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 subscribe to calendars from our website on your smartphone or computer? Just visit any ministry's page and look for the red Subscribe to Calendar buttons.

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

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Coming Soon



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.



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!

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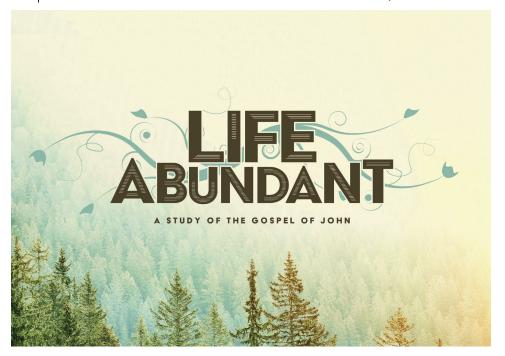
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News and Family Matters

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.

Easter Sunday

We will gather together for Easter worship next Sunday 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.

One Way to Serve: Holding Nursery Babies

We have a large (and growing) number of infants who simply need to be held and rocked in the nursery during worship on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to help, email kay@gracechurch.com.

Family Matters

Please pray for Tammy and Derek Hughes as they grieve the passing of his father.

Please pray for Dana and Jeff Peterson as they grieve the passing of her mother.

Please pray for Laura and Eric Russell as they grieve the passing of her father.

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

Community Groups

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

Senior Adults

Tuesday Afternoon Study

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

Journey to the Cross

Thursday in Carrollton, TX, depart at 11:00 AM

&: Childcare available by reservation

College & Career

College LateNight

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

High School

Underclassmen Study

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 PM in room 202

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 19: It's All a Matter of Timing—John 7:1-36

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- Rejecting a challenge: The Savior rejected His unbelieving brothers' challenge to showcase His Messianic claims in Judea, because of the region's overt hostility toward Him— John 7:1–9.
 - **A.** The Son of God intentionally avoided the region of Judea, because it had become the hotbed of hostility toward Him—John 7:1.
 - **B.** His unbelieving brothers enticed Him to publicly showcase His Messianic claims in Judea during the Feast of Tabernacles—*John 7:2–5*.
 - **C.** Jesus declined His brothers' challenge by appealing to the fact that it was neither the time nor the manner to demonstrate His Messiahship—John 7:6–9.
- II. Making a move: The Lord Jesus quietly slipped into Judea during the Feast of Tabernacles amidst widespread confusion about Him—John 7:10–13.
- **III. Pinpointing a problem:** The God-man pinpointed that the problem the Jewish people had with His teaching was not in His failure to evidence its heavenly origin, but in their disobedient hearts toward all divine revelation, including the Mosaic Law—John 7:14–19.
 - **A.** Sometime during the Feast of Tabernacles, the Lord discreetly began teaching and astounding His Jewish audience in the Temple—*John 7:14–15*.
 - **B.** After irrefutably explaining that His teaching came from the Father, Jesus pinpointed the cause of the Jewish problem with His teaching as being their long-standing disobedience toward all divine revelation, including the Mosaic Law—John 7:16–19.
- **IV. Identifying the greater good:** The Lord countered the Jewish rejection of His analysis of the problem by challenging them to realize that healing the infirmed man at the Pool of Bethesda was a greater good than Scriptural circumcision—*John 7:20–24*.
 - **A.** His Jewish audience adamantly rejected Christ's analysis of their problem with His teaching by charging Him with demonization—*John 7:20.*
 - **B.** The Lord responded by challenging those who had rejected Him to use the Scriptures to realize that His healing of the infirmed man on the Sabbath was a greater good than even circumcision—John 7:21–24.
- **V. Sensing confusion:** Many Jerusalemites were deeply confused over whether or not Jesus was in fact the Messiah—*John 7:25–27.*
- **VI.** Exposing a refusal: The Savior responded to His Jewish audience about their avowed confusion regarding His Messiahship by charging them with a refusal to acknowledge that He had clearly demonstrated His heavenly origin—*John 7:28–29*.
- **VII. Responding differently:** The Jewish people responded to the Savior in polar opposite ways of unbelief and belief—*John 7:30–31*.
- **VIII. Announcing His departure:** The Son of God spoke of His imminent departure to heaven, thereby adding to the confusion among those who attempted to arrest Him— *John 7:32–36.*
