

## Information

### Questions about Our Sunday Morning Series?

If you have questions about marriage, divorce, or remarriage that are not answered by our Sunday morning series, please send an e-mail to [info@gracechurch.com](mailto:info@gracechurch.com) with the subject line "marriage series question."

### Upcoming Fall Events

#### Fall Nights@Grace

Wednesday, October 8, 6:00–8:00 PM at the Weeks Park Pavilion

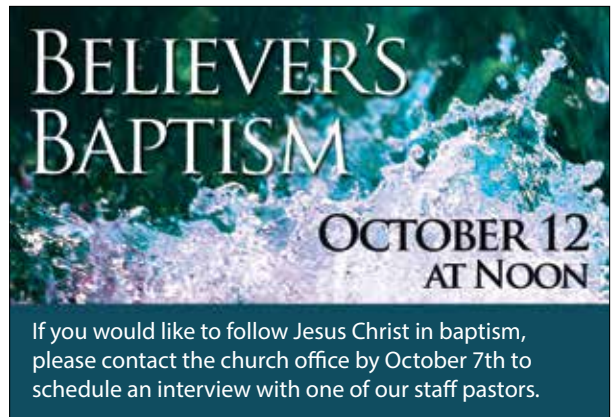
Take a break from regular Wednesday night activities and come enjoy this time with your Grace Church family! Weather permitting, we'll meet at the Weeks Park Pavilion for food, live music from Wichita Red, and plenty of fall-themed fun.

Plan to bring lawn chairs and blankets for your family, as well as a dessert to share with others! Please sign up if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare. **Register this morning in the Main Hall or online by October 6.**

#### Fall Festival at Faith Refuge

Saturday, October 11, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM at Faith Refuge

Be a part of our Community Outreach Team as we serve the women and children of Faith Refuge by providing lunch, games, and a fun afternoon. Learn more at our information table today! **Register this morning in the Main Hall or online by October 9.**

A banner with a background of blue and white water splashes. The text "BELIEVER'S BAPTISM" is in large, white, serif capital letters. Below it, "OCTOBER 12 AT NOON" is in white, serif capital letters. At the bottom, a dark blue box contains white text: "If you would like to follow Jesus Christ in baptism, please contact the church office by October 7th to schedule an interview with one of our staff pastors."A banner with a dark background. The title "ONE WAY TO SERVE" is in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, "Fall Nights@Grace Helpers" is in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below that, white text reads: "If you are available to come early or stay late on Wednesday, October 8, we could use your help with setting up for the event, cleaning up afterwards, or serving in different roles throughout the evening!" At the bottom, a green box contains white text: "If you are interested in serving our church family in this way, please contact Leah Walker at 940-692-4251 or e-mail [leah@gracechurch.com](mailto:leah@gracechurch.com)"

# This Week at Grace

: Childcare provided  
 : Online registration available  
\$ : Payment required

## Churchwide

### Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM in the Gymnatorium

### Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM

### Hymns for Him

Sunday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Everyone who loves traditional music is invited to this evening of worship through hymns and gospel favorites.

## Children

### Mother+Son Boot Camp \$

Sunday, 5:30–7:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

This evening is a chance for moms to have a great time with their little troopers (up through the 4th grade).

### Kids Quest

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Children’s Ministry Area

For children ages 4–4th grade to help them build a Bible world view through various activities.

## 5th & 6th Grade

### Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Meet with friends for worship music and a small group study of New Testament characters and events.

## Junior High

### Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities, student-led worship music, and a study of the Bible in a small group setting.

## Senior High

### Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities, student-led worship music, and a study of the book of Galatians: *Faith > Law*.

## College

### Late Night & Late Night Hangout

Thursday, 7:00–10:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Come together for live worship music and this semester’s large group study of the prophetic timeline.

## Adults

### Worship-based Prayer

Wednesday, 8:00–9:00 AM in the Dining Room

Start your day with this mid-week time of worship and prayer.

### Caring Graciously for the Aging

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

This series is designed to equip caregivers with tools to navigate through medical, legal, and financial issues.

### The Book of Genesis

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

The study based on the Torah readings from Genesis covers the biblical journey from creation to completion.

### Financial Peace University \$

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

Learn God’s way of handling money through video sessions and small group activities.

## Men

### 33: The Series

Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Loft

Recognize the obstacles and tensions that men can experience at work in this small group study.

### Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Ongoing fellowship for men who desire authenticity.

### Men’s Bible Study

Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Tom Rodgers leads this study “to discover the character of God” from the 12 minor prophets of Hebrew Scripture.

## Women

### Engage

Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

Connect with others, God, and the world through *Mercy Came Running*, a study of God’s mercy that pursues us.

### Beth Moore Video Study

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

*Children of the Day* is a study of God’s impeccable timing based on Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians.

### Respectfully Yours

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

We know that love best motivates a woman, but what motivates a man? Find out in this 9-week video study.

### MOMs Book Study

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in the Tejas Room

*Grace-Based Parenting* by Dr. Tim Kimmel offers a refreshing look at parenting (where rules and checklists don’t work).

## Senior Adults

### Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in the Dining Room

Brandon Carpenter leads this weekly study of Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians.

## **Lesson 4: Remarriage, Leadership, and the Importance of Wedding Vows**

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor and Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

**The Bible permits divorce in several situations, but it should be the last resort after all righteous attempts have been made to preserve the covenant of companionship.**

- I. An overview of marriage: God established marriage as a covenant of companionship between a male and a female, which creates a one-flesh relationship—*Genesis 2:24*.
- II. An overview of divorce: Divorce is the severing of the “one-flesh” relationship when one or both parties have severed the covenant of companionship.
- III. Biblically-justified divorces: The Bible permits divorce in several situations.
  - when a divorce occurs before becoming a Christian—*2 Corinthians 5:17*.
  - when an unbelieving spouse deserts the marriage—*1 Corinthians 7:12–16*.
  - when a hard heart has generated a pattern of sexual immorality—*Matthew 19:3–9*.
  - when a willful neglect of adequate food, clothing, and marital love has taken root—*Exodus 21:10–11*.
- IV. Remarriage: The Bible considers remarriage a legitimate biblical option in several life circumstances.
  - A. The Scriptures teach that nothing is morally wrong per se with the concept of remarriage—*Romans 7:3; 1 Timothy 5:14; 1 Corinthians 7:8–9, 39*.
  - B. In Matthew 19:9, Christ speaks of remarriage as a legitimate option in light of a legitimate divorce.
  - C. 1 Corinthians 7:15 and 7:27–28a offer a legitimate basis for remarriage after a biblically justified divorce.
  - D. When the possibility of reconciliation has been removed due to a former spouse dying or marrying another, the Bible permits remarriage—*1 Corinthians 7:10–11, 39*.
- V. Church leadership and divorce: A correct understanding of the phrase “husband of one wife” does not automatically preclude a divorced man from church leadership—*1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6*.
  - A. This phrase “the husband of one wife” is a positive statement of a man’s loyalty and love for his wife and does not specifically address the issue of divorce or remarriage.
  - B. On the other hand, a man may have never been divorced, but that does not necessarily mean that he is committed, loving, and loyal to his wife.
- VI. The importance of biblically-based wedding vows: A marital covenant is created by God when a couple exchange wedding vows, thereby stressing the necessity that the vows be based on Scripture—*Matthew 19:9; Exodus 21:10–11*.

**Main books used in our study, both of which are by Dr. David Instone-Brewer:** *Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible: The Social and Literary Context* and *Divorce and Remarriage in the Church: Biblical Solutions for Pastoral Realities*

# What's Next

🕒 : Information table in the Main Hall this morning

📱 : Online registration available



Come to Weeks Park for this evening of food, live music, and fall-themed activities for the entire family.

**Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00 PM** 🕒 📱



Join us as we serve and bring joy to the children and women of Faith Refuge through our Fall Festival community outreach. **Saturday, October 11** 🕒 📱



Men, come start your morning with a free breakfast as knife maker David Broadwell shares about his journey and faith. **Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 AM** 🕒 📱



Learn more about the building blocks of our church and the process of discipleship in this three-part class. Come for one or all three! **October 12-26 at 9:00 AM** 🕒 📱



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