

Information

Questions about Our Sunday Morning Series

If you have questions about marriage, divorce, or remarriage that are not answered by our Sunday morning series, please send an e-mail to info@gracechurch.com with the subject line "marriage series question!"

It's a Great Time to Get Connected

Fall 2014 studies and small groups for all ages have begun, and it's a great time to get involved in something beyond our Sunday morning services. Whether you want to study more of God's Word, learn how to apply it in practical ways, or develop a deeper of community with others in our church family, there's probably something beginning soon that fits your schedule and will help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.



Fall Guides Available

The Fall 2014 edition of the *Guide to Grace Church* is available at the Welcome Center and elsewhere around the building. This seasonal booklet is designed to be a handy reference for what's happening in the life of our church, including details about every study, event, and ministry opportunity happening in the months ahead.

K Groups
Fall 2014 groups begin tonight at 5:30

Small groups are a great way to get connected and build vital relationships within the church. For details about K-Groups, contact nolen@gracechurch.com.

Community News

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) begins again Sept. 10th—come join us as we study the exciting life of Moses! In addition to this in-depth study for women, BSF also offers a Bible study for children birth to 5 years of age and a new Satellite Discussion Group.

BSF meets Wednesday mornings at 9:10 at First Presbyterian Church, 3601 Taft Blvd. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Schmeltzer at 696-1244.

This Week at Grace

 : Childcare is available
 : Online registration suggested
 : Payment required

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM in the Gymnasium

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM, Rooms 206–209

Small Groups

K-Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various locations

Our small groups meet in homes around the city to develop Christ-centered relationships.

Children

Kids Quest

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Children's Ministry Area

For children ages 4–4th grade to help them build a Bible world view through various activities.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Meet with friends for worship music and a small group study of New Testament characters and events.

Junior High

Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities, student-led worship music, and a study of the Bible in a small group setting.

Senior High

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Students meet for fun activities, student-led worship music, and a study of the book of Galatians: *Faith > Law*.

College

Late Night

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM at The G.Y.M.

Come together for live worship music and this semester's large group study of the prophetic timeline.

Late Night Hangout

Thursday, 8:30–10:00 PM at The G.Y.M.

Stick around after Late Night to spend time with friends. Volleyball, basketball, and snacks are included!

Adults

Worship-based Prayer

Wednesday, 8:00–9:00 AM in the Dining Room

Start your morning with this mid-week time of worship through music, sharing, and prayer.

Caring Graciously for the Aging

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Mesquite Room

This series is designed to equip caregivers with tools to navigate through medical, legal, and financial issues.

The Book of Genesis

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

The study based on the Torah readings from Genesis covers the biblical journey from creation to completion.

Men

Monthly Breakfast

Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Gymnasium

Enjoy a free hot breakfast with other men in Grace Church.

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Ongoing fellowship for men who desire authenticity.

Men's Bible Study

Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Tom Rodgers leads this study "to discover the character of God" from the 12 minor prophets of Hebrew Scripture.

Women

Engage

Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

Connect with others, God, and the world with Mercy Came Running, a study of God's mercy that pursues us.

Beth Moore Video Study

Tuesday 10:00–11:30 AM, or 6:30–8:00 PM in The Tejas Room

Children of the Day is a study of God's impeccable timing based on Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

MOMs Book Study

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Grace-Based Parenting by Dr. Tim Kimmel offers a refreshing look at parenting (where rules and checklists don't work).

Senior Adults

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in the Dining Room

Brandon Carpenter leads this weekly study of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Lesson 1: An Overview of Marriage and Divorce

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor, and Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

- I. The reason for a fresh study: The present construction on our new chapel forced our Leadership Team to reexamine the Bible's teaching on marriage, divorce, and remarriage in view of the anticipated requests within our community to use our facility for weddings.
- II. An overview of marriage: From the creation of man and woman and throughout the Scriptures, God established marriage as a covenantal relationship and one of His divine institutions.
 - A. Marriage consists of the union of two equals of opposite genders (*Genesis 1:26–28*).
 - B. Marriage involves joining a man and a woman into a union where they complement each other with their unique strengths (*Genesis 2:18–22*).
 - C. Marriage occurs when a husband and wife come together in a covenantal relationship by leaving past loyalties, being joined together and becoming one flesh (*Genesis 2:23–25; Malachi 2:14*).
 - D. Marriage between a husband and wife provides insight into the mystery of Christ's union with His church (*Ephesians 5:31–33*).
- III. An overview of divorce: Divorce is the severing of the "one-flesh" relationship when the covenant of companionship has been revoked by one or both parties.
 - A. Although God established marriage, He permits divorce as a human institution and works to regulate how it is used (*Deuteronomy 24:1–4*).
 - B. As a covenant of companionship, marriage is dissolved by death (*Romans 7:1–3*) or divorce, even if it is biblically illegitimate (*1 Corinthians 7:10–11*).
 - C. Divorce is contrary to the heart of God, Who hates the sin that is involved in it and its effects on lives (*Malachi 2:16*).
 - D. Every divorce involves sin, but not all divorces are sinful (*Matthew 1:19; Ezra 10:1–5*).
 - E. God divorced Israel with the intention of remarrying her on the basis of the New Covenant (*Jeremiah 3:8; Hosea 2:14–23*).
 - F. Illegitimate divorces, which occur before a person believes in Jesus Christ, are forgiven by God and without residual responsibilities (*1 Corinthians 6:9–11; 7:17–28; 2 Corinthians 5:17*).
 - G. In spite of the freedom in becoming a new creation in Christ, it may be wise to seek reconciliation with a former marriage partner in certain circumstances, such as when children are involved (*2 Corinthians 6:14*).
 - H. Those who have been involved in a divorce are not "still really married in God's sight" (*Matthew 19:6; 1 Corinthians 7:10–11*).


Main books used in our study, both of which are by Dr. David Instone-Brewer: *Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible: The Social and Literary Context* and *Divorce and Remarriage in the Church: Biblical Solutions for Pastoral Realities*

What's Next



MOTHER+SON
BOOT CAMP
SEPTEMBER 28

Moms, get ready for a great time with your little troopers (up through the 4th grade). Enlist today in the Main Hall!
Sunday, September 28 at 5:30 PM.



Women's Studies

- Engage (Mondays)
- Respectfully Yours (Tuesdays)
- MOMs Study (Thursdays)
- Beth Moore (Tuesdays)

Visit the tables in the Main Hall for more details!



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BREAKFAST.

Men, come start your morning right with a free breakfast as Dennis McAden shares about his flying experience and how it impacts his faith. **Tuesday at 6:30 AM.**



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**BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 17!**

Learn God's way of handling money through video sessions and small group activities. See our table in the hallway for details. **Register online at DaveRamsey.com.**



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