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.

When you're ready for the next step, consider checking out an additional Sunday activity like Bible Fellowships or Community Groups, or a mid-week study that interests you. There are many great ways to connect with others in our church family each semester as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Guide to Grace Church* as you leave for more details!



Did you know...

...you can subscribe to calendars from our website on your smartphone or computer? Just visit any ministry's page and look for the red Subscribe to Calendar buttons.

Watch this space for more features that make it easy to connect with us!

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Information



If you are in the midst of grief and loss, or are supporting someone who is, we hope you'll join us for this Saturday morning seminar with author and counselor Gary Roe on August 5.



Come for the food, stay for the clay shooting, dominoes, fishing, and more at Tom Stephens' ranch just southeast of town—\$15 covers it all. Sign up in the Main Hall this morning.



Everyone ages 12 and up can join in as we work together to provide refreshment and encouragement to cyclists in our community. Sign up in the Main Hall today!



Sunday, August 6: Summer Community Groups Sunday, August 20: Grade promotion Sunday Wednesday, August 30: Family Fall Kick-off Week of September 4: New fall studies begin

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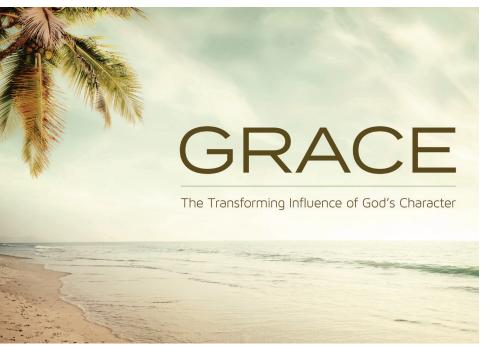
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Today we're continuing our summer study of *grace*, a concept rooted in the character of God and found throughout the Bible which shapes us as His people and informs who we are as a church family. We're glad you've joined us!

News and Family Matters

Summer Trip Updates

Please pray for our elementary school students and leaders who will spend several days this week at Camp Chaparral, and for God's ongoing work in the hearts and minds of others who have recently returned from Student Life camp and the Jamaica Deaf Village.

Elder Candidate Input

The leadership team of Grace Church has met with Joe Cook and is prayerfully considering him joining the elder body. If you have any input regarding the matter of Joe becoming an elder, please contact one of the other elders in the next couple of weeks.

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

Biblical & Topical Studies

How We Got the Bible

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 206



God's Plan for Men in Marriage

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 209

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Women

Cultivate

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

Respectfully Yours

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 208 ≗

8 : Childcare available by reservation

College

College Summer LateNight

Tuesday, 7:00–9:00 PM at various homes

High School

Guys' Open G.Y.M.

Tuesday, 2:00–4:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Girls' Swim Day

Thursday, 2:00-4:00 PM at 4701 Willow Bend Dr.

Middle School

Girls' Swim Day

Tuesday, 2:00-4:00 PM at 4713 Willow Bend Dr.

Guys' Open G.Y.M.

Tuesday, 2:00–4:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

4th & 5th Grade

Camp Chaparral (3rd-5th Grade)

Begins Sunday at 3:00 PM at Camp Chaparral

Preschool – 3rd Grade

Camp Chaparral (3rd-5th Grade)

Begins Sunday at 3:00 PM at Camp Chaparral

This Morning

Lesson 5: Experiencing Grace in Our Weaknesses

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Rodgers, Lead Pastor		
Paul's vision: The apostle felt forced to defend his apostolic authority by drawing on his experience of being transported to heaven, although he preferred to appeal to the facts about his ministry that could be verified—2 Corinthians 12:1–6.		
۱.	Paul reluctantly defended his apostolic authority by breaking his fourteen year silence about his heavenly experience—2 <i>Corinthians 12:1</i> .	
3.	The apostle objectified the account of his visionary experience in heaven, which eclipsed his consciousness of embodiment—2 Corinthians 12:2–4.	
Ξ.	Paul acknowledged that he preferred the use of verifiable information to defend his apostolic authority rather than draw on his private and unverifiable experiences— 2 Corinthians 12:5–6.	
Paul's thorn: The Lord called on Satan to thrust a thorn in the apostle's body to humble im about his heavenly experience and to predispose him to submission regarding his veaknesses—2 Corinthians 12:7–10.		
١.	God called on the Adversary to inflict Paul with a thorn in his body to offset his inclination to take pride in his extraordinary experiences—2 Corinthians 12:7.	
3.	The apostle agonized in prayer for God to remove his thorn, which he looked upon as a huge hindrance to effectiveness—2 Corinthians 12:8.	
Ξ.	Paul eventually responded to the Lord's denial of his request by accepting the fact that the power of God's grace is best experienced in the context of human weakness— 2 Corinthians 12:9.	
Э.	The apostle learned to embrace his human frailties and weaknesses in order to experience a greater degree of God's power in his life—2 Corinthians 12:10.	

Notes