

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



Come for the food, stay for the clay shooting, dominoes, and more at Tom Stephens' ranch just southeast of town—\$15 covers it all. Sign up online or in the Main Hall this morning.



Join us at the end of summer for a free barbecue dinner as we catch up with friends, share some lighthearted laughs, and learn more about what's happening this fall!



We'll open the doors of the new chapel for an open house tour at 1:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, August 21. Our time will conclude with a brief dedication ceremony at 2:30 PM.



We'll hear this morning from Janet Johnson about Child Evangelism Fellowship, a ministry we support in which you can participate. To learn more, visit with Janet in the Main Hall.

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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

Family Matters

Please pray for Kevin and Tracy Selle as they grieve the passing of his mother.
Congratulations to Rishelle and Jim Duyck on the birth of their daughter Hollie Beth.

One Way to Serve — Preschool Ministry

Our children's ministry team is in need of one person with the time and energy to lead a simple Bible lesson for preschool boys and girls each Wednesday night. If you'd like to help our children build God's Word into their hearts, please contact Josh Fernberg at the church office.

Fall Information Coming Soon

The newest opportunities to study, grow, and serve begin in September. Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing information you and your family can use to decide which of these programs might be a good fit for you.
Watch for our Fall Guide to be distributed soon, and keep your eye on GraceChurch.com as it gets loaded up with all the details. Stay tuned to each ministry's Facebook page for the latest updates, and get face-to-face answers to any questions you might have at the Family Fall Kick-off!

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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

Men

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Senior High

Open G.Y.M.

Monday, 6:00–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High

Open G.Y.M.

Monday, 6:00–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, 7:00–9:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

5th & 6th Grade

Monday Funday

Monday, 6:00–8:00 PM in the Loft

Movie Day (3rd–6th Grade)

Wednesday, 1:00–3:00 PM in the Loft

5th–6th Grade Send-off

Friday, 5:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Children

Movie Day (3rd–6th Grade)

Wednesday, 1:00–3:00 PM in the Loft

This Morning

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard—*Matthew 20:1–16*

Curtis Lindsey, College and Young Adults Pastor

- I. The parable:** to illustrate the “upside-down” nature of the kingdom to His disciples, Jesus told them a parable about a landowner who hires laborers for his vineyard—*Matthew 20:1–16*.
- A.** Early in the morning, a landowner hired laborers to work in his vineyard after they both agree on a wage—*Matthew 20:1–2*.
 - B.** Throughout the workday, the landowner hires more workers for his vineyard, promising only to pay them what is right—*Matthew 20:3–7*.
 - C.** After the workday was over, the landowner paid all the workers the same amount—*Matthew 20:8–10*.
 - D.** Those hired first complained about receiving wages equal to those who had worked much less—*Matthew 20:11–12*.
 - E.** The landowner defended the appropriateness of his actions—*Matthew 20:13–15*.
 - F.** The conclusion to the parable is a reminder that in the kingdom of heaven, the last will be first—*Matthew 20:16*.
- II. The application:** we must choose each day how our hearts will respond to the goodness of God.
- A.** When we experience the goodness of God, our hearts are refreshed.
 - B.** When we begrudge the goodness of God, our hearts are clouded.
 - C.** When we trust in the goodness of God, our hearts are prepared.

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