



# 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.”**



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“GOD WHO RICHLY  
PROVIDES US WITH  
EVERYTHING TO ENJOY.”  
1 TIMOTHY 6:17



**SUNDAY  
MORNING SERVICE**  
9:00am & 10:30am

“For God So Loved the World that He Gave (and Gives and Gives and Gives and Gives)”  
John 3:16

Pastor Benji

<https://youtube.com/live/a2sTV0Eps4Q>

**Making Disciple -  
Making Disciples**

## **When Your Favorite Rap Collab Album from the 90’s Butchers the Hypostatic Union**

I was recently listening to some old Christian Rap and caught the line, “Half God, Half Man” referencing Jesus. They were young, they are rappers not Theologians, but they absolutely butchered the Hypostatic Union. Hopefully, someone close to them corrected them; unfortunately, it was preserved on a little known album.

In stark contrast to this is what Paul says in Colossians (our Book of the Bible for April):

### **Colossians 1**

***<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.***

### **Colossians 2**

***<sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.***

He’s not HALF God and HALF man but FULLY God, FULLY man (perfectly united in the person of Christ), wonderfully declared in scripture and described in the Nicene Creed for those who want an extensive description of what Christians have believed since the early 1<sup>st</sup> Century.

Men of Grace, if you’d like to study this more, join Pastor Benji on the first Tuesday of each Month while they go through Kevin DeYoung’s book on the Nicene Creed.

- Pastor James

# BAND OF BROTHERS

MEN'S MINISTRY

## Campout - Correale Ranch May 1-2, 2026

Rustic, pack in, pack out, hang out, guy trip. Open to all men and their boys.

The ranch is located in Lockwood, CA at 68343 Jolon Road. We can meet and arrange carpooling if needed.

Complete camper form and waiver and put in any offering box at Grace.  
Deadline April 26th.

For great is the Lord,  
and greatly to be  
praised; He is to be  
feared above all gods.

PSALM 96:4

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## Back Lot BBQ

Friday, May 15th @ 6pm

Calling all men (and sons)!  
Great time for fellowship and food.

We will have the BBQ pit fired up and ready to "cook your own" BBQ. Bring all your own meat and fixens, gather around the fire pit, and enjoy a men's night out.



Sign up at the table near the Grace Café

# Announcements

**GO TEAM** - Our long-time supported missionaries **Steve & Barbara Wilkinson** are retiring at the end of April. Steve will continue to do some part-time seminary teaching and some work with the Asia Impact Team after retirement. We've had a hand in preparing ministers for the gospel and reaching many unreached villages in Asia through their ministry over the years. Pray for God's blessing on their lives during this season of change.

**"Thank you" cards will be available for you to sign at both the Welcome Center & our Global Outreach table in the foyer.**

## SUNDAYS AT GRACE

Come join a Sunday School class and experience Gospel community!

9:00am - Gary Barron, Rm 503 (*The Commons*, near Grace Café)

10:30am - Kurt Mason, Rm 108

10:30am - Kevin Baldizon, Grace Hall

10:30am - Sermon Discussion, Rm 706 Ed Bldg.

Adult Youth Group  
April 30 at 6 pm  
Worship, games & testimony

Open to all adults 18+  
Dinner \$5 per person

CHURCH-WIDE  
PARKING LOT SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 27  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE & SAVE YOUR STUFF!

TO BENEFIT M & M  
(MORTGAGE REDUCTION + MISSIONS)

## Men's CAMPOUT

Sign ups and more info at the table across from the Grace Café