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.

Notes

Information



The Christ Question Confirmed: This two-day seminar featuring guest lecturer Dr. Vern Palmisano provides medical and biblical insight into questions about Jesus' birth and nature. Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 PM, with a Wednesday noon lunch session at Luby's (limited seating available).

Why I Still Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist: This eight-week study taught by our pastoral staff tackles questions about God, biology, and the Bible. Begins Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 PM and runs through the month of June.



Learn biblical, practical steps to help you dump debt, manage your money, and save wisely. Register online at DaveRamsey.com under "Find a Class." Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 PM.



You know what it's like to be married to your husband, but what is it like for him? Learn to have a marriage by design, not by default. Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 AM or 6:30-8:00 PM.

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This morning we begin our study of Jeremiah, a man called by God to deliver a prophetic message of doom to the people of Judah. This four-week study is a prelude to our Fall study of Lamentations, Jeremiah's message of both grief and hope in the aftermath of Jerusalem's destruction.

News and Family Matters

Graduate Recognition—Sunday, May 22

If you would like to have your high school or college graduate's accomplishment recognized, please e-mail the following info to geoff@gracechurch.com no later than Thursday, May 12:

• Name (as you'd like it to appear) • School • Digital photo (horizontal is best)

Remodeling Crew Needed

We are in need of a few skilled, willing volunteers to make much-needed repairs on the home of someone in our church family. To help with this project on May 14, please contact Danny Fought at 940-733-0748.

Family Matters

Please pray for Jeanie Litteken, Megan and Brad Litteken, and Sara and Jeff Taylor as they grieve the passing of Jeanie's husband Martin.

Congratulations to Lauren and Jaime Allard on the birth of their daughter Raigan Sylvia.

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

The Christ Question Confirmed

Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

The Christ Question Confirmed Lunch

Wednesday, 12:00–1:00 PM at Luby's Cafeteria *Limited seating, please register in advance*

Small Groups

Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in various homes

Men

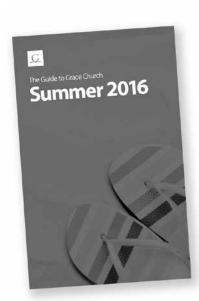
Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM in the Library

5th & 6th Grade

End-of-Year Party

Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Loft



As our Spring schedule begins to wind down, look for the Summer *Guide to Grace Church* to arrive in the next few weeks.

To get a head start, you can browse through the ministry pages and calendars on GraceChurch.com right now — there's plenty of information available about our upcoming Summer classes and events!

This Morning

Lesson 1: The Call of Jeremiah—*Jeremiah 1:1–19*

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **I. His family background:** The Lord interrupted Jeremiah's pathway to the priesthood by speaking to him over the course of the last five kings of Judah and until the time of the Babylonian deportation in 586 B.C.—*Jeremiah 1:1–3.*
- **II. His divine commission:** The Lord revealed to Jeremiah that He had commissioned him in utero to serve as His international mouthpiece—*Jeremiah* 1:4–5.
- **III.** His personal adequacy: Jeremiah was reassured that his feelings of inadequacy for the assignment would be overcome by God's presence and promise of enablement—

 Jeremiah 1:6–8.
- **IV.** His supernatural enablement: The Lord endowed Jeremiah with the prophetic message and ability to pronounce judgment and blessing to the nations—*Jeremiah 1:9–10.*
- **V. His visionary assurance:** God provided Jeremiah with two visions to guarantee him that his prophetic pronouncements would be fulfilled—*Jeremiah* 1:11–16.
 - **A.** The vision of an almond branch: The vision of a blossoming almond branch signified that the Lord promised to watch over and usher in Jeremiah's prophecies just as the almond tree watches over and ushers in Spring—*Jeremiah* 1:11–12.
 - **B.** The vision of a boiling pot: The vision of the boiling pot signified that God promised to send an enemy from the north to completely subjugate Judah for her persistent devotion to idolatry (cp. 39:1–3)—*Jeremiah* 1:13–16.
- **VI. His encouraging promise:** The Lord charged Jeremiah to execute his prophetic ministry with the promise of invincibility against the relentless opposition of the people around him—*Jeremiah* 1:17–19.

Discussion

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.

- Has the Lord ever interrupted your chosen career path or calling by redirecting you? What did that involve? What would be different about you had He not redirected you?
- 2. How does knowing that God has a personal plan for your life affect how you think about your personal strengths and weaknesses?
- 3. What keeps you from depending on the sufficiency of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the tasks the Lord has for you? See 2 Corinthians 3:4–6. What do you tend to substitute in place of Him?
- 4. Although Jeremiah was promised invincibility against the relentless opposition of the people around him, what does God promise us in relationship to the hostility against us?