## 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.

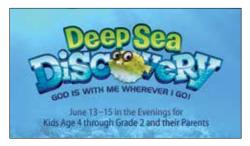


Children, students, and adults meet at 9:00 or 10:30 for small group study and conversations.



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

## **Information**



Join us for an exciting journey of Deep Sea Discovery at Fam Jam! This three-night event designed for kids age 4 – 2nd grade and their parents begins tomorrow, 6:00–8:00 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.



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.



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**

#### Please Stack the Chairs

To help prepare the Gymnatorium for this week's Fam Jam VBS, please stack the chairs seven high after second service. Additionally, if you'd like to help set up the Gymnatorium for Fam Jam, please join us here from 2:00–4:00 PM this afternoon.

#### **Family Matters**

Congratulations to Callie and Matt Woodley on the birth of their daughter Adeline June.



### Wednesday, July 6, 6:00-8:00 PM

We hope you'll join us for this year's night of summer fun for the family! Bring your own towels, picnic blankets, and chairs to Fain Pool for an evening of hot dogs, hamburgers, swimming, volleyball, and good conversations with friends. Please be sure to sign up online or in the Main Hall today so we know how much food to prepare.

## 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

### **Small Groups**

### **Community Groups**

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various homes

#### Women's Community Group

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

### Adult Studies

### **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

### **College & Career**

### **Summer Late Night**

Tuesday, 7:00-9:00 PM at 2410 Clayton

### **Senior High**

#### Open G.Y.M.

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

### Senior High Youth

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

### **Junior High**

### Open G.Y.M.

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

### Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM

#### **Faith Mission**

Friday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

### 5th & 6th Grade

#### Fam Jam Game Nights (3rd-6th Grade)

Monday-Wednesday, 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

### Children

### Fam Jam VBS (Age 4-2nd Grade)

Monday–Wednesday, 6:00–8:00 PM in the Children's Ministry Area

#### Fam Jam Game Nights (3rd-6th Grade)

Monday-Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 PM in the Loft

# **This Morning**

**Lesson 3: The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers**—*Mark 12:1–12* 

Curtis Lindsey, College and Young Adults Pastor

- I. The setting: in discussing the issue of authority, Jesus illustrated his unique relationship to God as His Son by teaching a parable as an indictment against the Jewish leadership— Mark 12:1a.
- **II.** The parable: Jesus used a simple story about a vineyard to reveal his true authority and role as the Son while also concealing the nature of the kingdom to those who had rejected him—*Mark* 12:1b–11.
  - **A.** A man planted a vineyard and hired vinedressers to care for it—*Mark 12:1b*.
  - **B.** When the time came, the owner sent his servants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard, but these servants were either beaten or killed—*Mark 12:2–5*.
  - **C.** In one final appeal, the owner sent his beloved son to collect his share of the fruit, yet the vinedressers attempted to take over the vineyard by murdering the son—

    Mark 12:6–8.
  - The owner will then remove the vinedressers and give the vineyard to others, thus fulfilling prophecies which highlight the "upside-down" nature of the kingdom— Mark 12:9–11.
- **III.** The actual response: realizing the parable was told against them, the leadership secretly plotted to arrest Jesus, thereby concealing the parable's true message—*Mark 12:12*.
- **IV.** The intended response: the true message of the parable can be revealed to us if we are prepared to receive it as good soil is prepared to receive seed.
  - A. We must acknowledge that the Lord is the owner of the vineyard our hearts should be yielded.
  - **B.** We must acknowledge that we are the vinedressers—our hearts should be humble.
  - C. We must acknowledge that the fruit ultimately belongs to the Lord our hearts should be trusting.
  - D. We must acknowledge that we are allowed to work in a fruitful vineyard our hearts should be grateful.

Lord, make my heart \_\_\_\_\_\_ as I recognize Your role as the one who provides for and enables my fruitful work which glorifies You.

# Notes
