Where do I learn more about Grace Church? For the best answers to questions you may have about our church family, we invite you to attend *Discovering Grace*, offered on the second Sunday of each month during the 9:30 AM Connecting Hour. Your next opportunity to participate is today or January 9.

How do I become a member of Grace Church? We do not have a formal system of membership. If you consider this your church home and participate regularly with us, you're part of our family! If you want to be sure you're on our contact list, simply sign up to attend any class or event (or contact the church office directly).

How do I give to support Grace Church? We believe financial giving is a form of individual worship to be done freely and joyously as led by the Lord. You can place your gifts in the secure offering boxes mounted near most exits or give electronically online at any time via our website.

What was the name of that song we sang this morning? You can find and hear the songs we sing each week by using the Spotify music app (or Spotify.com) and searching for "Grace Church – Sunday Playlist." You can also search for "Grace Church – Song Library" to hear the complete collection of songs we regularly use.



#### How do I sign up for a class or event?

The fastest way is by using the Church Center app on your smartphone. You can also visit gracechurch.com and look for the "Sign Up" link, or just scan this code with your phone's camera app to access our registration page.

#### CONTACT US

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#### **ELDERS**

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Go to gcwf.link/elders to learn more about our elders.

#### LEADERSHIP STAFF

| <b>Lance Bourgeois</b> | <b>Reggie Coe</b> | <b>Blake Boyd</b> | Nolen Smith           |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Senior Pastor          | Chaplain          | Worship           | High School & College |
| <b>Derek Hughes</b>    | <b>Joe Cook</b>   | Geoff Meador      | Caleb Levell          |
| Executive Pastor       | Middle Adults     | Communications    | Middle & High School  |

Caleb Carmichael Amy Berry Josh Fernberg Women Young Adults Children



### Coming this Spring

Here's an early look at what's coming up in January. If you'd like to be involved in one of these groups, you can get more details and sign up in the Church Center app or on our website at gracechurch.com.

#### Wednesday Night classes beginning January 12 at 6:30 PM

Bible Study track: The Book of Hebrews

Christian Home track: relengage

Personal Discipleship track: The Bondage Breaker

#### Tuesday study groups beginning January 18

Men: 6:00 AM or 6:30 PM Women: 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM

Senior Adults: 1:00 PM GriefShare: 6:30 PM



Your next opportunity to participate in believer's baptism or child dedication will be Sunday, January 23 at 9:30 AM. If you would like for our church family to celebrate with you in this way, let us know! You can sign up online or give us a call.



#### WELCOME

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we're glad you've joined us this morning in worship. Today we're beginning *Our Living Hope*, a Christmas study of the Savior Who is the solution to our situation. It spans two Sunday mornings in December and concludes at our upcoming Christmas Eve service. Thanks for being here!

#### GO PAPERLESS WITH THESE APPS

Next time you're offered a bulletin, consider giving these two smartphone apps a try instead! Together they help us save resources and make the information you need easy to locate and share.







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**YouVersion** 

Church Center is the best tool we've ever offered our church family to stay informed and connected with everything that's going on at Grace Church. You can explore the calendar, sign up for upcoming events, manage your online giving, and keep in touch with your small groups and ministry teams.

YouVersion is the most widely-used Bible app, and in its Events feature (under the More menu) we offer our teaching outline, Bible references, discussion questions, and important announcements every Sunday morning.

Both apps available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

#### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

#### **Worship Service**

Today, 8:00-9:15 AM in the Auditorium

#### Family Hour &

Today, 9:30-10:30 AM

#### **Worship Service** &

Today, 10:45 AM-Noon in the Auditorium

#### SENIOR ADULTS

#### **Christmas Trolley & Hot Chocolate**

Lance Bourgeois, Senior Pastor Today, 6:00–9:00 PM in the Dining Room

## The Situation: Humanity is separated from God—Genesis 3:8–24.

Our Living Hope, Lesson 1

- Sinners fearfully hide from God—Genesis 3:8–13.

  - God delivered the consequences for sin—Genesis 3:14–19.
  - God graciously provided for the sinners—Genesis 3:20-24.
- The Consequences: Life separated from God is dark—Romans 1:18–32.
  - **A.** A person lacks the capacity to see God in creation—*Romans 1:18–20*.

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- A person who refuses to honor God moves towards greater darkness— Romans 1:21-23.
- God's wrath will be evidenced by giving people over to their foolishness— Romans 1:24-32.
- III. The Hope: God will reunite—Romans 5:6–11.
  - A. Jesus Christ died for the sins of the ungodly—Romans 5:6-8.
  - **B.** Jesus Christ reconciled the ungodly, restoring their relationship with God—*Romans 5:9–11.*

### December, especially when we gather together at the following times:

Christmas Season

Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 19 — 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM worship services Regular Sunday morning schedule. Children's programs through grade 3 at 10:45 only.

We look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with you throughout the month of

#### Friday, December 24 — 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM Christmas Eve services

One hour in length. Childcare for nursery-aged children only at both times. 3.00 PM service will be available on livestream

#### Sunday, December 26 — 10:45 AM family worship service

No connecting hour classes. Childcare for nursery-aged children only.

#### Sunday, January 2 — 10:45 AM family worship service

No connecting hour classes. Childcare for nursery-aged children only.

#### **Discussion Questions**

What is the hope for our situation?

How do you try to "hide" from God?

How have you seen the principle of "You can choose your behavior, but you can't choose your consequences" play out in your life?

Every choice is leading us somewhere. Where are today's choices leading you?

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#### NEXT WEEK | HOPE FOR OUR SOLUTION

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# MY NOTES