



## 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 9:00am & 10:30am

"A Table for 5, 6 actually"

Jude 22, Galatians 6:1, Luke  
15:18, 28, John 15:10

Pastor James

<https://youtube.com/live/auU1XudAfm8>



### Little vs All Value

As school...and sports...and for me, Coaching, starts back up, I encountered an interesting podcast and book about the current reality of Youth Sports and Christian parenting. It reminded me of 1 Timothy 4:8,

*"for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."*

To be honest, I think the ESV misses the mark on the first part of that translation by using, "some value" and it's not alone.

A few translations make a stronger statement

LSB/NASB95 – *"for bodily training/discipline is only of little profit..."*

NASB – *"for bodily is just slightly beneficial..."*

KJV is harshest – *"for bodily exercise profiteth little..."*

No matter how it's translated it makes the same point, whatever profit is (or isn't) present in physical training (sports!!!), our focus ought to be on the lasting and eternal spiritual training of godliness. The value of godliness is "all" value due to its enduring and purposeful nature.

So don't use this verse to justify your workout! You can however, apply it to your and your kid's involvement in sports and exercise. How is it building godliness and biblical characteristics into your life (or failing to do so) and not just piling wins or gains? That was the point of the podcast/book (*Away Game* by Brian Smith and Ed Uszynski if you'd like to check it out).

As our school calendar, sports calendar, work calendar, travel calendar and whatever calendar we are using starts to fill up, how is it cultivating and revealing the fruit of the spirit in us that "...whatever (we) do, (we) do it to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

- Pastor James

**Gospel Culture Connections**

Shop ministries  
Get involved  
Be connected

Coffee in the Gym

Starting August 17 in the Gym



### What to know about Promotion Sunday on August 3

- Your child will move into the next class according to the grade they are entering this school year
- Here are the classes for 2025-2026  
9:00am & 10:30am Services

Nursery—Bonnie Chisum & teacher rotation

2/3/4s preschool combo class

Kinders/1<sup>st</sup> gr. combo class

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> gr. combo class

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> gr. combo class

\*Kidz Ministry can always use help.

Contact Paula or Farah if you are interested.

**MY SOUL**  
BOASTS IN THE LORD  
Psalm 34:2

## Announcements

**KIDZ MINISTRY** needs a teacher one Sunday a month for the preschool class at 10:30am. Please contact **Paula Harter** at paulahrtr7@gmail.com with any questions.



### Back Lot BBQ...

Calling all men (and sons)! Great time for fellowship and food. **Friday, August 8th @ 6pm** We will have the BBQ pit fired up and ready to "cook your own" BBQ. Bring all your own meat and fixins, gather around the fire pit, and enjoy a men's night out.

Ralph Dunlap Elementary School  
**PRAYER WALK**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3  
4:30-5:00 PM

Walk the campus and pray for God to work in the hearts of the staff, children, and families. All ages are welcome to join!

Meet in the Ralph Dunlap Elementary School parking lot:  
1220 Oak Knoll Road

Email Michael Shaw with questions igmasterw@yahoo.com

**Hygiene Drive**

benefitting the rescue mission ladies

Arranged by Grace Women's Board

Needed items:

- Socks
- Toilet paper
- Loofas
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Feminine Hygiene

Look for drop-off Baskets or CCRM bin in foyer

Kickback 2025  
Aug 29 to Sep 1  
\$250

Games  
Good Times  
Growth

Grace Youth  
james@gracesantamaria.org

### KICKBACK 2025

Junior High and High School (7th-12th Grades)  
End of Summer Camp  
@ Lopez Canyon  
Conference Grounds

Youth Baptism on Monday

Cost: \$250  
(sign up with a \$100 deposit)

Deposits are Non-Refundable