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 in the Atrium this afternoon as we celebrate the Carpenter family! Brandon will soon begin a new ministry as Lead Pastor in Alberta, Canada. Today, 1:30–3:00 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. **Tuesday**, 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 and why it is important. Begins this Tuesday at 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 next week!

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



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.

Asian Christian Academy

In 2010, we began our ongoing global partnership with Asian Christian Academy near Bangalore, India. Last Sunday, we heard from Dr. Joy George, President of ACA. Their multi-faceted approach to ministry is well-suited to meeting the diverse needs of people throughout the region.

To learn more about giving to ACA, going with us, or supporting an upcoming trip, visit gracechurch.com/aca.

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

Carpenter Family Reception

Sunday, 1:30-3:00 PM in the Atrium

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

Summer Study

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Mesquite Room

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Women

Summer Salad Luncheon

Tuesday, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM in the Tejas Room

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 2509 San Simeon

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

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

The Parable of the Persistent Widow—Luke 18:1–8

Brandon Carpenter, Senior Adults and Christian Education Pastor

- I. Christ's disciples should persistently pray when they experience injustice—Luke 18:1.
- **II.** God will certainly and swiftly answer the prayers of the believer.
 - **A.** An ungodly judge will eventually answer the persistent requests of a widow who has suffered an injustice—*Luke 18:2–5*.
 - 1. The judge represents someone whose character is opposite of God.
 - 2. The widow represents a disciple of Christ who suffers injustice in the world and persistently appeals to the only one who can help her.
 - **3.** The ungodly judge repeatedly refuses to make a decision on her case.
 - However, due to the widow's persistence, he finally makes a decision so that she will leave him alone about the matter.
 - **B.** God, who loves us and is committed to righteousness and to justice, will certainly and swiftly answer our prayers—*Luke 18:6–8a.*
 - 1. God will give justice to His children.
 - 2. Jesus wants us to continue to pray for justice until we hear an answer.
 - 3. Swiftly means that when it happens, it will happen suddenly, swiftly, and speedily.
- **III.** Persistent prayers prove the faith of Christ's disciples and show that they serve a God of righteousness and justice—*Luke 18:8b.*

Conclusion

- Be persistent in prayer when injustice occurs
- Be committed to prayer so as to prove your faith in God's goodness

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