# 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 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 Soon**



We're excited to introduce this great opportunity for kids, our church family, and the entire Wichita Falls area. Please be praying for the hearts and minds of the children who will attend, and share this opportunity with others who might enjoy the Pine Cove camp experience here in town.

Registration for kids opens tomorrow — visit our table in the Main Hall with any questions!

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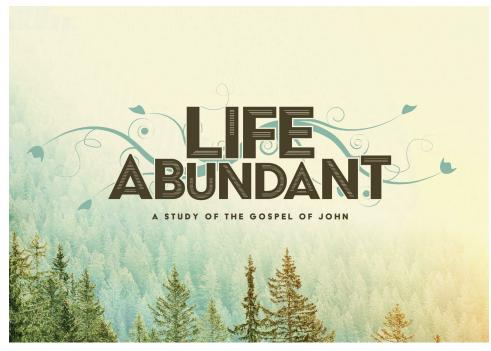
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February 5, 2017



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**

# **Family Matters**

Congratulation to Liz and David Hamilton on the birth of their daughter Virginia Ann. Please pray for the family of Virginia Gant as they grieve her passing.

# Jamaica 2017



The month of February is your opportunity to consider being a part of this year's team that will travel to the Jamaica Deaf Village.

At the Village we work together, build new relationships, and experience God's grace in a unique mountaintop environment.

See the video from last year during worship this morning, then visit us in the Main Hall for details!

# 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 St

### **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

### Women's Retreat

Friday-Sunday in Southlake, TX

# **Senior Adults**

### **Movie Night**

Monday, 6:30-9:00 PM in the G.Y.M.

### **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**

### The A.R.C.

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM at Lamar Baptist Church

### Youth

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

# **Middle School**

### Foundations Study

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM at 2921 Moffett Ave

### 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 10: Born Again to Eternal Life—John 3:1-21

Reggie Coe, Marriage & Senior Adults Pastor

- **I.** Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews, came to Jesus by night and questioned Him as to His authority to do the things He did—*John 3:1–2.*
- **II.** Christ explains to this ruler of the Jews the need to be "born again" in order to enter the kingdom of God—*John 3:3–21*.
  - **A.** To be "born again" can be translated to be "born from above" and is essential for one to enter the kingdom of God—*John 3:3*.
  - **B.** Nicodemus replies by questioning how one can be born from above—John 3:4.
  - **C.** Christ explains that being born of water and Spirit (or wind) refers back to some OT imagery with which Nicodemus should have been familiar—*John 3:5–8*.

Isaiah 44:3–5 likens the regenerating ministry of the Holy Spirit to pouring water on a thirsty person or on dry ground.

Ezekiel 36:25–26 couples the concepts of water and spirit in explaining what the Lord would do in His kingdom.

In Ezekiel 37:9–10, the nation is brought to life as the wind blows on dry bones.

Therefore, to be born of water and spirit (wind) provides a double imagery of the Holy Spirit's regenerating work in the life of an individual.

- **D.** The Savior rebuked Nicodemus for being a prominent teacher in Israel and not understanding the need for the Holy Spirit to do His regenerating work in people's lives—John 3:9–11.
- **E.** Using an image from Israel's time in the wilderness, Christ explained that He came to earth to heal the people of deadly consequences of sin—John 3:12–15; see Numbers 21:5–9.
- **F.** Christ explained that God, because of His love, provides eternal life for everyone who places his or her faith in His Son—*John 3:16–17.*
- **G.** Those who refuse to place their faith in His Son live under condemnation because they love their evil deeds and choose to live in spiritual darkness—*John 3:18–21*.

# **Notes**