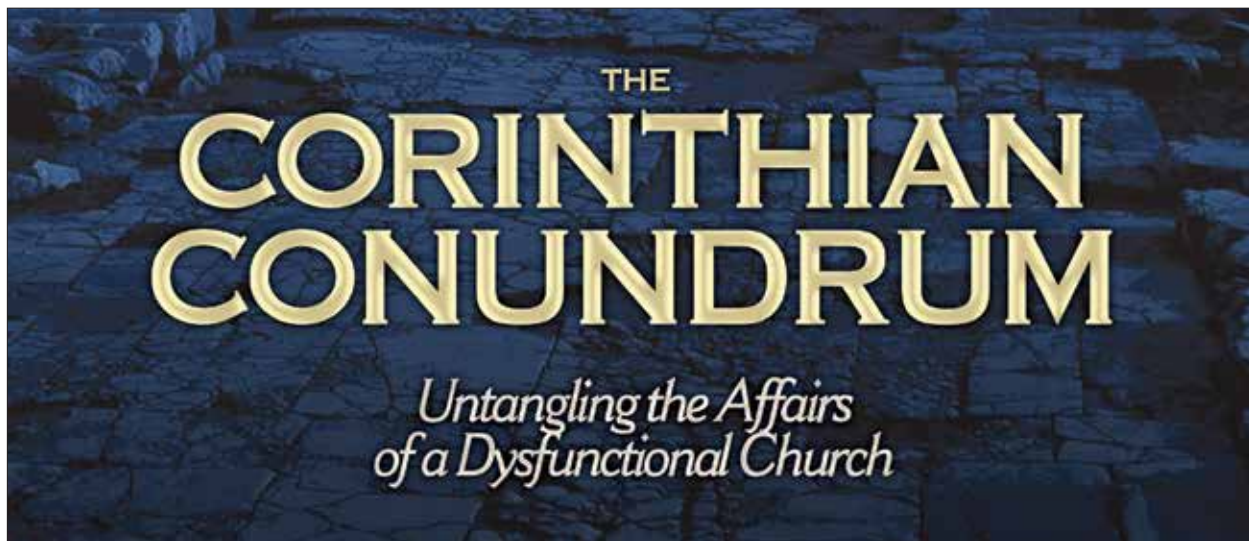




The Corinthian Conundrum

We're glad you've joined us this morning in worship. We're currently studying one of Paul's letters to the Corinthian church. While observing the issues he addresses in their community, we may identify the same tendencies in ourselves and become more mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

Spring 2015 Is Here

Many of this semester's studies and activities have just begun or are resuming soon. You can find a complete list of opportunities in the Spring 2015 Guide to Grace Church. If something interests you, but you've missed the first week, don't worry...we'd love to see you this week!



Spring Schedule Available Now

Our complete schedule for the spring semester is now available at the Welcome Center and most exits. Pick up a copy or two and consider how you'll be involved!



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2015

FEBRUARY 20-22 IN WESTLAKE, TX

This is the final week to register for the Women's Retreat! If you haven't signed up, there's still time—see us in the Main Hall this morning! ☺

ONE WAY TO SERVE

Worship Technology Team

If you have an interest in technology and a desire to help with sound, lighting, and video during our Sunday morning worship services, there are plenty of opportunities for you—serve as little or as often as your schedule allows.

If you are interested in serving our church family in this way, please contact Blake Boyd at 940-692-4251 or by e-mail at blake@gracechurch.com.

This Week

👤 : Childcare provided
📖 : Online registration available
💰 : Payment required

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

Small Groups

K-Groups 👤
Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various locations
Our small groups meet in homes around the city to develop Christ-centered relationships.

Care Ministry

GriefShare 👤
Sunday, 9:00–10:30 AM in the Library
If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, don't go through your pain alone.

Adult Studies

Parenting in the Digital Age 📖 👤
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Learn how to navigate the cultural and technological issues surrounding children in today's digital society.

Quest 👤
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 204 👤
Discover how God has uniquely gifted you to serve Him and others by developing a life map and personal mission statement. Prior registration required.

The Book of Genesis 📖 👤
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room
This ongoing study of the book of Genesis covers the biblical journey from creation to completion.

Men

The Cure
Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 7:00–8:30 PM in the Loft
Has the never-ending process of "managing your sin" left you angry or cynical? Join us as we uncover The Cure.

Samson Society
Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library
Join in at any time with this ongoing fellowship of men who are serious about authenticity, community, humility, and restoration.

Friday Men's Study
Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room
Finish strong with a great men's Bible study at the end of your week. Outside preparation is required.

Senior Adults

Tuesday Bible Study
Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in Room 111
Brandon Carpenter leads this weekly study of the book of Romans.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft
Students gather to laugh, play, and sing together before an interactive Bible study and small group conversations.

Junior High

Junior High Youth
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.
Students meet for fun activities, worship music, and small group Bible study.

Disciple Now Weekend 📖 💰
January 16–18 in multiple locations
Join us for this great weekend of worship, fun, and great relationships in homes around the city.

Senior High

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Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.
Students meet for fun activities, worship music, and a study of *Pilgrim's Progress*, the classic Christian allegory.

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Children

Kids Quest
Wednesday, 6:30–8:30 PM in the Children's Area
Our mid-week program for children age 4–4th grade helps them build a biblical worldview through various activities.

Women

 **TALKING POINTS SERIES**

Help! She's in Trouble Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209
Get practical and biblical advice from counselor Darla Montgomery on how to respond to friends and family in times of crisis.

*Join us Jan. 12 – Feb. 9 for a weekly discussion of issues facing women today—come for one or all five. **Childcare is by reservation only. See us in the Main Hall today!** 👤 📖*

THE CORINTHIAN CONUNDRUM

Lesson 2: When Personal Preferences Cause Divisions (1 Corinthians 1:10–17)

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. The directive: Paul appealed to the authority of Jesus Christ in directing the Corinthians not to allow their personal preferences to undermine their unity in the Body of Christ—*1 Corinthians 1:10*.

The process of a private, personal preference morphing into a faction:

1. We start with a personal preference, taste, or opinion (valid and good).
2. Next, we make a public statement about a personal preference taste, or opinion (still good, but calls for caution in how far we go).
3. Then, our public preference or opinion becomes a position, which divides people (wrong).
4. Our public position becomes a platform, which is delineated in black-and-white terms.
5. Our platform becomes a sect or faction, which has a life of its own.

- II. The problem: The apostle had been apprised of a four-party division within the Corinthian church—*1 Corinthians 1:11–12*.

- A. Paul informed his readers that he had become privy to a major rift in their church through the outbreak of rivalry among them—*1 Corinthians 1:11*.
- B. He identified the rift in the church as the fallout from the Corinthians taking a public stand on their personal preferences of at least four prominent leaders—*1 Corinthians 1:12*.

- III. The rebuke: Paul assaulted the presence of a sectarian spirit within the Corinthian church by appealing to the nature of the gospel and the ordinance of believers' baptism—*1 Corinthians 1:13–17*.

- A. These divisions among believers are an offense to the person and work of Jesus Christ as the Head of His body—*1 Corinthians 1:13*.
- B. The apostle was grateful that he had not contributed to the confusion among the Corinthians by baptizing any more than a handful of believers in the church—*1 Corinthians 1:14–16*.
- C. Paul had been personally commissioned by the Savior Himself to proclaim the good news about Jesus Christ in a simple and straightforward manner, rather than invest himself in baptizing believers—*1 Corinthians 1:17*.
1. Water baptism is not an inherent part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 2. Believers' baptism is an important step on the pathway of discipleship in providing us with an opportunity to publically acknowledge our faith in Jesus Christ (*Matthew 28:19–20*).

What's Next

🕒 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning

📱 : Online registration available



Every other Sunday
night at 5:30

Our small groups are resuming this evening in homes throughout the community. If you'd like to get involved, contact nolen@gracechurch.com today for details!



THE CURE

JANUARY 13

Men: has the never-ending process of "managing your sin" left you angry or cynical? Join us as we uncover The Cure. **Tuesdays at 6:00 AM or 7:00 PM** 🕒 📱



GO DEEPER | JANUARY 22

This new video study for women features teaching from Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore on a variety of topics. **Tuesdays at 10:00 AM or 6:30 PM** 🕒 📱



PRAYER TEAM

Our Prayer Team members pray one specific day each month for our nation, our missions, our church, and individual matters. Urgent needs are sent via e-mail.

If you would like to be part of this critical ministry to our church family and our community, please contact valerie@gracechurch.com for details.



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