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



There are opportunities available for you to help over 200 kids have a great experience—please visit us in in the Main Hall if you can provide food or serve as needed during the week!



If you've been in one of our previous marriage classes, or might like to join one in the future, we invite you to spend this evening with us. Sign up today to reserve your seat!



Guys, join us for a free hot breakfast (with lighter options available) as Derek Hughes encourages us to consider "the barrenness of busyness." Please sign up to let us know you're coming!



If you would like to publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized on April 23, please contact the church office to arrange a meeting with a member of our pastoral team.

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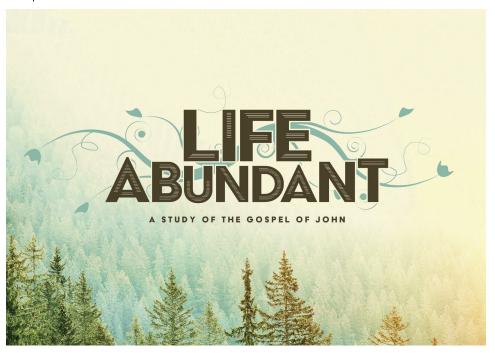
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April 2, 2017



News and Family Matters

Easter Sunday

We will gather together for worship on Easter Sunday, April 16, at our usual times of **9:00** and **10:30** AM. Due to the larger crowds and the additional time needed for traffic flow, each service will be one hour long. Bible Fellowships will not meet on Easter Sunday.

An early service featuring traditional Easter music and teaching will also be offered at **7:00 AM** in the Chapel. No childcare will be provided for this service.

Monthly Financial Report

General Fund	Last Year (2015–16)	This Year (2016–17)
Amount Received to Date (Sep 1–Feb 28)	820,040	1,213,730
Annual Budget (Sep 1–Aug 31)	1,646,521	1,711,711

We believe giving is a form of individual worship — it should be done freely and without compulsion. You may give discreetly at offering boxes located throughout the building or online at any time.

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

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in various homes ≜

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 ≜

Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 204 ≜

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

MOMs Book Study

Tuesday, 10:00-11:30 AM in room 208 ≜

The Great Escape

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

The ARC

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

Father + Daughter Night

Sunday, 6:00–7:30 PM at the Country Club Prior registration required

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Loft

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Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Preschool-3rd Grade

Father + Daughter Night

Sunday, 6:00–7:30 PM at the Country Club Prior registration required

Kids' Quest

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

This Morning

Lesson 18: Eating His Flesh and Drinking His Blood—John 6:52–71

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- The confusion: His Jewish audience felt confused by the Savior's discourse and what He meant by "eating His flesh"—John 6:52.
- **II.** The explanation—phase 1: Rather than resolving His audience's confusion, Jesus explained that "eating His flesh and drinking His blood" is the means to receive eternal life—

 John 6:53–55.
 - **A.** The question that needs to be answered is whether Jesus was speaking in literal or figurative language regarding the meaning of "eating My flesh and drinking My blood"?
 - **B.** Roman Catholic theology interprets Jesus' words about His flesh and blood literally and relates them to the sacrament of Mass. Transubstantiation teaches that the inward essence of the unleavened bread and wine become the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ. These confer divine grace and spiritual life upon the one who eats and drinks in faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.
 - C. Most Protestants interpret the phrase figuratively, as we do when Jesus referred to Himself as the Door or Chief Cornerstone or Bread, as will become evident in verse 63.
 - There seems to be a crescendo effect in this passage regarding the meaning of "eating His flesh and drinking His blood," with each phrase describing the same act of faith, but with progressive elaboration.

Believe—v.35 Eat bread—v.51 Eat His flesh and drink His blood—v.53 Believe—v.64

III. The explanation—phase 2: Jesus explained that "eating His flesh and drinking His blood" also refers to the on-going process of experiencing fellowship with Him by feeding on His words—John 6:56–59.

The principle in verse 55 applies to the initial act of appropriating eternal life by believing in Jesus Christ, as well as the on-going process of developing an intimate relationship with Him.

- **IV.** The clarification: The Lord Jesus explained that "eating His flesh and drinking His blood" was not to be understood literally, but figuratively as a reference to feeding on His lifegiving words (cp. Hebrews 4:12)—John 6:60–63.
- **V.** The desertion: In spite of His unique ability to impart the free gift of eternal life, many chose to reject Him and walk away from Him—John 6:64–66.
- **VI.** The declination: The inner circle of Christ's disciples declined His offer to join the deserters in view of His unique ability to provide the free gift of eternal life—John 6:67–71.

Notes
