each provides a unique glimpse of His eternal character and nature.

# Updates and Family Matters

### New Website Now Online

Our website has been completely redesigned with all the information you need for the upcoming Fall semester. It's faster than ever before, easier to use, and ready for your mobile phones and tablets.

Signing up for events is quick and easy, and the latest ministry calendars are always available—view them online or subscribe to keep them handy all the time.

We hope this helps you stay informed about what's happening in the life of your church family. Visit GraceChurch.com to check it out!

### Congratulations to...

Megan and Brad Litteken as they celebrate the birth of their daughter Clara Grace.

### Stack the Chairs

Please help us prepare the Gymnasium for the Fall Kick-off by stacking the chairs (seven high) after the second worship service today.

Our building crew appreciates your help!

### Cookies Needed for HH100 Rest Stop

We need hundreds of cookies, which we'll serve alongside fruit and drinks at next Saturday's rest stop. This is an opportunity to serve thousands of cyclists in our community in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please bring your fresh-baked or store-bought cookies to the church office by noon on Thursday, and we'll see that they are distributed to some very hungry folks!

### Chapel Project Update

As is our custom, we are only committing to portions of the chapel project as the funds become available. We now lack just 3% of the total project cost, with about \$200,000 in new giving needed to finish landscaping, stained glass, and other features.

### Men's Steak-out Report

More than a hundred guys showed up for dinner, clay shooting, dominoes, and fishing tips last Tuesday evening. Thanks to our generous host and everyone who came!

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# 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

### Family Fall Kick-off

Wednesday, 6:00–8:00 in the Gymnasium

## Women

### Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in the Dining Room

## Men

### Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

## Outreach

### HH100 Rest Stop

Saturday, 7:00 AM–4:00 PM

# This Morning

## Lesson 13: The Resurrection and the Life—*John 11:1–46*

Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

*Our complete Fall  
schedule begins soon.*

*See you at the Kick-off!*

**I. Christ and the request:** Christ did not immediately respond to Mary and Martha's request in order that the Son of God would receive greater glory—*John 11:1–7*.

**A.** Christ had a close relationship with the family of Lazarus, Mary and Martha—*John 11:1–3*.

**B.** Jesus saw the bigger purpose of God glorifying Himself through Lazarus's illness and death—*John 11:4*.

**C.** Christ waited until Lazarus had been dead several days in order to insure that everyone that witnessed this miracle would fully understand that Lazarus had died—*John 11:5–6*.

**II. Christ and the disciples:** Rather than being controlled by the fear of the Jews, Christ chose to walk in light and chose to go to Bethany—*John 11:7–16*.

**A.** The Jews had tried to stone Christ—*see John 10:39*.

**B.** Christ refused to be controlled by the death threats of the Jews but went ahead in order to bring glory to God—*John 11:7–15*.

**C.** The disciples decided to follow Jesus, knowing it meant their lives were in jeopardy—*John 11:16*.

**III. Christ and Martha:** Martha stated her faith in Christ as the Messiah and the one who would bring about the resurrection of the last days—*John 11:17–27*.

**IV. Christ and Mary:** Mary goes to her familiar place, at the feet of Jesus, receiving comfort in the midst of her pain—*John 11:28–37; see Luke 10:38–42; John 12:3*.

**V. Christ and Lazarus:** Christ brought Lazarus back to life, demonstrating again that He was the Messiah—*John 11:38–44; see Matthew 11:2–5*.

**VI. Christ and the crowd:** While some believed in Him as Messiah, others reported this miracle to the chief priests and Pharisees—*John 11:45–46*.

# Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

1. When Jesus received word of Lazarus' illness, He did not immediately go to him. When was an instance you felt a desperate need for Jesus, only to feel like He wasn't working within your timeframe? What was your response in that instance?

2. When in your life has the Lord allowed you to experience loss or pain? Do you now see a greater purpose for that experience? How was God glorified through that?

3. The disciples urged Jesus not to return to Judea for fear of death, but Jesus' desire to obey and glorify God outweighed fear. What might be a decision you're facing right now that fear is influencing? How is God asking you to respond?

4. Martha had a good theology. She knew who Jesus was and what He was ultimately going to do in eternity, but that didn't seem to bring her comfort in her present circumstances. Have you, in your times of distress, ever felt like knowing God's eternal plan wasn't bringing you comfort in your present reality?

5. Jesus drew Martha's focus from the "grand scale of eternity" down to her exact needs in that moment. He showed her that He could raise her brother from the dead. In those moments of greatest need, do you believe Jesus cares deeply about exactly what you're going through? How would that belief affect the way you handle those struggles?

6. As Jesus came to Lazarus's grave, He wept. Have you ever felt that in your pain, God is distant, and perhaps even unsympathetic? How might this passage challenge that belief? What does it mean to you that Christ, who could and would bring Lazarus back to life, would take the time to weep with Martha and Mary first?

# Fall 2015

Our Fall semester begins soon... here's some of what you can expect:

## Adult Studies

### The Book of Matthew

Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 AM

### Quest

Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM

### The Book of Acts

Wednesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM

## Women

### Engage

Mondays, 6:30–8:00 PM

### Beth Moore Study

Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30 AM or  
6:30–8:00 PM

### Respectfully Yours

Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30 AM or  
6:30–8:00 PM

### MOMs Book Study

Thursdays, 10:00–11:30 AM

## Men

### Solid Answers

to Serious Questions

Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 AM or  
6:30–8:00 PM

### Men's Breakfast

September 29, 6:30–7:30 AM

### Samson Society

Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 PM

### Friday Bible Study

Fridays, 6:30–7:30 AM

Pick up your complete copy of the Fall 2015 Guide at the Kick-off on August 26. We hope you'll get involved as we grow together.