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. 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!



Did you know...

...you can register for many classes and events online at our website? Save time by signing up from your smartphone just look for the green "Register" buttons.

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

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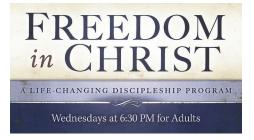


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Coming in January



This midweek study of the book of Ecclesiastes will help us understand how to live effectively in a world full of enigmas. Begins January 4 in room 206. Also available 6:30 AM Fridays for men.



This discipleship course's fresh biblical perspective can help resolve personal and spiritual conflicts in your life. Begins January 11 in room 208.



Brighten the landscape of your marriage, avoid potential problems, and gain wisdom and insight from expert teachers in this 6-week video study. Begins January 25 in room 207.



Journey through the Bible's apocalyptic conclusion, uncover its vision for the future, and discover how to apply it to our lives. Begins January 10 for both men and senior adults.

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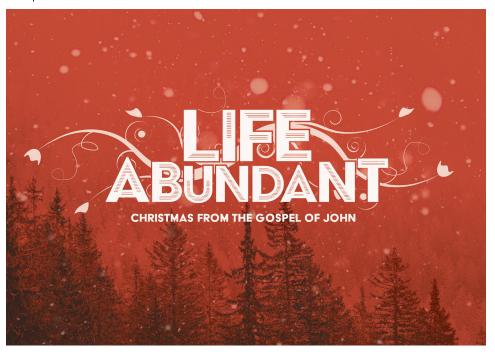
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December 11, 2016



This morning, we open our Christmas season with chapter one of John's Gospel and its good news about the coming of Jesus Christ. We'll continue with the rest of the book after the Christmas season. We're glad you've joined us today!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 18

9:00 and 10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium

No Bible Fellowships except for children through 5th grade

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve 4:00, 6:00, and 9:00 PM in the Chapel

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, December 25—Christmas *10:30 AM in the Chapel*

One hour, no Bible Fellowships, with a program for children through 3rd grade

Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day 10:30 AM in the Gymnatorium

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



Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Senior Adults

Christmas Party

6:30-8:30 PM at 2404 Merrimac Dr.

8 : Childcare available by reservation

High School

Christmas Party

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at 2609 W. Rathgeber Rd.

Middle School

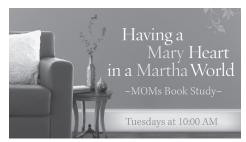
Christmas Party

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

Faith Mission

Friday, 7:00-8:30 PM at 1300 Travis St.

Coming in January (continued)



Moms of all ages can join us for this study— an invitation for every woman who feels she isn't godly enough, isn't loving enough, isn't doing enough. Resumes January 17 in room 208.



Go deeper into what it means to "put on the armor of God" in all aspects of life with this video study for women by Priscilla Shirer. Begins January 17 (Tues.) or 19 (Thurs.) in room 208.



This Morning

Lesson 3: Jesus as the Divine Logos—John 1:1-5

Tom Rodgers, Pastor

- The Word and God: The Word has always existed as a co-equal member of the Godhead— John 1:1.
 - **A.** His preexistence: The Word existed before the universe was created (cp. Micah 5:2).
 - **B.** His designation: The Word was a Greek word commonly used in the ancient world by both Greeks and Jews.
 - **C. His deity:** The Word is part of the Trinity, which is a theological term used to describe the one true God Who eternally exists in three distinct persons.
 - 1. The Bible teaches that there is only one true God—Deuteronomy 4:35.
 - 2. The Bible refers to three distinct persons as God.
 - a. The Father is God—John 6:27.
 - **b.** The Son is God—*Titus 2:13*.
 - c. The Spirit is God—Acts 5:3-4.
 - **3.** The progress of biblical revelation indicates a growing specificity that the Godhead is composed of these three distinct persons—*Genesis 1:26a; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 28:19.*
 - **4.** These three factors lead to the conclusion that "there is only one God, but in the unity of the Godhead there are three eternal and co-equal Persons, the same in substance, but distinct in subsistence" (Charles C. Ryrie).
 - **D.** His eternality: Before His incarnation, the Son of God eternally existed—*Psalm 90:2; John 8:58.*
- **II.** The Word and Creation: The Word was the divine agent through Whom creation was spoken into existence (cp. Colossians 1:15–17)—*John 1:2*–3.
- **III.** The Word and Life: The Word is mankind's only source of physical and spiritual life—

 John 1:4a.
- **IV.** The Word and Light: The life in the Word is mankind's only source of enlightenment about God's existence—John 1:4b–5.

Notes