# 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 an additional Sunday activity like Bible Fellowships or Community Groups. Contact the staff pastor over your life stage for more information.

There are many great ways to connect with others in our church family each semester as you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Pick up a *Guide to Grace Church* for more details!



### Visit GraceChurch.com

on your smartphone, computer, or tablet to register for upcoming activities, subscribe to calendars on your device, and learn more about what's available for you and your family!

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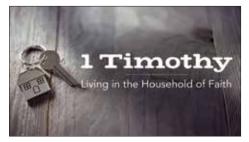


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# **Starting Soon**



This midweek study of the book of 1 Timothy will help us consider how to be faithful in what we believe and how we live. For adults, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in room 206.



This interactive video series for married (or soon-to-be married) couples helps crack the communication code between husband and wife. Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in room 207.



Meeting regularly with a Community Group is a great way to form lasting friendships with others in your church family. Contact the pastor over your life stage (below) to get involved!



4th & 5th graders can bring their own dinner and watch a movie with friends while parents' Community Groups meet. Alternating Sundays at 5:30 PM in the Loft, beginning next week.

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This morning, we conclude our summer study of Jesus' parables. In this series, which began May 29, various members of our leadership team have taught selected passages highlighting the unique nature of these "teaching stories" told by the Savior. Our fall study of Lamentations begins next week.

# **News and Family Matters**

#### One Way to Serve — Worship Tech Team

Our worship tech team is in need of people with the time, energy, and desire to facilitate congregational worship on Sunday mornings. If you're interested in audio/video technology or computers and would like to serve your church family in this way, please contact Blake Boyd at the church office.

#### **Fall Information in Print**

The newest opportunities to study, grow, and serve begin this month. You can find a complete list of what's happening, along with detailed descriptions, in our *Fall 2016 Guide to Grace Church*. Copies are available throughout the building... take as many as you need!

#### **Fall Information Online**

Complete details about our upcoming semester are also available online at *gracechurch.com*. In addition, you can register for classes and events, manage your contact information and giving, and subscribe to calendars on your smartphone or computer so you always know what's next!

### **Family Matters**

Please pray for Jean Payne as she grieves the passing of her husband Mike.

Congratulations to Jennifer and Curtis Lindsey on the birth of their son Mark Samuel.

#### Office Hours

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

# 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

#### **Biblical & Topical Studies**

#### 1 Timothy

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 206

#### **Marriage & Family Studies**

#### **Love and Respect**

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 207

## Men

#### **Samson Society**

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

#### Friday Morning Study

Friday, 6:30-7:30 AM in room 206

### **College & Career**

#### Converge

Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

### **High School**

#### The ARC

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 at Lamar Baptist Church

#### Youth

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

#### **Middle School**

#### Youth

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

#### 4th & 5th Grade

#### Ignite

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

#### Preschool-3rd Grade

#### Kids' Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Children's Area

# **Starting Next Week**

# **Biblical & Topical Studies**

#### Quest

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 204

#### **Marriage & Family Studies**

#### **Respectfully Yours**

Tuesdays, 10:00–11:30 AM or Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM in room 209

#### Women

#### **MOMs Book Study**

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 AM in room 208

#### **Entrusted: 2 Timothy**

Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM or Thursdays. 10:00–11:30 AM in room 208

## Men

#### **Finding Freedom: Galatians**

Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 AM or Tuesdays, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

#### **Senior Adults**

#### **Tuesday Afternoon Study**

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in room 111

### **High School**

#### **Upperclassmen Study**

Tuesdays, 6:00–7:30 PM at 1927 Ardath

#### Middle School

#### **Foundations Study**

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM at 2921 Moffett

# **This Morning**

The Parable of the Minas—Luke 19:11–27

Reggie Coe, Marriage & Senior Adults Pastor

- **I.** The purpose of the parable: Christ wanted to instruct His disciples concerning when He would establish His kingdom—*Luke 19:11*.
- **II.** The content of the parable: Christ tells the parable about a nobleman who is going on a trip to receive a kingdom and entrusts his assets to his servants to invest for him until he returns—Luke 19:12–27.
  - **A.** The man who goes away is a man of nobility, indicating that Christ uses this parable to describe Himself and that the kingdom would not be arriving immediately—

    Luke 19:12.
  - **B.** The nobleman gave his ten servants each a mina (about three months wages) to do business with until he returned—*Luke 19:13.*
  - **C.** The citizens of the kingdom did not want the nobleman to rule over them— *Luke 19:14.*
  - **D.** When the nobleman returned he wanted to know how his servants had done investing his resources—*Luke 19:15*.
  - **E.** The first servant's mina had grown to ten minas for which the master praised him and awarded him with ten cities to oversee—*Luke 19:16–17.*
  - **F.** The second servant's mina had grown to five minas for which the master awarded him with five cities to oversee—*Luke 19:18–19.*
  - **G.** The third servant had hidden his mina because of his skewed view of the nobleman and only had the original mina to give back to him—*Luke 19:20–21*.
  - **H.** The nobleman rebuked the servant for failing to invest the mina and took it away and gave it to the one who had ten minas because he had proven trustworthy with his master's resources—*Luke 19:22–25*.
  - **I.** The principle here focuses on rewards at Christ's return—*Luke 19:26;* see 2 Corinthians 5:9–10; 1 Corinthians 3:11–15.
    - "The saying in Luke also seems to be an eschatological reference describing what will happen at the judgment seat of Christ."—Jody Dillow, Final Destiny
  - J. The citizens differed from the servants because they did not want the master to rule over them and the punishment they received was severe—*Luke 19:27*.

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