# 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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# **Beginning This Wednesday**



Think the book of Acts is merely a history of the early church? Let us equip you for an expedition that reveals the Messianic hope behind Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Learn to internalize the Bible's truth about who we are in Christ, using it as a base from which to renew your mind and fend off Satan's relentless deception. Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Uncover damaging patterns and find the freedom that God offers us as we build trust with our kids. Wednesday at 6:30 PM.



Couples journey together to discover something stronger than romance: changed expectations, radical commitments, and grace. Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

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Today we're concluding 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. Next week, we'll resume our study of the book of John. We're glad you've joined us!



**HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND** 

If you're thinking about how to respond to Hurricane Harvey from home, know that sending funds through trained and prepared agencies is the best way you can help right now. Samaritan's Purse is ready and actively working with their existing network of churches in the area and we encourage you to directly support their efforts in Houston.

You can give online at **samaritanspurse.org** or by mail at **P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC, 28607**. Mailed donations should be marked for the "Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund."

#### **Family Matters**

Please pray for Jan and George Banta as they grieve the passing of her father.

# 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 and Topical Studies**

#### \* An Outfitter's Guide to the Book of Acts

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 206 &

#### **★ Victory Over the Darkness**

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

#### ★ Quest

Thursday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 210

# **Marriage and Family Studies**

#### **★ The Cure and Parenting**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207 №

#### **★ What Did You Expect?**

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 208 €

## Women

#### **Women's Community Group**

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM at 1615 Tilden St

## **★ MOMs Study: Respectfully Yours**

Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM in room 208 &

#### **★ Disappointment with God**

Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the library &

# **★ Discerning the Voice of God**

Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM & or Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in room 208

# Men

# \* Angels: Understanding God's Messengers

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

#### Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

#### \* Friday Morning Study: Acts

Friday, 6:30-7:30 AM in room 206

- ≗ : Childcare available by reservation
- ★: Beginning this week

# **Senior Adults**

### **★ Tuesday Afternoon Study: Angels**

Tuesday,1:00–2:00 PM in room 111

# College

## **★ College LateNight**

Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

# **High School**

#### The ARC

Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 at Lamar Baptist Church

#### \* Vouth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

## Middle School

#### **★ Youth**

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

# 4th-5th Grade

#### **★ Ignite**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

# Preschool-3rd Grade

#### **★ Kids' Quest**

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Children's Area

# This Morning

# **Lesson 11: Expressing Grace in Our Church**

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **I.** The creation of unity within the church: The baptizing work of the Holy Spirit has created unity in the Body of Christ, much like the unity that is found in the human body— 1 Corinthians 12:12–13.
- II. The maintenance of unity within the church: All of us are called to be devoted to do whatever is necessary to maintain our experience of unity within the church— Ephesians 4:3.
- **III.** The key ingredient in maintaining unity in the church: Expressing grace to one another is the most important ingredient in maintaining the unity of the Spirit in our church.
  - **A.** The Lord Jesus Christ must be kept in the place of preeminence or any attempt to preserve the unity of the Holy Spirit will be fruitless—*Colossians 1:18*.
  - **B.** Besides making Jesus Christ "the main thing," we need to express grace to one another in several ways in order to maintain unity in the church.
    - 1. We need to maintain a balance between respect for the privacy of each person and commitment to their character—*Proverbs* 27:5–6.
    - **2.** We need to view each other as flawed, but refuse to try to fix them—*Philippians 3:12.*
    - **3.** We are to accept the fact that every person is in process—*Romans 8:29*.
    - **4.** We are to accept the fact that everyone proceeds at his own pace—

      John 21:21–22.
    - **5.** We need to refuse to be more committed to what someone else is going through than he is—*Galatians 6:2, 5*.
  - **C.** The Leadership Team of Grace Church tries to demonstrate grace in the way we do ministry by not passing an offering plate, not having an altar call, and not having formal church membership.

# Notes


**Next Sunday** 

John 13:1-17