



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.*

HUMAN.
why Jesus looks
just like you



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

**"The Most Perverted and
Grotesque Thing That Can
Ever Happen To You"**
Genesis 2:7

<https://youtube.com/live/xBenMJY9y4>

Pastor Benji

Communion Sunday



An ABC Book about Godly Wives (not a guilt trip for stay-at-home moms)

We're in between the Grace Women's Retreat and Mother's Day and Proverbs 31 just landed in my reading plan for the day. Here are some guilt-free reflections.

There are a number of acrostic poems in the Old Testament (turns out there are 14, read this article if you want more about them <https://tyndalehouse.com/explore/articles/hebrew-acrostics/>). Besides displaying ancient linguistic artistry, I think they serve as ABC books for some significant thoughts in Old Testament (and all) life. Psalm 119 teaches us to love God's word through octets that teach us the Hebrew alphabet. Lamentations is actually 5 alphabet acrostics that teach lament and hope in God rather than despair.

I think Proverbs 31, far from being the often guilt producing passage for women of faith, was the children's book for celebrating an amalgamation of the many godly women in their lives, a community not a superheroine. Something like: *A (Aleph)* *Abuela* (grandma in Spanish) that cares for all her clan. *B (Beth)* A godly woman's *beauty blossoms* each day as the Fruit of the Spirit increases in her. *C (Gimel)* Sharing *grace* with those she encounters as she goes about her business.

Think of that as you buy your mom a card this week and as you read Proverbs 31

Aleph An excellent wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

Beth The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

Gimel She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

Daleth She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

He She is like the ships of the merchant;
she brings her food from afar.

Waw/Vav She rises while it is yet night
and provides food for her household
and portions for her maidens.

Zayin She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

Heth She dresses herself with strength
and makes her arms strong.

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SUNDAYS AT GRACE

9:00

Gary Barron - Room 503

10:30

Kurt Mason- Room 108
Kevin Baldizon- Grace Hall

Sermon Discussion
Carl Hathaway- Room 706

Come join a Sunday School class and
experience Gospel community!

ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS

Current 6th graders moving up
to Jr. High in the fall of 2025 will
join the Youth Ministries, as
soon as AWANA finishes,
on Sunday **May 11th** and
Tuesday **May 13th**.

*All other grades will move up
in August.*



NEXT MEETING:

May 20

6:30 - 8:30 PM

**Heritage
Church**

4799 S BRADLEY RD
SANTA MARIA



Teth She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
Yodh She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
Kaph She opens her hand to the poor
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Lamedh She is not afraid of snow for her household,
for all her household are clothed in scarlet.
Mem She makes bed coverings for herself;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Nun Her husband is known in the gates
when he sits among the elders of the land.
Samekh She makes linen garments and sells them;
she delivers sashes to the merchant.
Ayin Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
Pe She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
Tsadhe She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Qoph Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
Resh "Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all."
Sin & Shin Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Taw Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

- Pastor James



Class of 2025 Night & Baccalaureate

Tuesday, April 29th

Includes a special Senior Small Group and Lesson

Tuesday, May 6th, 7pm

We invite families of our HS Grads and our Grace Family to join us in
the Chapel at 7pm for our 2025 Baccalaureate to celebrate these
amazing students

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