# 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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# **Information**



Ladies, we hope you'll be part of this great weekend in February. Spend time together with friends as we learn from speaker Colleen Searcy. Since registration is now open, reserve your spot soon!



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 by noon tomorrow.



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!



Watch for details next week about Operation Christmas Child, an annual effort by Samaritan's Purse to provide much-needed gifts and joy to children around the world.

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This morning, we conclude our fall 2016 study of the book of Lamentations. In this series, which began in September, we've explore Jeremiah's message of mourning and hope for his people—and gained insight into our own circumstances, as well. We're glad you've joined us today as we wrap up our series.

# **News and Family Matters**

#### **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 worshiping 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

#### **Biblical & Topical Studies**

#### 1 Timothy

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

#### Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 204 &

### **Marriage & Family Studies**

#### **Respectfully Yours**

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

#### **Love and Respect**

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 207 ≜

## 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

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

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

#### **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

#### Converge

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

## **High School**

#### The A.R.C.

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM at Lamar Baptist Church

#### Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

# **Middle School**

#### **Foundations Study**

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

#### Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM. Meet 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

**Responding to Turbulent Times in Light of God's Faithfulness**—*Lamentations 3:40–5:22* Reggie Coe, Marriage & Senior Adults Pastor

**I.** The Lord is faithful: In the midst of turbulent times we have hope in the unchanging faithfulness and mercy of the Lord—Lamentations 3:21–24.

**Takeaway:** God's faithfulness means that we are never without Biblical hope.

**II. Evaluating the condition of our hearts:** His faithfulness enables us to be open and honest about the condition of our lives and to confess our sins to Him—*Lamentations* 3:40–42.

**Takeaway:** Knowing the Word must be accompanied with obedience.

- III. Freely grieving the condition in which we find ourselves: We have the freedom to feel everything that is there, knowing He understands and does not abandon us—

  Lamentations 3:48–58.
  - **A.** We can pour out all of our emotions to Him knowing He sees and understands— Lamentations 3:48–51.
  - **B.** He hears our cry for help in the midst of life's most difficult circumstances—*Lamentations 3:52–58.*

**Takeaway:** God's faithfulness means He hears us and He cares for us.

**IV.** The ongoing results of sin and rebellion: The people of Jerusalem continued to experience the judgment of God—*Lamentations 4:1–22.* 

**Takeaway:** Sin always brings decay and death rather than liberty and life.

- **V.** The plea of Jeremiah's heart for the nation: The prophet sought God to return and restore the nation and Jerusalem—*Lamentations 5:1–22*.
  - **A.** He acknowledged God's sovereignty—*Lamentations 5:19*.
  - **B.** He asked God to remember and restore the nation—*Lamentations* 5:20–22.
  - **C.** God did restore Jerusalem in three returns:
    - 1. Zerubbabel restored the temple
    - **2.** Ezra restored the worship
    - 3. Nehemiah restored the walls

**Takeaway:** God will do what He says He will do.
