



### **Infant Dedication**

Several families in our church have welcomed new little ones into their lives over the past few months. Today, our church family gets the opportunity to celebrate with them and commit to standing alongside them with prayer and encouragement.

#### **The children being dedicated today are:**

Emery Noelle Berend  
James Ronald Hamilton  
Arden Elise Hoover  
Thomas Wyatt Mowrey  
Caleb Winston Patterson  
Carson Hayde Williams

### **Family Matters**

#### **Please pray for these as they grieve:**

Jo Ann and Dale Chitwood, Cindy and Don Gilbert, and Danny and Janelle Breegle on the passing of their father  
  
Janie and Bruce Boyd on the passing of her father  
  
Marsha and Gary May and Debbie and Guy Bigot as they grieve the passing of their mother

**Congratulations** to Hannah and Zach Nordahl on the birth of their son Beau Allen.



To our moms, grandmothers, and other nurturing women who shaped who we are today—thank you for investing so richly in us. Happy Mother's Day!



Parents and kids have a blast learning together at our annual family VBS, coming June 8–10 at 6:00 PM!  
**Sign up in the Main Hall today to join the fun!**

# 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

## 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.

**How We Got To Now**    
Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room  
Follow along with the development of the church, from its earliest foundation to the modern era.

## 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.

## 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.

# THE CORINTHIAN CONUNDRUM

## Lesson 18: Final Instructions to the Mature about Middle Matters (1 Corinthians 10:14–11:1)

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- I. **Instructions about eating meat at pagan festivals:** We are forbidden from participating in pagan feasts, because it includes involvement with demons—*1 Corinthians 10:14–22*.
  - A. **The absolute directive:** We are forbidden from eating meat offered to idols at pagan feasts—*1 Corinthians 10:14*.
  - B. **The target audience:** The apostle is focusing his instructions on those who have matured in their understanding and ability to participate in middle matters—*1 Corinthians 10:15*.
  - C. **The underlying rationale:** Paul examines the Lord's Supper, Israelite sacrifices, and pagan feasts to support his prohibition about participating in pagan feasts—*1 Corinthians 10:16–20*.
    1. In the process of taking the Lord's Supper, Christians experience their oneness with the Lord Jesus and one another—*1 Corinthians 10:16–17*.
    2. When Israelites ate the ceremonial sacrifices, they were personally involved with the One to Whom the offering was made—*1 Corinthians 10:18*.
    3. When non-Christians sacrifice meat to idols, they become involved with the demons who attach themselves to that lifeless idol—*1 Corinthians 10:19–20*.
  - D. **The clear implication:** It is abhorrent to think that someone with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ would become involved with demons by attending a pagan feast and open himself up to the wrath of God—*1 Corinthians 10:21–22*.
- II. **Instructions about eating meat at home:** We are free to eat meat offered to idols in the privacy of our own homes when it is assumed that no one has a weak conscience toward this specific middle matter—*1 Corinthians 10:23–26*.
  - A. **The guiding principle:** Our participation in middle matters is to be regulated by the higher priority of the well-being of others and a commitment to help them mature—*1 Corinthians 10:23–24*.
  - B. **The logical application:** Meat offered to idols may be eaten in the privacy of our homes as a gracious provision of God, because the conscience of others is not under consideration—*1 Corinthians 10:25–26*.
- III. **Instructions about eating meat as a guest in another's home:** We are to refrain from eating meat offered to idols when we are guests in someone's home if the hosts verbally acknowledge that they struggle in this specific area—*1 Corinthians 10:27–30*.
  - A. **The basic guideline:** We are free to eat meat offered to idols when we're guests in someone's home, unless the hosts indicate that they have a weak conscience toward it—*1 Corinthians 10:27–29a*.
  - B. **The unnecessary change:** We do not need to change our conviction about our freedom in a middle matter, but must refrain from participating in order to protect those whose conscience is weaker in that area—*1 Corinthians 10:29b–30*.
- IV. **Concluding instructions about middle matters:** Our participation in middle matters must be governed by our commitment to God's agenda to work in the lives of those who have different views toward specific middle matters—*1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1*.
  - A. **The primary motive:** Our participation in middle matters must be regulated by our commitment to express the character of God in all we do—*1 Corinthians 10:31*.
  - B. **The secondary motive:** Our participation in middle matters must also be regulated by our resolve to refrain from intentionally offending anyone's conscience, so we do not jeopardize the Lord's work in their lives—*1 Corinthians 10:32–33*.
  - C. **The apostolic example:** Paul urged his readers to follow his example of how to replicate the way the Lord Jesus modified His behavior for the well-being of others—*1 Corinthians 11:1*.

# What's Next

🕒 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning

📱 : Online registration available



## Graduate Recognition

- full name
- school
- portrait (*digital*)
- future plans

If you would like to have your high school or college graduate recognized on Sunday, May 31, please email the above info to [susan@gracechurch.com](mailto:susan@gracechurch.com) by **May 25**.



## ON MY Worst Day

**TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 6:00**

Men, kick off your summer with this short study and learn to rediscover Jesus' voice in your daily life. Begins May 26 in The Loft. **Sign up in the Main Hall today!** ☺



## SUMMER NIGHTS @GRACE

**JULY 1**

Watch for details coming soon about this great night of summer fun, music, food, and more for our entire church family! **July 1 at 6:00 PM**



## HOW WE GOT TO NOW

Follow along with the development of the church, from its earliest foundation to the modern era, each Wednesday this month at 6:30 PM in the Tejas Room.

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5th & 6th Grade Pastor and  
College Ministry Coordinator

**Josh Fernberg**  
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