

# 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 (ages 12 and up) as we work together to provide refreshment and encouragement to the cyclists in our community. Sign up online or get more details in the Main Hall today!



**4th–5th Grade Elevate:** August 17 at 5:30 PM  
**Men's Steak-out:** August 17 at 6:00 PM  
**Grade Promotion Sunday:** August 21  
**Family Fall Kick-off:** August 24 at 6:00 PM

## Student Life Camp — July 21–25

Please pray for the students and leaders listed below as they prepare to travel to Glorieta, New Mexico for a few days of fun, worship, and deepening relationships.

Marilee Albus	Addie Jackson	Page Montgomery	Elijah Snider
Morgan Brasher	Abby Jones	Lauren Ogerly	Emily Spicer
Hannah Carpenter	Avery Little	Matti Otto	Taylor Vaughn
Thomas Carpenter	Daniel Mahurin	Jackson Parsons	Cortney Wood
Natalie Cook	Aleigha Martin	Bethany Pyle	McKenna Woods
Jermayah Cook–Ramos	Ethan Martin	Ashli Roberts	
Paige Inman	Brayden McMahan	Dalton Roberts	
Lora Issa	Hunter Muldenhauer	Trinity Roberts	

<b>Leaders:</b>	George Castro Rachel Castro	Laura Bennett Amber Martin	Yasi Sharif Jacob Spicer
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## Grace Church

July 17, 2016



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

### Adult Jamaica Trip Returns Saturday

Our adult ministry team traveled yesterday and are now working together at the Deaf Village. You can follow along with their adventures through daily blog entries at [gracechurch.com/jamaica](http://gracechurch.com/jamaica).

### Upcoming Changes in Student Ministry

As part of our ongoing commitment to student discipleship, and in recognition of changes in the grade structure of many local schools, some areas of our ministry to children and students will be reorganized for the fall semester. These changes will take effect on Sunday, August 21 when students are officially promoted to the next grade.

Our current Junior High program under the leadership of George Castro will expand to become a Middle School ministry encompassing grades 6–8. This reflects changes in local schools and will allow students to be with more of their peers during youth activities.

As a result, our existing 5th–6th grade program under Caleb Levell will transition downward to meet the needs of 4th–5th grade students. This revised approach will be a focused area of emphasis under the broader umbrella of children's ministry, offering specialized activities and events for older children beginning to outgrow our early elementary program.

Our plans for younger children (through grade 3) and high school students (grades 9–12) remain unchanged. If you have any questions about how these changes might affect you and your children, please contact Josh Fernberg, Caleb Levell, or George Castro at the church office.

### Family Matters

Please pray for Sarah and Derik Schneider as they grieve the passing of his 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

## 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

## Better Together

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM  
in the Loft

## 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.

## Student Life Camp

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## 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

## Student Life Camp

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## 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 Shrewd Steward—*Luke 16:1–13*

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. The parable presented:** The Son of God presented the parable of the shrewd steward to focus on the necessity of being wise with the use of our resources—*Luke 16:1–8*.
- A. The situation:** A wealthy man became aware that his steward had been wasting the resources that had been entrusted to him—*Luke 16:1*.
  - B. The dismissal:** The owner summoned the steward to close out his accounts in order to end his stewardship—*Luke 16:2*.
  - C. The consternation:** The steward panicked as he thought through the limited options that would be available to him after his removal—*Luke 16:3*.
  - D. The resolution:** The steward resolved to close his accounts in a way, which would grant him future good will among his clients—*Luke 16:4*.
  - E. The strategy:** The steward met with each of his clients and lowered their indebtedness by eliminating the unlawful, hidden charges—**Luke 16:5–7**.
  - F. The commendation:** The owner applauded the steward's savvy in closing his accounts with everyone involved walking away a winner—*Luke 16:8a*.
  - G. The point:** Those with an exclusive focus on this life are often savvier with money than God's children who have the benefit of an eternal perspective—*Luke 16:8b*.
- II. The important implications:** The Lord Jesus made several key implications to His disciples from the parable of the shrewd steward—*Luke 16:9–13*.
- A. Intentionality:** We're called to be intentional by investing our resources in people with a clear eye on eternity—*Luke 16:9*.
  - B. Faithfulness:** We're called to be faithful as stewards over the smaller matter of earthly resources to gain the character necessary to be entrusted with the weightier matter of eternal riches—*Luke 16:10–12*.
    - 1. Faithfulness in small matters is the means to develop the character necessary to be faithful in weightier matters—*Luke 16:10*.
    - 2. Faithfulness with earthly resources is the proving ground to be entrusted with eternal resources—*Luke 16:11*.
    - 3. Faithfulness with the earthly resources God has entrusted to us is the proving ground to be rewarded in eternity—*Luke 16:12*.
  - C. Exclusivity:** We're called to give our allegiance to the Lord and lowlist our earthly resources, rather than doom ourselves to failure by attempting to divide our loyalty between the two—*Luke 16:13*.

## Notes

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