

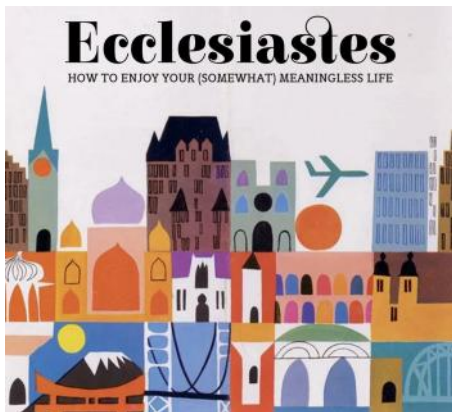


## I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

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

"Say 'Thank You' and  
Just Shut Up"

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

<https://youtube.com/live/-KGsJNXmVJc>

### No Hoops

\* The church staff is currently going through the "Gentle and Lowly" study in our staff meetings, and we will include quotes from the book here each week.

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*  
Matthew 11:28-30

The point in saying that Jesus is lowly is that he is accessible. For all his resplendent glory and dazzling holiness, his supreme uniqueness and otherness, no one in human history has ever been more approachable than Jesus Christ. No prerequisites. No hoops to jump through. B.B. Warfield, commenting on Matthew 11:29, wrote:

*"No impression was left by his life-manifestation more deeply imprinted upon the consciousness of his followers than that of the noble humility of his bearing."*

The minimum bar to be enfolded into the embrace of Jesus is simply: open yourself up to him. It is all he needs. Indeed, it is the only thing he works with. Verse 28 of our passage in Matthew 11 tells us explicitly who qualifies for fellowship with Jesus: "all who labor and are heavy laden." You don't need to unburden or collect yourself and then come to Jesus. Your very burden is what qualifies you to come.

- Dane Ortlund

PRAYER  
CHANGES  
THINGS

[Prayer@gracesantamaria.org](mailto:Prayer@gracesantamaria.org)



# SUNDAYS 2025 FALL @ GRACE

JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

EXPERIENCE  
GOSPEL COMMUNITY!

9:00  
AM

## "STUDY ON PRAYER"

w/Gary Barron in Grace Commons

## "GOSPEL CULTURE GROUP"

Studying "Gentle & Lowly" by Dane Ortlund

w/Kurt Mason in Grace Commons

10:30  
AM

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## "SERMON DISCUSSION"

w/Carl Hathaway & Ken George in Room 706

## "GOSPEL CULTURE GROUP"

Studying "Gentle & Lowly" by Dane Ortlund

w/Kevin Baldizon in Grace Hall

10:30  
AM

NEW STUDY  
BEGINS 9/14

# WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

## Ruth: Redemption for the Broken

Fall Study at Kurt and Cary Mason's home

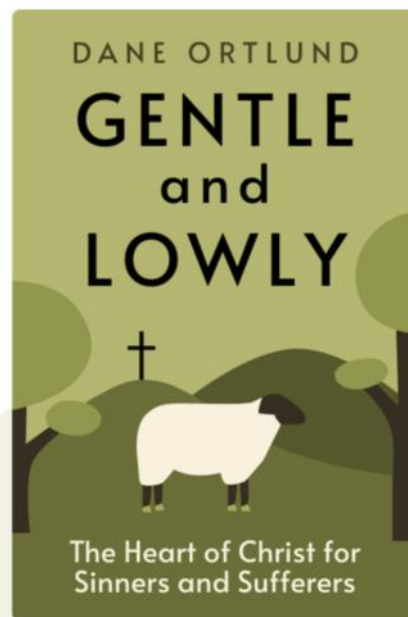
SEPT 18 - NOV 20  
THURSDAYS 6:30PM - 8:30PM  
NO HOMEWORK

## CHURCH BBQ



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26th**

# Announcements



**wednesdays @ 6:45 pm**

LED BY PASTOR BENJI IN GRACE COMMONS

## AWANA



Awana has started!!! We still need volunteers to sign up to share the gospel with children and train them to serve Him. Invite kids!

For any questions call Randy Giorgi  
805-347-1979



## SAVE THE DATE

Puzzles & Praise **October 18th** / 1pm- 4pm/Grace Hall  
Contact *David Schroeder* at 805-717-0213 with any questions



## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Associate Pastor Search Committee met on September 14 and we reviewed resumes and are currently focusing on 3 of those candidates. We will begin listening to their sermons and preparing a questionnaire that we will send out. Please keep praying that the Holy Spirit leads us to "God's man, in God's time."

**ANGLES FOSTER CARE TABLE in the lobby on Sunday, Sep. 21**  
Foster families are needed! Stop by and talk with them for more information

Making Disciple- Making Disciples