

### Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning in worship! If you have any questions about Grace Church, please visit with a member of our Welcome Team in the Main Hall.

### Family Matters

Congratulations to Liz and David Hamilton on the birth of their son James Ronald, and to Kara Jane and Michael Mowery on the birth of their son Thomas Wyatt.

Please pray for Pam and Louis Vann as they grieve the passing of her mother, Caren and James Foster as they grieve the passing of his father, and Becca and Reggie Coe as they grieve the passing of Becca's stepfather.

### Chapel Project Update

Construction is continuing on the chapel at the east end of our existing building. Updated drawings of the completed building are now on display in the Main Hall.

As is our custom, we are only approving each phase of the project as funding becomes available. Your ongoing prayer and financial participation are important, and we trust that God will continue to provide the resources we need to complete the building over the next few months.



# 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

### Ladies' K-Group 👤

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM in the Dining Room

This small group of women meets on alternating weeks.

E-mail Jean Payne at jpayne6723@gmail.com for details.

## Adult Studies

### The Cure 📅 👤

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Mesquite Room

Has the never-ending process of “managing your sin” left you angry or cynical? Join us as we uncover The Cure.

## Senior Adults

### Progressive Dinner

Friday, 5:00–9:00 PM

Join us as for a progressive dinner, stopping at hosts' homes for each portion of the meal. Contact Elizabeth Henderson at horshoes7513@yahoo.com for details.

## College & Career

### Late Night

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Come together for live worship music and this semester's large group study, *Presenting the Messiah*.

## Men

### 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.

## Women

### Engage: Detox Revisited 👤 💰

Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

This conversational study deals with the issues that impede women's spiritual well-being.

### What's it Like to be Married to Me? 📅 👤

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Rooms 207 & 209

Discover the unseen choices we make in our marriages that impact our relationships with our husbands.

### Breathe: Making Room for the Sabbath 📅 👤

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208

This video study with Priscilla Shirer covers what it looks like to stop from all of life's busyness and just breathe.

### MOMs Book Study 📅 👤

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208

*Don't Make Me Count to Three* by Ginger Plowman helps mothers dive deeply into the hearts of their children.

## 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.

### Father Daughter Dance 💰

Sunday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the Wichita Falls Country Club

Prior registration required.

## 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.

## Senior High

### Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Hear selected seniors share about their growing relationship with the Lord.

# Community Updates

## Bible Study Fellowship

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) begins a new study of Revelation in September. BSF meets at First Presbyterian Church at 9:10 AM Wednesdays, and at Grace Church at 6:45 PM Thursdays. You may sign up for the fall study at any April meeting. Contact Carol Schmeltzer at 940-696-1244 for more information.

THE CORINTHIAN CONUNDRUM

Lesson 14: To Eat or Not to Eat (1 Corinthians 8:1–13)

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. Answering the question about meat offered to idols: Our personal opinion about meat offered to idols must be mellowed by a love for God Who will transform it into wisdom—1 Corinthians 8:1–3.
  - A. The reality of personal opinions: Everyone has a personal opinion about meat that was once offered to idols—1 Corinthians 8:1a.
  - B. The nature of personal opinions: Personal opinions are almost always incomplete and have a tendency to promote pride—1 Corinthians 8:1b–2.
  - C. The additive to personal opinions: When our love for the Lord deepens and begins to mellow our personal opinions, He transforms them into wisdom, which considers the effect on others—1 Corinthians 8:3.
- II. Answering the question about eating meat offered to idols: Our personal opinion about eating meat offered to idols must include a concern for those whose understanding of idols is fragile and undeveloped eternal purposes—1 Corinthians 8:4–13.
  - A. A Scriptural understanding of idols: The Scriptures teach that idols have no objective existence in contrast to the objective existence of the one, true God—1 Corinthians 8:4–6.
    - 1. Idols have no objective reality (Psalm 115:4–8), in contrast to the objective existence of the one, true God (Isaiah 45:5a)—1 Corinthians 8:4.
    - 2. Although idols have no objective existence, demonic powers may use their imagined existence as a base of operations (cp. 1 Corinthians 10:19–20)—1 Corinthians 8:5.
    - 3. There is only one, true God and Lord Who gave us life and deserves our devotion—1 Corinthians 8:6.
  - B. An undeveloped understanding of idols and its relationship to eating meat offered to them: Those with an undeveloped understanding of idols bruise their conscience when they eat meat offered to idols—1 Corinthians 8:7.
  - C. A Scriptural assessment of eating meat offered to idols: We are to consider and comply with several Scriptural truths about eating meat sacrificed to idols—1 Corinthians 8:8–12.
    - 1. Any problem that arises from eating meat offered to idols is not in the meat itself nor in the act of eating it—1 Corinthians 8:8.
    - 2. We must not eat meat offered to idols in the presence of a weaker Christian who might not be able to resist the temptation to participate and thus damage his fragile conscience—1 Corinthians 8:9–10.
    - 3. We must limit our freedom to eat meat offered to idols if it has the potential to damage weaker believers, thereby sinning against the Lord—1 Corinthians 8:11–12.
- III. A bottom-line conclusion: The bottom-line conclusion about our freedom in amoral matters, such as eating meat offered to an idol, is never to participate if it jeopardizes the spiritual vitality of another believer—1 Corinthians 8:13.

Four Positions on Amoral Areas	
Professional weaker believer	It is wrong for everyone!
Susceptible weaker believer	It is probably wrong for him.
Nonparticipating mature believer	It would be sin for him, or he simply chooses not to participate.
Participating mature believer	He has the freedom to participate.

# What's Next

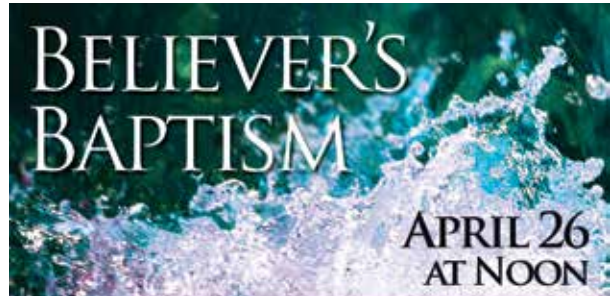
🕒 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning

📱 : Online registration available



**INTERFACING**  
with **ISLAM**

This Saturday morning seminar will reveal the questions Muslims have about us—and teach how to engage with them graciously. **April 25 at 9:00 AM** 🕒



**BELIEVER'S  
BAPTISM**

**APRIL 26  
AT NOON**

If you would like to publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized, please contact the church office by April 20 to arrange a meeting with a pastor.



**HOW  
WE GOT TO  
NOW**

Follow along with the development of the church, from its earliest foundation to the modern era. **Wednesdays in May at 6:30 PM; registration begins next week.**

## Community News

### Community Impact Team report

The Grace Church Community Impact Team oversees our support of other ministries in the Wichita Falls area. We are glad to stand alongside these organizations as they meet the needs of others.

We recently provided financial support to the Rathgeber Hospitality House, which offers low-cost housing to hospital patients and their families while they are in town for medical treatment.



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