

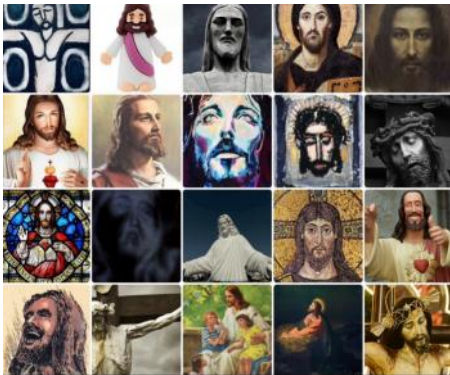


## I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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a passion in every  
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in everything.”**



**THE REAL JESUS  
for THE REAL YOU.**  
AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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

**“‘Cause This Is  
Thriller, Thriller Night!”  
Luke 8:26-39**

<https://youtube.com/live/HkfOn4VGKtk>

Pastor Benji

### Angels Aren't Uptight

*When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.*  
Psalm 126:1-3

I love what G.K. Chesterton said about angels. Maybe we could learn to not be so uptight?

“Angels can fly because they can take themselves lightly. This has been always the instinct of Christendom, and especially the instinct of Christian art. Remember how Fra Angelico represented all his angels, not only as birds, but almost as butterflies. Remember how the most earnest mediaeval art was full of light and fluttering draperies, of quick and capering feet. It was the one thing that the modern Pre-raphaelites could not imitate in the real Pre-raphaelites. Burne-Jones could never recover the deep levity of the Middle Ages. In the old Christian pictures, the sky over every figure is like a blue or gold parachute. Every figure seems ready to fly up and float about in the heavens. The tattered cloak of the beggar will bear him up like the rayed plumes of the angels. But the kings in their heavy gold and the proud in their robes of purple will all of their nature sink downwards, for pride cannot rise to levity or levitation.

Pride is the downward drag of all things into an easy solemnity. One ‘settles down’ into a sort of selfish seriousness; but one has to rise to a gay self-forgetfulness. A man ‘falls’ into a brown study; he reaches up at a blue sky. Seriousness is not a virtue. It would be a heresy, but a much more sensible heresy, to say that seriousness is a vice. It is really a natural trend or lapse into taking one’s self gravely, because it is the easiest thing to do.

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## Artists Collective

Thur. July 30 @ 7pm  
in the Chapel

BRING A NEW ARTPIECE YOU CREATED  
BASED ON THE THEME "SEASONS".

SIGN UP IN THE FOYER

# Promotion Sunday

**August 2**

Kids move into the next class based on the grade they're entering this school year

The CHOSEN - Season 2  
**Begins July 26**  
@ 6pm / Ed Building  
Prayer @ 5:30pm

It is much easier to write a good Times leading article than a good joke in Punch. For solemnity flows out of men naturally; but laughter is a leap. It is easy to be heavy: hard to be light. Satan fell by the force of gravity."

(from the chapter "The Eternal Revolution" in his 1908 philosophical classic, *Orthodoxy*)

We're forgiven, so let's take ourselves lightly!  
- Pastor Benji

## Announcements

**MID-YEAR BUSINESS MEETING:** Our mid-year business meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 6 P.M in The Chapel. If you have any questions for the elders, please submit them by July 19th to:  
[elders@gracesantamaria.org](mailto:elders@gracesantamaria.org)

**INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?** If so contact Pastor Benji:  
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*Enjoying God's Word Together*

READ OR LISTEN TO THE WHOLE BOOK EVERY DAY, OR A CHAPTER EACH DAY, OR WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU!

AUGUST 2 TIMOTHY



## Worst Of Sinners

That the grace, mercy and patience of Christ Jesus would be clearly seen!  
1 Tim. 1:15-17

Our church band, **Worst of Sinners**, will celebrate **25 years of God's goodness in August!**

You're invited to a worship concert Friday night, **August 7 at 7:00pm** to join in the celebration.

What is the most important and significant aspect of this event? Honoring God for His work through this ministry by *remembering* and *rehearsing* the good things He has done. We would like to hear from YOU! If you recall a specific moment in worship, or a specific song that the Holy Spirit used in your life, please send your remembrance to be shared by the band and the church. We want to honor Jesus!

Please send your remembrances to Chet Harter: [honorandthanks@gmail.com](mailto:honorandthanks@gmail.com)