# 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, or a mid-week study that interests you. 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 as you leave 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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# **Coming Soon**



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



Community Groups began last Sunday, but there's still time to get involved this semester! Contact your life stage pastor (listed below) for details about available groups.



We'll be sharing big news with you next week about this upcoming opportunity for kids, our church family, and the entire Wichita Falls area. We think it's going to be great!



Next month is your opportunity to reserve your spot on this year's adult ministry trip to the Jamaica Deaf Village. Watch for more details coming in February!

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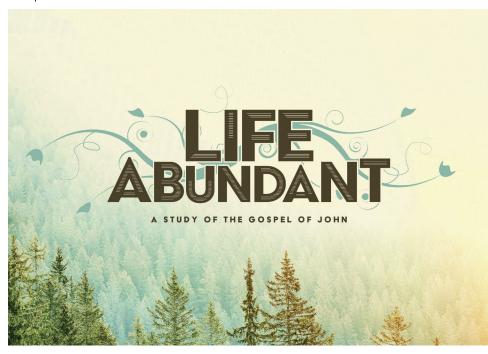
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Today we're continuing our study of the Gospel of John and its unique perspective on the person and character of Jesus Christ. Together we'll develop a better understanding of how Jesus came to give us eternal life—and how to experience that life abundantly.

# **News and Family Matters**

## **Lord's Supper this Morning**

As part of our worship together today, we will share in the Lord's Supper. All who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ are welcome to join us. Please note that the bread served is gluten free, so that all who wish to participate may do so.

## **Family Matters**

Please pray for Tammy and Derek Hughes as they grieve the passing of her father. Congratulations to Elizabeth and David VanDyke on the birth of their son William Reuben.

# **Financial Update**

General Fund	<b>Last Year</b> (2015–16)	<b>This Year</b> (2016–17)
Amount Received to Date (Sep 1–Dec 31)	634,281	920,141
Annual Budget (Sep 1-Aug 31)	1,646,521	1,711,711

# 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

# **Biblical & Topical Studies**

#### **Ecclesiastes**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 206 &

#### **Freedom in Christ**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 208 &

# **Marriage & Family Studies**

#### The Art of Marriage

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207 &

# Men

#### Revelation

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

#### **Samson Society**

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

#### **Friday Morning Study**

Friday, 6:30-7:30 AM in room 206

### Women

## **Women's Community Group**

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM at 1615 Tilden

## **MOMs Book Study**

Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM in room 208 &

# The Armor of God

Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM & or Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in room 208

### **Senior Adults**

### **Tuesday Afternoon Study**

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in room 111

&: Childcare available by reservation

# College & Career

### College LateNight

Tuesday, 8:00-9:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

# **High School**

#### Youth

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

## Middle School

#### Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

## 4th & 5th Grade

#### Ignite

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

## Preschool-3rd Grade

#### Kids' Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Children's Area

# **This Morning**

Lesson 8: The First Miracle: Changing Water into Wine—John 2:1–12

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- The setting: Jesus and His disciples attended a wedding celebration when His mother informed Him that the host had run out of wine—John 2:1–5.
  - **A.** Jesus, His disciples, and His mother were guests at the celebrative phase of a wedding in Cana of Galilee—*John 2:1–2*.
  - **B.** Mary informed her son of an impending social catastrophe at the wedding reception when the supply of wine ran out—*John 2:3*.
  - **C.** Jesus chose not to use the opportunity at the reception to fulfill His mother's wishes for Him—*John 2:4*.

The use of the word "woman" did not convey disrespect, harshness, or annoyance, but was employed to gently emphasize a shift in their relationship according to its usage in Matthew 15:28, John 4:21, 8:10, and 19:26.

"His hour" was the time when He would display His glory and accomplish the purpose for which He had come to the earth according to John 7:30, 12:27, 13:1, and 17:1.

- **D.** His mother Mary acquiesced to her son's response and directed the wedding servants to facilitate what He decided to do—*John 2:5*.
- **II.** The sign: The "Word made flesh" demonstrated that He was the creator by miraculously changing water into wine at the wedding celebration—John 2:6–10.
  - **A.** The Lord directed the wedding servants to fill six ceremonial waterpots with water—

    John 2:6–7.
  - **B.** Jesus directed a wedding servant to take a sample of the contents of the waterpots to the master of ceremonies—John 2:8.
  - **C.** The banquet supervisor independently certified the superior nature of the wine given him by the servant—*John 2:9–10*.

By performing this miracle, Jesus demonstrated that He is the Creator and is Lord over time and matter.

**III.** The aftermath: The Savior and His group left the wedding celebration soon after He performed the sign that led several of His disciples to believe in Him—John 2:11–12.

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