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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on your smartphone, computer, or tablet to register for upcoming activities, subscribe to calendars on your device, and learn more about what's available for you and your family!

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Information



We hope you'll take part in this annual family opportunity to bless our community with meals for Thanksgiving. Get details and a bag to fill in the Main Hall this morning!



There's lots of fun in store for kids at our fall festival! Join us in the west parking lot for games, candy, popcorn, a bake sale, and a costume contest. **Wednesday at 6:00 PM**.



There's no *Converge* for college students this week—we'll be celebrating with a dinner before Thursday night's homecoming activities. Thursday at 5:30 PM at the G.Y.M.



If you would like to dedicate your child (age 18 months or younger) during worship on Sunday, November 6, please contact Valerie Rhine at valerie@gracechurch.com this week. Thank you!

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This morning, we continue our fall 2016 study of the book of Lamentations. In this series, which runs through November, we'll explore Jeremiah's message of mourning and hope for his people—and gain insight into our own circumstances, as well. We're glad you've joined us!

News and Family Matters

High School Bake Sale at Fall Nights@Grace

Delicious baked goodies will be available for sale this Wednesday night from our high school ministry, with proceeds going towards their next mission trip. Bring a few extra dollars for dessert and help our students at the same time!

Bagged Candy Collection

If you have any bagged candy to drop off for kids to enjoy at Fall Nights@Grace, please bring it to the church office **by tomorrow afternoon**. Thank you for supporting our kids and young families in this way!

Online Electronic Giving is Now Available

We know that writing checks and carrying cash are not the norm for many people today, and realize that giving to Grace Church in either of these forms may be unnecessarily difficult. Giving may now be done online at our website as well, on either a one-time or regularly scheduled basis.

To access this capability, visit *GraceChurch.com* and look for the small *Member Access* menu at the top of the page. You may then select either *Give Online* or *Scheduled Giving*, log in or create an account, and enter the necessary details. You are also able to view a history of your own giving.

We remain committed to our principle of "grace giving" without compulsion and are excited to offer this additional avenue of worshipping freely and privately for those who wish to do so.

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

Believer's Baptism

Sunday, 12:00-1:00 PM in the Chapel

Community Groups

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

Fall Nights@Grace

Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM in the West Parking Lot

Marriage & Family Studies

Respectfully Yours

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM & or Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM & in room 202

Men

Finding Freedom: Galatians

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

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

Women

MOMs Book Study

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM in room 208 &

Entrusted: 2 Timothy

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

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in room 111

&: Childcare available by reservation

College & Career

Singles Community Group

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

Homecoming Dinner

Thursday, 5:30-7:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

High School

Upperclassmen Study

Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 PM at 1927 Ardath Ave

Middle School

Foundations Study

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM at 2921 Moffett

4th & 5th Grade

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Loft

This Morning

The Key Ingredient: God's Faithfulness—Lamentations 3:19–40

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **I.** Asking God to remember: The prophet Jeremiah asked God to remember all the losses and anguish in which he was engulfed—*Lamentations 3:19.*
- **II.** Acknowledging his despair: Jeremiah openly professed his despair and depression in the aftermath of Judah's decimation—*Lamentations 3:20.*
- **III.** Remembering the character of God: The prophet remembered the character of God and His unwavering commitment to His people as the basis of his hope for the future— *Lamentations 3:21–24.*
 - **A.** His memory of the nature and ways of God provided solid ground on which to stand as he considered the future—*Lamentations 3:21*.
 - B. The Lord's loyal love (Hebrew hesed) toward His own people is infinite— Lamentations 3:22.
 - **C.** The Lord is faithful to provide fresh manifestations of His loyal love every day—*Lamentations 3:23.*
 - D. The Lord's covenantal love guaranteed Jeremiah the assurance of hope in the midst of his affliction—Lamentations 3:24.
- **IV.** Learning from hindsight: Jeremiah gained insight about adversity when viewing it from the perspective of God's faithfulness—*Lamentations 3:25–40.*
 - **A.** God is always good even when His people spiral downward—Lamentations 3:25.
 - **B.** Silence is the preferred state to learn from adversity—*Lamentations 3:28–29*.
 - **C.** The Lord is keenly aware of and will deal with the wrongs, which have been done to His people—*Lamentations 3:36b.*
 - **D.** There is always something we can learn during adversity—*Lamentations 3:39.*
 - **E.** Adversity is intended to make us more dependent upon the Lord and not drive us from Him—*Lamentations 3:40.*

Here is What We Will Be Covering Over the Next Few Weeks

- Oct. 30—Complete our study of Lamentations 3:41–5:22
- **Nov. 6**—How does our heavenly citizenship guide us this election week?
- Nov. 13—What value does the entire Bible and the whole counsel of God have for our lives?
- Nov. 20—How can an attitude of thankfulness balance our uncertainty in troubled times?

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