

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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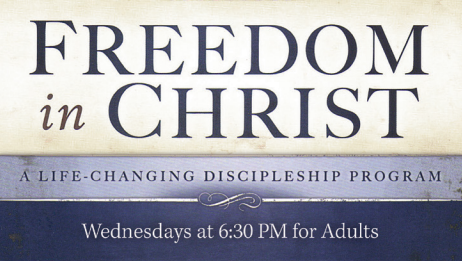
Coming this Spring (more inside)



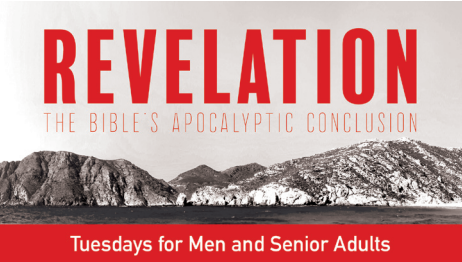
This midweek study of the book of Ecclesiastes will help us understand how to live effectively in a world full of enigmas. Begins January 4 in room 206. Also available 6:30 AM Fridays for men.



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.



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.

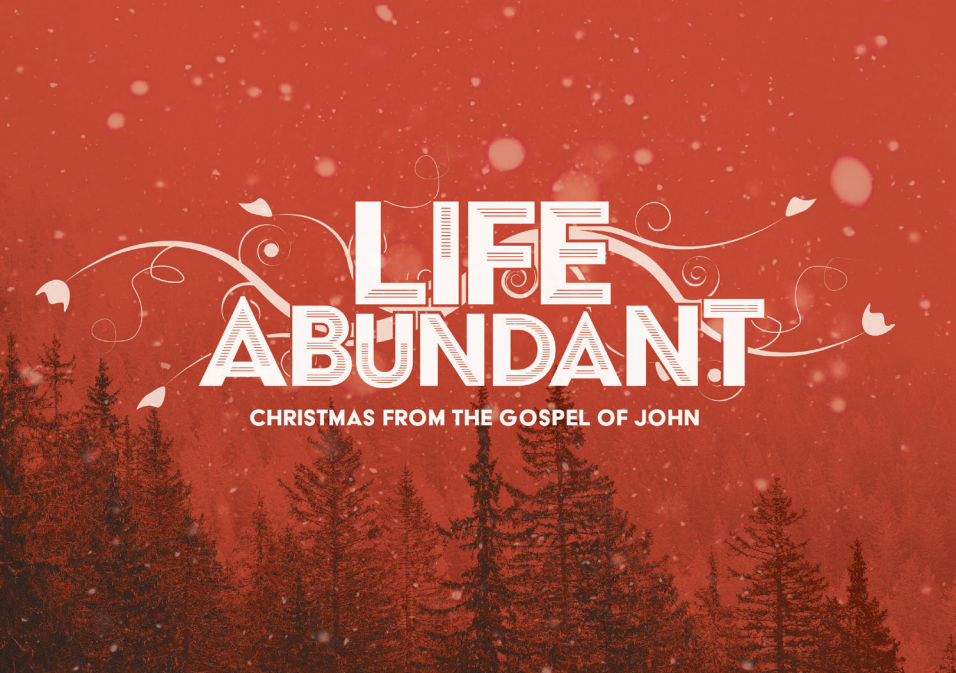
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December 25, 2016



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.
- Family 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.



Having a
Mary Heart
in a Martha World
-MOMs Book Study-
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM • Thursdays at 10:00 AM

PRISCILLA SHIRER



The Armor of God

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

Details and preview video available at gracechurch.com/women



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.*

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.

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