

# GRACE

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## Bible Church

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Welcome to the  
Lord's Day worship  
service at Grace Bible  
Church.

We are truly blessed  
to be here this  
morning as we open  
God's Word together,  
sing His praises, and  
enjoy a time of  
fellowship in His  
presence.

Be sure to take  
advantage of the many  
fellowship and  
ministry opportunities  
available to our  
church family today  
and throughout the  
week.



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## ORDER OF THE MORNING SERVICE

PRELUDE	“Prelude in C Major”—Bach
WELCOME	Announcements, Opening Teaching, and Prayer
CALL TO WORSHIP	“Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing. Know that the LORD Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations” (Ps 100:2–5).
HYMN*	No. 48, “Holy, Holy, Holy”
BIBLE READING	Acts 12:1–19, Brian Hubbard
HYMN*	No. 410, “The Lord’s Prayer” No. 354, “The Church’s One Foundation” (vv. 1–3)
SERMON	<b>The Temple of Fruitless Faith   Mark 11:12–19</b> MARK: The Suffering Servant, Shaun Marksbury
COMMUNION	<i>All baptized believers are invited to partake.</i>
BENEDICTION	“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (Hb 3:20–21).
POSTLUDE	“Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso”—Mendelssohn

*\* Congregational singing. All those who are able, please stand.  
To maintain a worshipful atmosphere, please refrain from clapping.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*If you have an announcement, email Pastor Shaun at least a week prior to the event.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Communion Service Today**

Every baptized believer following Christ in repentance and faith are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper. We have these services every four weeks, so the next one will be October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wednesday Nights, Old Testament Survey**

We're beginning our overview of Exodus this week.

### **Elders' Meeting, Friday, Oct. 5**

The elders meet on the first Fridays of the month at 5pm at Dunkin' Donuts Ogeechee Road. All our church family is welcome to attend.

### **Men's Fellowship, Oct. 27**

Our Saturday men's fellowships at the Saunder's home. We will be going through Psalm 17. \*This will be the last men's fellowship of the year.

### **Quarterly Covered-Dish Fellowship, December 2**

Join us quarterly after the service (even if you didn't bring anything) for food and fellowship. This will be a big meal in celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas! Signups are in the kitchen. Our next fellowship will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastor's Blog**

Every week, we have devotionals on the passage of Scripture we will be studying on Sunday.

There will be other content posted occasionally, as well. Sign up for email alerts to know when new content is posted:

<http://pastormarksbury.blogspot.com/>

### **Offering**

If you're interested in giving, there are a couple of options. You can give in the brown offering box or to our PO Box, 60582 Savannah, GA 31420.

### **Women's Ministry**

Every **Monday**, you are invited to an online study in the Book of Hebrews. Ladies

### **WEEKLY OFFERING**

Offering Last Week

\$

Weekly Budget

\$240

are also invited to meet every six weeks to fellowship. Check with Heather for information!

Do you have questions concerning the sermon, or are you interested in obtaining information about baptism and church membership? Feel free to see Pastor Brian or Shaun after the service, drop a note in the giving box indicating your desire to talk with an elder, or call the church number anytime this week. Be sure to also visit our website to get more information, listen to past sermons, or to obtain a membership application!

*If you don't receive it already, have us add your email so you can get this bulletin emailed to you. These are clickable links in the PDF, and you'll know what to expect for our service ahead of time.*

### CHURCH INFO

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## A. M. NOTES

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- I. Introduction
  
- II. The Parable of Fruitless Faith (vv. 12–14)
  - A. Notice its promise of life.
  
  - B. Notice its curse of death.
  
- III. The Place of Fruitless Faith (vv. 15–19)
  - A. The Lord’s temple is to be pure.
  
  - B. The Lord’s temple is to be prayerful.
  
  - C. The Lord’s temple is to be propositional.
  
- IV. Conclusion

## LEARNING OUR FAITH:

### Spurgeon's Catechism Question #13

**Q.** Did our first parents continue in the state wherein they were created?

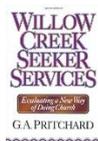
**A.** Our first parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the state wherein they were created, by sinning against God, (Ecclesiastes 7:29) by eating the forbidden fruit. (Genesis 3:6-8)

#### Commentary

Notice that a view of sovereignty doesn't require that God created automatons. Though God allowed it, we each fully responsible for our own sin.

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### Recommended Reading



**Willow Creek Seeker Services: Evaluating a New Way of Doing Church** by *Gregory A. Pritchard*

Published in 1995, this is an older work examining the church growth movement. Still, this is a comprehensive and fair study of the worship service style that is influencing thousands of churches and their leaders worldwide addresses controversies and draws lessons for the church today.

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### Recommended Media

**“Church of Tares - Updated Director's Cut”**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9y9ly6YvCw>)

“Church of Tares” chronicles the man-centered pragmatism of these evangelical Christian movements in comparison to the Bible's instruction for building the Church of Jesus Christ. It documents the connections between the liberal Emergent Church movement and the Church Growth movement. Both movements' leadership were disciples of business management guru Peter Drucker.

## The Nashville Statement (2017)

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A new and controversial statement from a broad swath of evangelicals, the Nashville affirms the biblical view of sexuality. The initial signatories include John MacArthur, R. C. Sproul, and a number of other notable names. Each week, we'll take a look at an article from it, and the full statement is available online at <https://cbmw.org/nashville-statement>.

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### Article 13

WE AFFIRM that the grace of God in Christ enables sinners to forsake transgender self-conceptions and by divine forbearance to accept the God-ordained link between one's biological sex and one's self-conception as male or female.

WE DENY that the grace of God in Christ sanctions self-conceptions that are at odds with God's revealed will.

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### Commentary

There do exist those suffering from gender dysphoria, an innate confusion over one's identifiable sex (not to be confused with a physical intersex condition).

Various factors might contribute to this confusion, but the most loving response to this is to help the individual come to terms with the reality of their created bodies.

The vast majority of those who experience this dysphoria as children accept their biological reality after puberty. It is unloving to encourage their confusion and thus deny the categories that God created.

Video and audio recordings of the messages are available for listening or downloading from [GraceSavannah.org](http://GraceSavannah.org), where you can find links to our YouTube and Sermon Audio accounts.

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