

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. 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!

WEB TIPS

Did you know...

...you can give online at our website? Just click "Member Access" in the top left, then "Give Online." You can also schedule a recurring gift under "Scheduled Giving."

Watch this space for more features that make it easy to connect with us!



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Ladies' Night Out

Thursday, Dec 8, 6:30–8:30 PM



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

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



The Guide to Grace Church
Winter 2016

You'll find a handy guide to this month's Christmas-themed events available at the exits today. Please take as many as you need to keep your family informed!



LIFE ABUNDANT

A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

This morning, we continue with our introduction to the Gospel of John. The first two weeks will introduce the book and its writer, then we'll open our Christmas season with chapter one and its good news about the coming of Jesus Christ. We're glad you've joined us today!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 18 <i>9:00 and 10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium</i> No Bible Fellowships except for children through 5th grade	Sunday, December 25—Christmas <i>10:30 AM in the Chapel</i> One hour, no Bible Fellowships, with a program for children through 3rd grade
Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve <i>4:00, 6:00, and 9:00 PM in the Chapel</i> 4:00 — Designed for the entire family, childcare for ages 3 and under 6:00 — Designed for the entire family, no childcare available 9:00 — Late night service designed with a more traditional feel, no childcare available	Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day <i>10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium</i> One hour, no Bible Fellowships, with a program for children through 3rd grade

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 🧑🏻

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Saturday at various times and locations

Women

Ladies' Night Out

Thursday, 6:30–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Senior Adults

Salvation Army Angel Tree

Saturday at Sikes Senter Mall

A black and white photograph of Christmas decorations. In the foreground, there is a dark, glittery surface. On it, several pine branches with needles and pinecones are arranged. Two large, dark, textured spherical ornaments with silver-colored caps are prominent. A small, dark, rectangular gift box with a silver-colored bow is also visible. The background is a bright, out-of-focus bokeh of light spots, creating a festive and elegant atmosphere.

👤 : Childcare available by reservation

College & Career

Singles Community Group

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

Christmas Party

Tuesday, 6:00–9:00 PM, meet at the G.Y.M.

High School

The ARC

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

Faith Mission Care Package Night

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Middle School

Faith Mission Care Package Night

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

4th & 5th Grade

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, 5:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Christmas Party

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

This Morning

Lesson 2: John's Life

Reggie Coe, Marriage and Senior Adults Pastor

- I. **John, the fisherman:** John the Apostle encountered Jesus while he worked as a fisherman with his brother James, his father Zebedee and closely with Peter and Andrew—*Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:4–11; John 21:1–7, 24.*
 - A. Christ called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him and become fishers of men—*Mark 1:16–20.*
 - B. During a failed fishing expedition, John experienced Jesus as the sovereign One over creation and over his life—*Luke 5:4–11.*
 - C. After Christ’s resurrection, John went fishing with Peter and some others and again realized that Christ was sovereign over creation and over his life—*John 21:1–7, 24.*
- II. **John, the disciple whom Jesus loved:** In his gospel, John never refers to himself by his own name but only as “the disciple whom Jesus loved” or “the disciple” or “one of the sons of Zebedee”—*John 13:23; 20:2; 21:2, 7, 20.*
 - A. In the Upper Room, John leaned on Christ and asked who it was that would betray Him—*John 13:23–25.*
 - B. When the women left the empty tomb they sought out Peter and John—*John 20:2.*
 - C. At the Sea of Galilee, John recognized Christ and Christ indicated a special future for him—*John 21:7, 20–24.*
- III. **John, one of the inner circle:** Along with James and Peter, John witnessed much of Christ’s ministry and life up close—*Mark 5:37; Matthew 17:1–2; Mark 14:32–34.*
- IV. **John, the caretaker of Mary the mother of Jesus:** On the cross Christ entrusted the care of his mother to John—*John 19:25–27.*
- V. **John, given the revelation of Christ:** John, exiled on the island of Patmos, received the apocalypse from Christ—*Revelation 1:4, 9; 22:8.*
 - A. John wrote the book of Revelation to the churches in Asia—*Revelation 1:4.*
 - B. He was exiled on the island of Patmos as persecution for his ministry—*Revelation 1:9.*
 - C. John saw and heard all the things that the Lord revealed to him and the angel directed him to worship God—*Revelation 22:8–9.*

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