

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 one of the additional Sunday activities listed below. All are great ways to connect with others in our church family as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Guide to Grace Church* for more details!

Sundays



Our church family gathers for worship through Bible study and song at 9:00 or 10:30 AM.



Children, students, and adults meet at 9:00 or 10:30 for small group study and conversations.



Groups gather in homes on scheduled Sunday evenings to build relationships together.

Information



Join us for an exciting journey of Deep Sea Discovery at our Family VBS! This three-night event is designed for kids age 4 – 2nd grade and their parents to play and grow together.



Bring a salad to share as we fellowship and re-connect with friends. Hear from our guest speakers about the joys and benefits of relationships. **June 28, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM.**



Men, join us as we learn more about affirmation, a key concept from our 2016 Men's Summit—what it is, how it works, and why it is important. **Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM.**



Discover the joys of navigating our personal journeys together with women from different seasons of life. Begins July 5. **Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM.**

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This morning, we are continuing our summer study of Jesus' parables. In this series, which runs through September 4, various members of our leadership team will teach selected passages highlighting the unique nature of these "teaching stories" told by the Savior. We're glad you're here!

News and Family Matters

Summer Guide Available Today

The summer 2016 edition of the Guide to Grace Church is available throughout the building today. This seasonal booklet includes not only our summer ministry calendar, but plenty of information to keep you informed about who we are—and where we're headed—as a church family. Please take as many as you need.

A complete list of summer activities, including links to sign up for studies and special events, is also available at our website, GraceChurch.com.



Wednesday, July 6, 6:00–8:00 PM

Mark your calendar and make your plans to join us for this year's night of summer fun, games, and food for the family! Watch for more details coming next week.

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

Adult Studies

Why I Still Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

Financial Peace University

Thursday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Women

What's It Like to Be Married to Me?

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM
in Room 209

Senior Adults

Cookout and Game Night

Monday, 6:30–9:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

College & Career

Summer Late Night

Tuesday, 7:00–9:00 PM at 4416 Martinique

Senior High

Jamaica Team Meeting

Sunday, 2:00–3:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

The ARC

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

Summer Grill 'n' Chill

Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High

Summer Grill 'n' Chill

Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

5th & 6th Grade

Monday Funday

Monday, 6:00–8:00 PM in the Loft

Boys' Grub and Games

Thursday, 3:30–5:30 PM at 3409 Stirling

Girls' Popsicles and Pool Time

Thursday, 3:30–5:30 PM at 6 Sandpiper

This Morning

Lesson 2: The Parable of the Prodigal Son—*Luke 15:11–32*

Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

- I. Background to this parable:** The parable of the Prodigal Son follows two other parables that stress the joy of one who finds something that was lost—*Luke 15:1–10*.
- II. How this parable differs:** The parable of the Prodigal Son differs from the previous two parables in that the father in this parable does not go seek his lost son.
- III. The details of this parable focus on the joy of the father upon the return of his younger son from a life of debauchery—*Luke 15:11–32*.**
 - A.** The younger son asks his father for his share of the inheritance which, according to Jewish law, would amount to one-third of the father's estate—*Luke 15:11–12*.
 - B.** Not long after receiving his share of the estate, the younger son leaves and spends his newfound wealth on immoral, wild living—*Luke 15:13*; see *15:30*.
 - C.** When the younger son had wasted his wealth, he found work with a pig farmer who gave him the job of feeding swine—*Luke 15:14–15*.
 - D.** The younger son, a Jewish young man, yearned to feed himself with the food he fed the pigs—*Luke 15:16*.
 - E.** The younger son “came to his senses,” repented before God, and made the decision to return to his father in light of his change of heart—*Luke 15:17–20a*.
 - F.** While still a long way off, the father ran to meet his son with hugs and kisses, which suggests that he was scanning the horizon and possibly praying for his son's return—*Luke 15:20b*.
 - G.** The son confessed his sin against heaven and against his father—*Luke 15:21*.
 - H.** The father reinstated his son to the family with a robe, a ring, sandals, and a celebration because his lost son was found and his dead son was alive—*Luke 15:22–24*.
 - I.** The older brother, who thought his relationship with his father was based on his obedience, resented the younger brother's return and the father's celebration—*Luke 15:25–30*.
 - J.** The father appealed to his older son to receive the younger brother on the basis of grace, not on the basis of his conformity to his father's standards—*Luke 15:31–32*.

Notes

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