## 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 update your contact information at our website? Just click "Member Access" in the top left, then "Update Your Info" to provide us with your new details.

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

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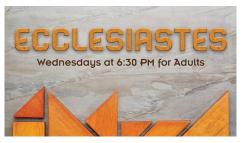


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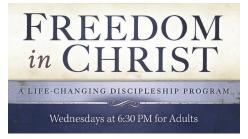


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# **Coming this Spring** (more inside)



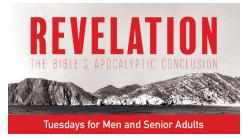
This midweek study of the book of Ecclesiastes will help us understand how to live effectively in a world full of enigmas. Begins January 4 in room 206. Also available 6:30 AM Fridays for men.



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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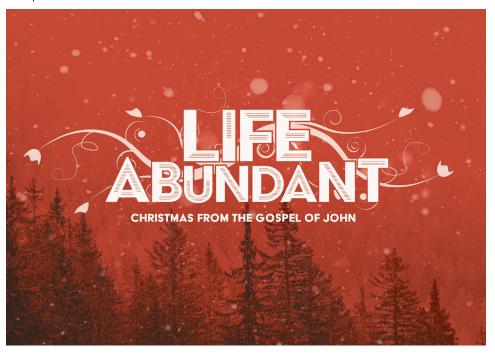
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# **News and Family Matters**

#### Next Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day

Worship next week will be one hour long, at 10:30 AM only. There are no Bible Fellowships, although a program is available for children through 3rd grade.

#### **Church Office Hours**

Due to the holidays, the church offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday of this week. We will re-open Wednesday and Thursday, then close again until January 3.

#### **End-of-Year Giving**

For IRS reporting purposes, any current year giving to Grace Church must be received by the church office or postmarked by December 31, 2016.

#### **Middle Adults Pastor**

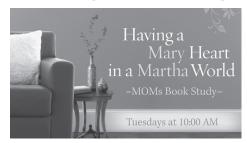
The elders have hired Derek Hughes to fill the new position of Middle Adults Pastor, a role he will begin in January. Derek, Tammy, and their sons were previously part of our church family when he served as our High School Pastor from 1999 until 2009.

#### amily Matters

Congratulations to Kara Jane and Michael Mowrey on the birth of their daughter Carter Noelle, and to Susan and Nolen Smith on the birth of their daughter Elliot Louise.

Please pray for the families of Jo and Bob Hampton and Linda and Benny Burleson as they grieve the passing of their daughter Erica McKinney.

## Coming this Spring for Women



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.

# Women's Retreat 2017 February 10th - 12th at the Marriott Solana

Time's running out to register for our Spring 2017 Women's Retreat, happening February 10–12 at the Marriott Solana in Westlake, Texas.

Details and preview video available at gracechurch.com/women



## **This Morning**

Lesson 5: The One Embodying Grace and Truth—John 1:14-18

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.' "
- 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.
- 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
- **I.** The Word and His incarnation: The eternal Logos added a sinless human nature at the moment He was conceived in the womb of Mary of Nazareth—*John 1:14a*.
- **II.** The Word and His earthly life: Jesus lived His dual-nature life in the public eye for all to observe—*John 1:14b.*
- **III.** The Word and His earthly presence: The God-man manifested the Father's intrinsic nature, including His grace-giving truth, while He lived on the earth—*John 1:14c*.
- **IV.** The Word and His forerunner: John the Baptist acknowledged the preeminence of the "Word made flesh" when he introduced Him to Israel at the commencement of His ministry—John 1:15.
- V. The Word and divine grace: God's grace was provided alongside the truth in the Mosaic Law, but the fullest expression of grace-giving truth was poured out in the incarnate Son— John 1:16–17.
- **VI.** The Word and His revelation: The preeminent Son became the perfect revelation of the Father's invisible nature in His incarnation, apart from which, no mortal could ever see—

  John 1:18.

**Conclusion:** In Jesus' making the invisible God visible, we learn many details of our heavenly Father's character.

- 1. From the Savior's involvement with children in Luke 18:15–17, we learn that each of us are worth our heavenly Father's time and energy.
- 2. From Jesus' involvement with the tax collector Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1–10, we learn that our heavenly Father is not detached, but longs to be intimately involved in each of our lives.
- **3.** From the God-man's involvement with the woman taken in adultery in John 8:1–12, we learn that our heavenly Father always provides the perfect blend of truth and grace to meet us where we are.
- **4.** From Emmanuel's involvement with Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38–42, we learn that the Father's primary focus is always the heart and never allows lesser issues to take center stage.

## **Notes**