

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. Contact the staff pastor over your life stage for more information.

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* for more details!



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to register for upcoming activities,
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for you and your family!

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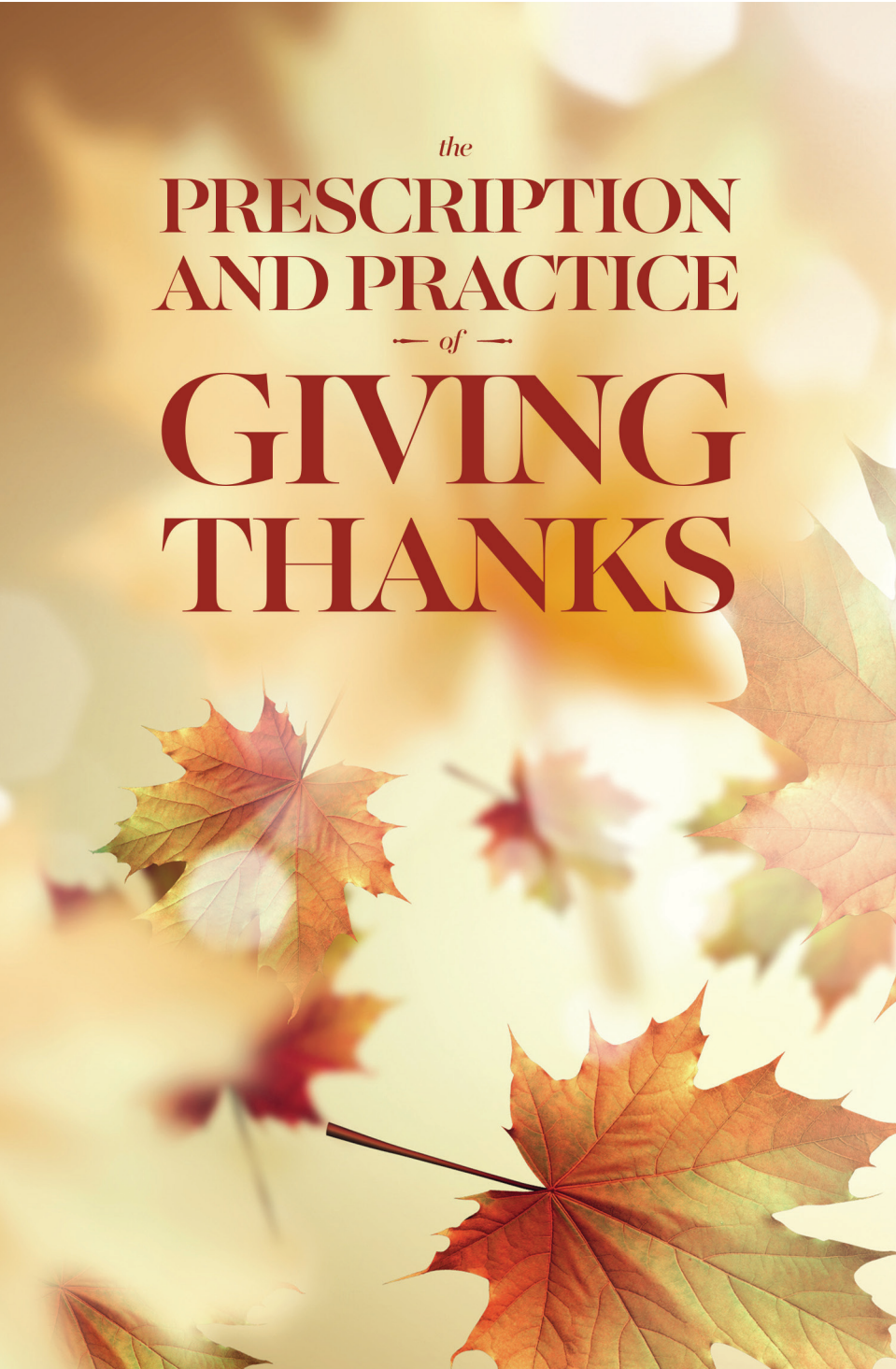
Ladies, join us for a hot chocolate bar and encouragement from speaker Sherril Berre—bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas treat to share! Sign up in the Main Hall this morning.



If you would like to serve as a Salvation Army Bell Ringer on December 10, please get details or sign up today in the Main Hall. This annual event helps raise funds to serve those in need.




You'll find a handy guide to next month's Christmas-themed events inside this morning's bulletin. Extra copies are available at most exits if you'd like another one or two for your family.




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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

Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in various homes 🏠

Men

Finding Freedom: Galatians

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

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study

Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in room 111

College & Career

Singles Community Group

Monday, 7:00–9:00 PM at 4302 Scottsdale Ln

👤 : Childcare available by reservation

*The church offices will be closed
Wednesday and Thursday in
recognition of Thanksgiving.*

This Morning

The Prescription and Practice of Giving Thanks

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

- I. **The prescription for giving thanks:** Giving thanks to God expresses His will for our lives—*1 Thessalonians 5:16–18*.
 - A. The Lord calls us to rejoice in whatever our circumstances we find ourselves—*1 Thessalonians 5:16*.
 - B. He directs us to live in constant communion and communication with Him—*1 Thessalonians 5:17*.
 - C. He leads us to express our gratitude to Him regardless of the condition in which we find ourselves—*1 Thessalonians 5:18*.
- II. **The practice of giving thanks:** In our prayers, He directs us to make our requests to Him with an attitude of gratitude—*Philippians 4:6–7*.
 - A. We can offset our anxieties as we bring our concerns to the Lord—*Philippians 4:6*.
 - B. He wants our requests to be accompanied with an expression of thanksgiving—*Philippians 4:6b*.
 - C. Relying upon Him through prayer that is infused with thanksgiving provides us with His stability in the midst of trying times—*Philippians 4:7*.
 - D. We see this attitude of thankfulness lived out in the life of Christ.
 - 1. When He fed the 5000 and the 4000, as He broke the fish and the loaves, He gave thanks to the Father—*John 6:11; Mark 8:6, 8:9*.
 - 2. When He raised Lazarus from the dead He thanked the Father that He heard Him—*John 11:41–42*.
 - 3. When He established the Lord's Supper, He gave thanks for the bread and for the cup—*Luke 22:19; Matthew 26:27–28*.
 - 4. Facing the pressing needs of others or at the tomb of His friend or looking toward the reality of the cross, Christ gave thanks to the Father and trusted Him with His life and ministry.
 - E. The Greek word for giving thanks is *eucharisteo*, which is often what the Lord's Supper is called: the Eucharist.

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Family Matters

Please pray for Roberta Laforge as she grieves the passing of her husband George.

