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 subscribe to calendars from our website on your smartphone or computer?

Just visit any ministry's page and look for the red Subscribe to Calendar buttons.

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

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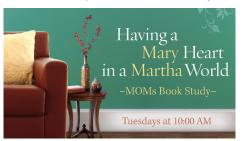


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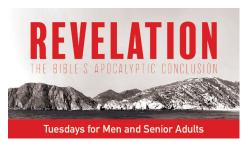
Coming in January



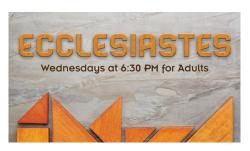
Moms of all ages can join us for this study—an invitation for every woman who feels she isn't godly enough, isn't loving enough, isn't doing enough. Resumes January 17 in room 208.



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.



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.



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.

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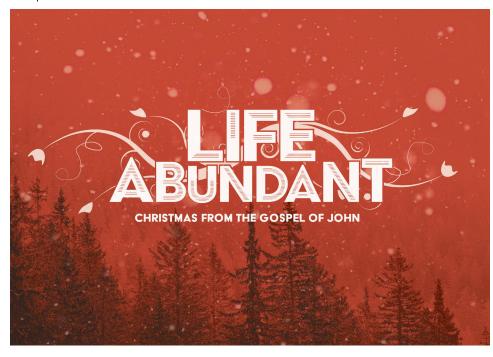
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December 18, 2016



This morning, we continue our study 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!

Christmas Worship Schedule

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

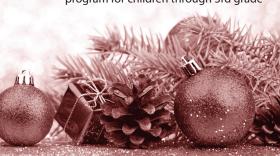
9:00 — Late night service designed with a more traditional feel, no childcare available

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

Christmas Eve Services

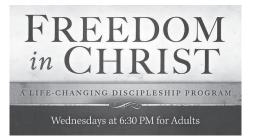
Saturday at 4:00 ♣ , 6:00, or 9:00 PM

8 : Childcare available by reservation

Coming in January



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.



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

Financial Update

General Fund	Last Year Sep. 1, 2015– Nov. 30, 2015	This Year Sep. 1, 2016– Nov. 30, 2016	
Amount Received	314,015	362,459	
Amount Spent	396,484	352,337	
Net Gain/(Loss)	(82,484)	10,122	
Average Monthly Operating Expenses (2016–17 Budget)		143,903	
Average Monthly Operating Expenses (2015–16 Actual)		138,780	
Operating Cash On Hand (Nov. 30, 2016)		84,622	
Note: the Leadership Team would prefer at least two full months' operating expenses as a monthly cash-on-hand number.			

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son 4	l: A Witness and a Way—John 1:6–13 oe, Marriage & Senior Adults Pastor	
The	witness of John the Baptist: God sent one who told the truth about Christ in order to pare the nation to receive their Messiah—John 1:6–9.	
A.	This is John the Baptist, not John the apostle who is the author of this gospel— John 1:6.	
В.	God designated him to tell the truth about Who Jesus was so that all who heard him would believe in the Messiah— <i>John 1:7.</i>	
c.	His clear identity and purpose was not to be the light but to shine the light of his life and message on the true Light— <i>John 1:8</i> .	
D.	The true Light is the Messiah Who provides light to every man who enters this world— John 1:9; see Romans 1:18–20.	
The	access into His family: The Lord has made access into His family not through our rts or through our goodness but through His will and His grace—John 1:10–13.	
A.	This world, which He created and to which He was the light, did not know Him or embrace His true identity— <i>John 1:10</i> .	
В.	The nation of the Jews failed to embrace Him and place their faith in Him as Messiah— John 1:11.	
c.	Anyone who receives Christ by putting one's faith in Him in light of Who He is and what He has done becomes a child of God— <i>John 1:12</i> .	
D.	Receiving Him as Savior is not due to one's physical lineage or one's dedicated self-effort or a person's determination for it to be so— <i>John 1:13a</i> .	
E.	Receiving Christ as Savior and becoming God's child is a supernatural work of God in the heart of the person willing to respond by placing one's faith in Him— <i>John 1:13</i> .	

Notes