

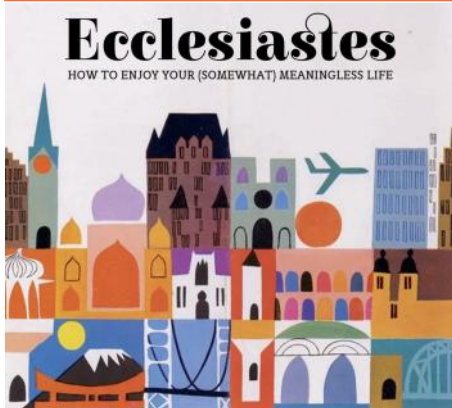


I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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*We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.*



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:00 & 10:30am

*"How to Attend Your Own
Funeral While You're
Still Alive"*

Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
Pastor Benji

<https://youtube.com/live/eOe744DXZvs>

**Church Office will be closed
Wednesday - Friday,
Nov 26 - 28th for vacations
and Thanksgiving holiday.**



Go to Jesus

* The church staff is currently going through the "Gentle and Lowly" study in our staff meetings, and we will include quotes from the book here each week.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29

Here's how Dane Ortlund ends his book:

WHAT NOW?

This is a book about the heart of Christ and of God. But what are we to do with this?

The main answer is: nothing. To ask, "Now how do I apply this to my life?" would be a trivialization of the point of this study. If an Eskimo wins a vacation to a sunny place, he doesn't arrive in his hotel room, step out onto the balcony, and wonder how to apply that to his life. He just enjoys it. He just basks.

But there is one thing for us to do. Jesus says it in Matthew 11:28. "Come to me."

Go to him. All that means is, open yourself up to him. Let him love you. The Christian life boils down to two steps:

1. *Go to Jesus.*
2. *See #1.*

Whatever is crumbling all around you in your life, wherever you feel stuck, this remains, un-deflectable: his heart for you, the real you, is gentle and lowly. So go to him. That place in your life where you feel most defeated, he is there; he lives there, right there, and his heart for you, not on the other side of it but in that darkness, is gentle and lowly. Your anguish is his home. Go to him.

"If you knew his heart, you would." (Thomas Goodwin)

(p. 215-216)

Announcements

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, Nov. 22nd @ 8am.

Men of Grace are invited for breakfast and a time of fellowship. Our guest speaker is Christopher Williams, the Chief of Police, Santa Maria. Cost is \$4

CARE NET PREGNANCY & RESOURCE CENTER'S
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~ THANKSGIVING MORNING ~
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5K 8AM | 1K 8:30AM
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5K RUN/WALK - 8:00 AM
1K RUN/WALK - 8:30 AM
Register online by November 21st at carenetsm.com/events or the QR code.
Also, you can raise additional funds for Care Net with your own fundraising page!
PER PERSON **\$35** KIDS 10-U **Free** Register **HERE**



MERRY & BRIGHT
Please join us to kick off Advent & the Christmas season!
Coffee & Donuts
Kids crafts & games
One family service
30 | Sunday November 9:45am
Grace Santa Maria
605 E. McCoy Lane



MEET THE NEW DEACON CANDIDATES:

Gary and Arlene Holcomb have been nominated to serve on the deacon board beginning in 2026. Come meet them in the GYM on November 30th @ 9:45am during our Coffee + Donut time.

WOMEN OF GRACE
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER **5** AT 6PM
LOCATED IN GRACE HALL
AGES 16+
SIGN UPS IN THE FOYER
COST: \$5

CONTENT FOR SANTA MARIA
WE BELIEVE GOD IS STIRRING HEARTS
ACROSS THE CENTRAL COAST
AND IT ALL STARTS WITH PRAYER
Grace Baptist Church 7- 8PM, December



Preliminary Budget Meeting **Sunday November 23rd at 6 P.M.**

Join us in the Chapel as we discuss the proposed 2026 budget. This is the only time to ask questions about or suggest changes to the budget. Copies of the 2026 preliminary budget will be available at the Welcome Center on Sunday November 16. We will vote on the 2026 budget at the annual business meeting on December 7.

This is an important time for discussion, prayer, and reflection as we consider the 2026 budget and the year of ministry ahead. The Elders strongly encourage all families to attend. Congregants are also invited to submit questions to the board regarding the budget, church vision, or other church matters. Please submit them to the following email by Monday, November 17:

elders@gracesantamaria.org