

FAQS

How do I sign up for a study or event? Paperless registration for everything is now available online through our website or the Church Center app on your smartphone. Visit gracechurch.com and click "Sign Up" on the front page or open Church Center and tap "Sign Up" in the menu at the bottom of the screen to get started.

How do I become a member of Grace Church? We do not have a formal system of membership. If you consider this your church home and participate regularly with us, you're part of our family! If you want to be sure you're on our contact list, simply sign up to attend any class or event (or contact the church office directly).

How do I give to support Grace Church? We believe financial giving is a form of individual worship to be done freely and joyously as led by the Lord. You can place your gifts in the secure offering boxes mounted near most exits or give electronically online at any time in the Church Center app or at gracechurch.com.

What was the name of that song we sang this morning? You can find and hear the songs we sing each week by using the Spotify music app (or [Spotify.com](https://spotify.com)) and searching for "Grace Church – Sunday Playlist." You can also search for "Grace Church – Song Library" to hear the complete collection of songs we regularly use.

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ELDERS

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Visit gcwf.link/elders to learn more about our elders and their stories.

LEADERSHIP STAFF

Lance Bourgeois Senior Pastor	Reggie Coe Chaplain	Blake Boyd Worship	Nolen Smith Education
Derek Hughes Executive Pastor	Joe Cook Shepherding	Geoff Meador Communications	Caleb Levell Students
Amy Berry Women	Caleb Carmichael Connections	Josh Fernberg Children	

COMING THIS FALL



Introducing Fall 2023

A new semester of studies, groups, and activities begins over the next few weeks! See insert for details.

The beginning of a new school year also brings a new season of opportunities for everyone in our church family to grow, connect, and serve in a variety of ways.

We encourage you to look over the information available on our website, in the Church Center app, and in the enclosed brochure to learn what's available for you. After that, prayerfully consider how you might want to get involved.

Ready to get involved? Tap Sign Up in Church Center or visit any ministry's page on our website to let us know you're coming.

Still have questions? Join us for Discovering Grace on September 10 at 9:30 AM

Discovering Grace

We're excited to tell you more about our church family and explain how you can get involved in what happens here. Our team will be available during this time to answer any questions you might have as you take your next steps.



Building Project Update

Faith Promises made: \$ 1,553,849 (as of July 23)

Building Funds given: \$ 550,025.33 (as of July 23)

Our funding goal for the redesign of the children's area **has been met!**
We will meet with architects soon to proceed with the project.

The next phase, renovation of the upstairs adult classrooms, will begin when total Building Fund giving reaches \$700,000.

Thank you for your faithful participation in this process!

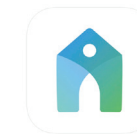


WELCOME

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we're glad you've joined us this morning! Today we're continuing our Sunday morning series on the identity, practices, and purpose of the church. We look forward to worshipping with you!

GO PAPERLESS WITH THESE APPS

Are you a smartphone user? Next time you're offered a bulletin, consider giving these two apps a try instead! Together they help us save resources and make the information you need easy to locate and share.



church center



YouVersion

Church Center is the best tool we've ever offered our church family to stay informed and connected with everything that's going on at Grace Church. You can explore the calendar, sign up for upcoming events, manage your online giving, and keep in touch with your small groups and ministry teams.


YouVersion is the most widely-used Bible app, and in its Events feature (under the *More* menu) we offer our teaching outline, Bible references, discussion questions, and important announcements every Sunday morning.


Both apps available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.

THIS WEEK


SUNDAY

Worship Service
Today, 8:00–9:15 AM in the Auditorium

Connecting Hour 
Today, 9:30–10:30 AM around campus

Worship Service 
Today, 10:45 AM–Noon in the Auditorium

ADULT STUDIES

Eschatology  ★
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 in Room 209


Love and Respect  ★
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 in Room 206

Victory Over the Darkness  ★
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 in Room 208

MEN

Men’s Grill N’ Chill
Friday, 6:00–8:00 PM in the Auditorium

★ New this week

 Childcare available

JOIN A SERVING TEAM

If you are interested in joining a serving team, scan the QR code below, look over the list of various teams and let us know what you might be interested in. We’d love for you to join us in raising up mature disciples of Jesus Christ.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

In your own words, what is the purpose or calling of the church?

How has the local church been a part of your faith journey?

What is a spiritual gift you have and how have you used it to build up others?

FAMILY MATTERS

Please pray for Bill and Katherine McGregor as they grieve the passing of his brother.

MESSAGE

The Church, Week 3: Her Calling

- I. **The “Upward” Calling:** The Church is called to invest their lives in bringing glory to God by serving Him and trusting Him.
- A. As redeemed people, we are called to invest our lives in bringing glory to God — *1 Corinthians 6:19–20, 10:31*.
- B. The Church is called to bring glory to God by coming together and worshipping Him — *John 4:23–24; Hebrews 10:24–25*.
- C. Believers are called to bring glory to God by serving Him through His empowerment — *Ephesians 3:20–21; 1 Pet. 4:11*.
- II. **The “Inward” Calling:** The Church is called to be a unified body who loves, serves, and ministers to one another as she grows to spiritual maturity.
- A. The founder and the head of the Church is Jesus Christ and believers are called to follow Him — *Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Acts 4:11–12*.
- B. Believers are called to love each other and live in unity with one another — *John 13:35, 17:20–23*.
- C. Believers are called to a spiritual maturity that recognizes and honors each member’s contribution to the Body of Christ — *Ephesians 4:11–12; Romans 12:1–11; 1 Corinthians 12*.
- D. Believers are called to be students of the Scriptures so that they have the ability to handle the Word with the skill of a craftsman — *2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Corinthians 3:1–3; 2 Timothy 3:16–17*.
- III. **The “Outward” Calling:** The Church is called to give witness to the person and power of Jesus Christ, His substitutionary death on the cross, and His bodily resurrection.
- A. As redeemed people, believers are called to be witnesses to the person and power of Jesus Christ as the Lord provides opportunities — *Acts 1:8*.
- B. Believers are called to a lifestyle that invites others to question the basis of their hope and then respond with gentleness and respect — *1 Peter 3:15*

NEXT WEEK: HER LEADERSHIP

Need a Bible? Please take a free one from the cart at the back of the room!

MY NOTES



WHO I SAW AT CHURCH: _____



MY FAVORITE SONG: _____



BIBLE VERSES WE READ: _____



SOMETHING I LEARNED: _____



QUESTIONS I HAVE: _____



A DRAWING ABOUT WHAT I HEARD: _____