Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

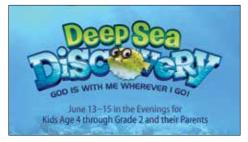
If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

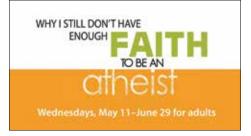
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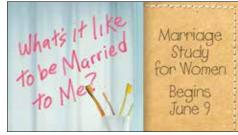
Join us for an exciting journey of Deep Sea Discovery at our Family VBS! This three-night event is designed for kids age 4 – 2nd grade and their parents to play and grow together.



This eight-week study taught by our pastoral staff tackles questions about God, biology, and the Bible. Meets weekly through the months of May and June. **Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.**



Learn biblical, practical steps to help you dump debt, manage your money, and save wisely. Register online at DaveRamsey.com under "Find a Class." **Thursdays, 6:30–8:00 PM.**



You know what it's like to be married to your husband, but what is it like for him? Learn to have a marriage by *design*, not by default. Thursdays, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM.

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Today we conclude our study of Jeremiah, a man called by God to deliver a prophetic message of doom to the people of Judah. This four-week study was a prelude to our fall study of Lamentations, Jeremiah's message of both grief and hope in the aftermath of Jerusalem's destruction.

News and Family Matters

Summer Guide Available Today

The summer 2016 edition of the Guide to Grace Church is available throughout the building today. This seasonal booklet includes not only our summer ministry calendar, but plenty of information to keep you informed about who we are—and where we're headed—as a church family. Please take as many as you need.

A complete list of summer activities, including links to sign up for studies and special events, is also available at our website, GraceChurch.com.

Support the Senior High Jamaica Mission Team

Dine out at Texas Roadhouse next Sunday, May 29, and a portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit our mission team—just let the hostess know you're with Grace Church!

Family Matters

Congratulations to Mehgan and Kevin Rhine on the birth of their son Brooks Andrew.



Our summer Sunday morning teaching series covering selected parables of Jesus Christ begins next week and runs through the month of August. Each week will be designed to stand on its own—missing a few due to family vacations and summer camps won't detract from the overall message. We hope you'll join us when you can!

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Small Groups

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Loft



Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM in the Library

Adult Studies

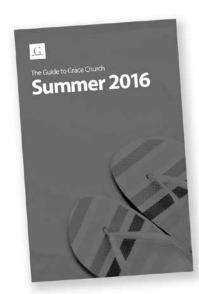
Why I Still Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist

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

Senior High

Senior Dinner

Sunday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Tejas Room



As our spring schedule winds down, look for what's happening next in the summer 2016 edition of the *Guide to Grace Church* — available today.

This Morning

Lesson 4: The New Covenant of Jeremiah—Jeremiah 31:27-34

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

- **I.** A new beginning for Israel: The Lord promised to reunite and restore the twelve tribes of Israel by removing her national guilt—*Jeremiah 31:27–30*.
 - **A.** Rebuilding the nation: God promised to reverse the effects of the Babylonian Exile and rebuild the nation by replanting men and animals in the land (cp. Jeremiah 1:10)—

 Jeremiah 31:27–28.
 - **B.** Resolving national guilt: The Lord promised to resolve Israel's national guilt when He restores her to the land—*Jeremiah* 31:29–30.
- **II.** A new covenant for Israel: The Lord promised the twelve tribes of Israel that He will replace the conditional Mosaic Covenant with the unconditional New Covenant—

 Jeremiah 31:31–34.
 - **A.** Replacing the old covenant: God promised to change the way He deals with His people by replacing the bilateral covenant He established with Moses with a new, unilateral covenant—*Jeremiah* 31:31–32.
 - Resourcing the people: The Lord promised to provide believing Israel with all the spiritual resources necessary to enjoy an intimate relationship with Him throughout eternity—Jeremiah 31:33–34.
 - 1. The New Covenant and the Holy Spirit: The New Covenant also promised that the Holy Spirit would permanently indwell every regenerate person—

 Ezekiel 36:27.
 - The New Covenant and the Promised Land: The New Covenant also includes several other promises, which are directly related to the nation Israel in the Promised Land—Ezekiel 36:24, 28–30.
 - being regathered to the land—Ezekiel 36:24
 - living in the land—Ezekiel 36:28
 - agricultural prosperity of the land—*Ezekiel 36:29b–30*
- **III.** The Church and the New Covenant: Since an inherent part of the Abrahamic Covenant was the Lord's intention to enrich all the families of the earth, it is natural to expect that Christians would participate in many of the provisions of the New Covenant.

Conclusion:

A new heart—

Permanent forgiveness of sins—

Permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit—

Discussion

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

- How would your life be different if the three primary provisions of the New Covenant—a new heart, permanent forgiveness of sins, and the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit—weren't available to you?
- 2. How are each of the three primary provisions of the New Covenant crucial in the turbulent times in which you live? Which of the three provisions are the most difficult for you to accept as true?
- 3. Which one of the three primary provisions of the New Covenant means the most to you, and why?