

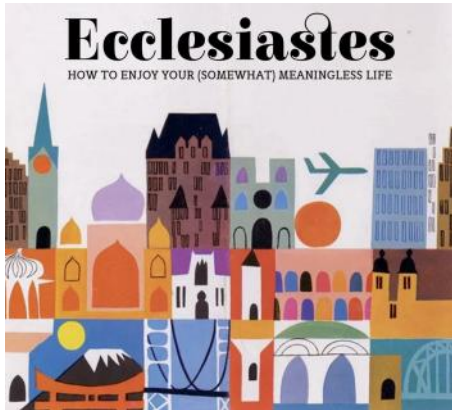


I AM THE VINE,  
YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

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

"Everything Sad + Bad + Not-  
So-Rad Will Come Untrue"

Ecclesiastes 3:9-22

<https://youtube.com/live/M7YJo7hexJw>

Pastor Benji

### Dirty Barns Lead to Abundant Crops

We've all been to a barn wedding (not knocking them, they're wonderful). Clean, crisp and animal free...and no crops or harvest, either. Have you ever been to a working farm's barn? Yes, they work to muck the stalls and tidy up, but you wouldn't call it clean...not wedding clean.

**Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean,  
but abundant crops come by the strength of the ox.**  
Proverbs 14:4 ESV

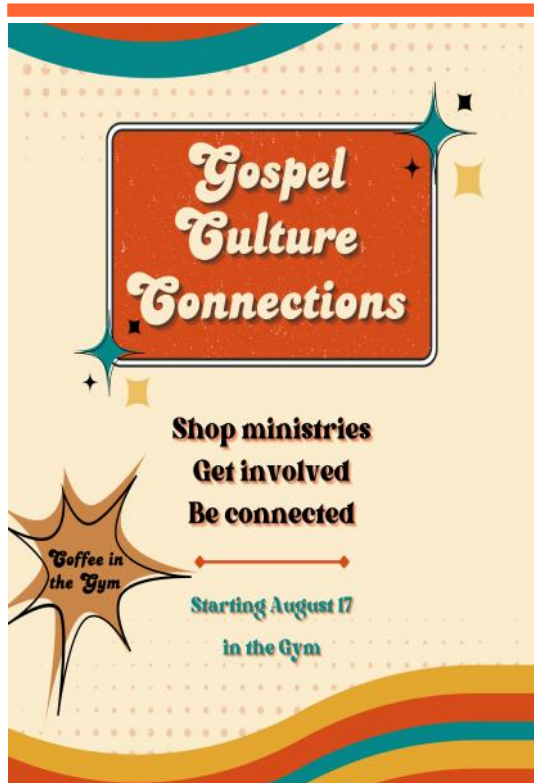
The same is true with homes and churches, in fact, that's the point.

Parents of kids and teens (and twenty-somethings): The box in the hall is a sign of life. The dishes in the sink testify to an active family. We certainly need to teach the kids to clean up, but these reminders should be joys more than nuisance.

Grace: The handprints from our teens jumping in the Ed Building hallway are a sign of life. The light left on in a room, the leftover bulletin on the pew and the car parked on the line in the parking lot all testify that another person is worshiping alongside you. Learn to celebrate these moments as evidence that God is working and then look for other tell-tale signs that your joy might increase at the evidences of grace all around us!

- Pastor James





## AWANA RECRUITING SUNDAY

**AWANA** is starting in 20 days, we still need volunteers to sign up to share the gospel with children and train them to serve Him.

For any questions call  
**Randy Giorgi**  
**805-347-1979**



# Announcements

## KICKBACK POSTPONED

But keep your gear packed (figuratively)  
*Due to the Gifford Fire we are postponing camp.* We are planning on moving it to October 31st thru November 2nd or 3rd and are hoping to still have it at Lopez Canyon Conference Center. We are also looking at alternate sites and weekends if needed.

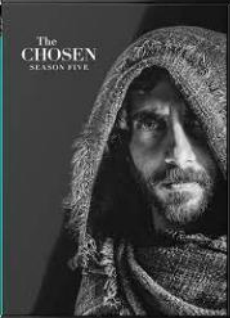
Grace Youth / [james@gracesantamaria.org](mailto:james@gracesantamaria.org)

## WORSHIP WITH YOUR OFFERINGS

If you would like to worship with your offerings, please place in the collection boxes, mail them, drop them off at the church office, Use Elexio Giving at [www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/gracesantamaria](http://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/gracesantamaria) or use the church app. "Churches by MinistryOne" (search for Grace Baptist, Santa Maria) Thank you.

## GRACE SANTA MARIA FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we have a FB page? Look us up at Grace, Santa Maria and join the group. It's a great way to stay connected.



**The CHOSEN**  
Season 5

Beginning Sunday  
**August 31st**  
**@ 6pm**  
**in the Ed Building**

*Prayer @ 5:30pm*

*DVD series*

## NEED PRAYER?

Our Elders & Deacons will  
 be available to pray with  
 you after 1st and 2nd  
 service in front of the stage  
 in the sanctuary.

## Family / Townhall Meeting

### Sunday, August 24th @ 6pm/ Chapel

The Elder Board is hosting a family meeting to offer some perspective and vision for our church. We know there are some who have questions about business items and decisions, so we want to host this meeting to clarify.

You can submit questions to the elder board via email or the offering boxes over the next two weeks. We hope to get questions early so the board can discuss, pray, and give clear responses to the entire church. Of course, questions can be asked the night of the meeting too, but we want the meeting to be as productive and focused as possible.

**Email Questions to:**  
**[gracebaptist@gracesantamaria.org](mailto:gracebaptist@gracesantamaria.org)**

*(Questions should to be submitted by  
 Thu. 8/21/2025 to give us time to get them to the Elders and Staff)*

