



Sept 13, 2020

GRACE YOUTH



YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!!!

YES!!! We are back to meeting in person this Wednesday.
7:00-8:00 with just a few changes:

1. No meal will be served before so please eat before you come.
2. just like with school, if you have any symptoms of COVID, please wait until they pass before choosing to attend.
3. BRING YOUR MASK/GAITER We will practice social distancing just like what you are used to @ school.
4. We will take everyone's temperature before they are allowed to come upstairs.

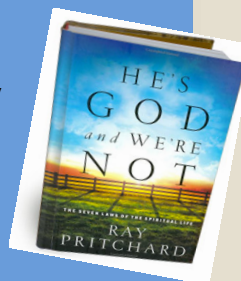
Come hang out with us this Wednesday!



High School students are welcome to join Book Club as we go through Ray Pritchard's book He's God, We're Not.

We meet **every other**
Sunday Morning @ 9:15

Conversation has been really great so far and will only get better. A digital copy on Amazon is only \$2 or hardcopies of the book are around \$5 or less.



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WHO WE ARE
& WHO GOD IS

A 4-WEEK SERIES ON IDENTITY

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Many of our favorite movies, from Toy Story to Moana, tell the stories of characters who are on a journey to discover who they are and what they were created to do. The stories in Scripture are like this too, but with one big difference: in the Bible, humans aren't the main characters — God is. In this series, we'll explore the stories of people like Cain and Abel, Elijah, Naomi, Ruth, Esther, and some of the earliest Jesus-followers in order to see that who we are can best be understood in the context of who God is. When we discover who our Creator is, we can better understand who we were created to be. Because of who God is, we can trust how God has made us, we can do difficult things, we can embrace the unknown, and we can take risks for others.



Ladies Bible Study!

The women's group would like to invite all ladies to join in a Bible study on Wednesday nights this fall.

The study is called "Not Alone" - a study through friendship.

Unlike previous studies we have done, this study does not have a book or workbook to go through - if you happen to miss a week, you will not be behind.

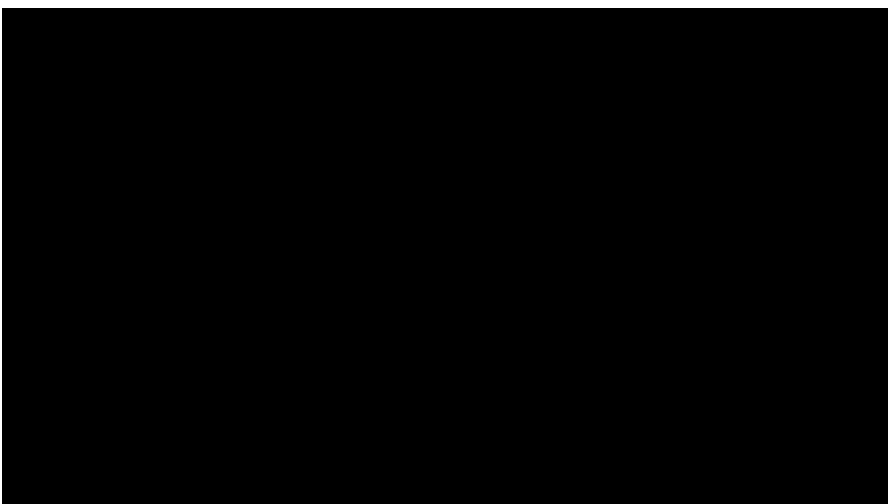
The study will consist of a video and group discussions by IF gathering.

We will start this Wednesday the 16th with an introduction to the class. We will offer a Zoom option as well.

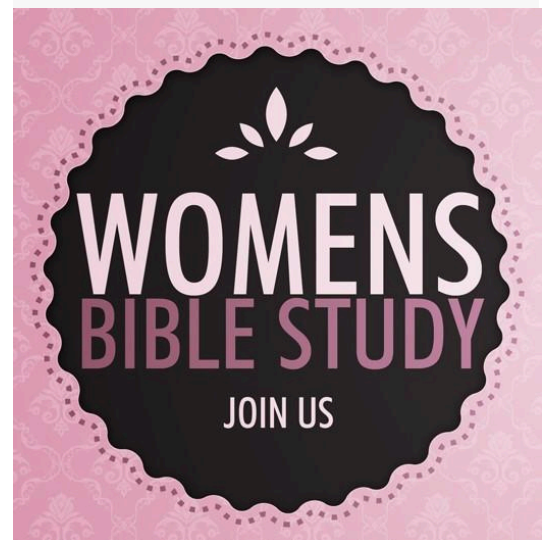
Even though we will be social distancing, snacks are still great to have, especially if you are short on time. Feel free to bring a snack if you want.

Please sign up today if you are interested.

(watch the video below for more info)



[click here if video doesn't play](#)





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

Do you love holding babies and cheerfully interacting with children through games, stories, play and prayer?

If so, I have just the thing for you! I'm looking for a few more people to round out our monthly volunteer teams for the nursery and toddler (2-4 yr olds) rooms this semester.

Contact MJ today for more information:
mj@gracecommunitychurch.net



If your kids are playing a sport or participating in an activity that's close by, let me know the date, time and location and I'll surprise them.



Melissa "MJ" Smith

Our kids are going to be doing an 8 week study on Wednesday nights called Hi-Yah! We will learn how to be made new in our hearts and in our thinking as we take off the bad habits of the old self and train to put on the new self. Our hope is that kids will see how to be that new person who was made to be like God, truly good and pleasing to Him.

GraceKids

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 2020

9-16

WK 1: Take off the Old, put on the New.

9-23

WK 2: Take off Lying, put on Truth.

9-30

WK 3: Take off Hate, put on Love.

10-7

WK 4: Take off Anger, put on Self-Control.

10-14

WK 5: Take off Stealing, put on Hard Work.

10-21

WK 6: Take off Bad Words, Put on Good Words.

10-28

WK 7: Take off Bitterness, put on Forgiveness.

11-4

WK 8: Take off the Old, put on the New.

11-11

WK 9: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

11-18

WK 10: Church Wide Thanksgiving Dinner



The Church is people.

You've heard it said before that the Church is not a building made of brick and mortar. It's a Body. It's a fellowship. It's a community of believers seeking to honor God and serve others. It's a priesthood of believers. It's the Army of God. It is the beloved Bride of Christ. It is all of these word pictures and so many more.

There are so many facets and descriptors of the people called by God. But it is "people". Not "person". It's a gathering. It's the ones called out to an assembly. It's God's words through Moses, "Let my people go so that they may worship me". Pharaoh did not obey the Lord, so God sent a plague. Hmmm ... a plague. Plague - to smite with disease, calamity, or natural evil. It sure feels like we've been hit with a plague, doesn't it! The strange thing about this one is, we've had to refrain from assembling to keep from spreading this thing.

It's time to turn the page. It's time to gather again. We've been afflicted and affected. We've been incarcerated to our homes and social distancing and mask. We've almost been in solitary confinement. But, the time to gather again is here. It's time for Church to gather to share what God has been doing in and through His people, the Church, during this season and it's time to worship and praise Him for who He is, God!

The confinement of God's people in Egypt is an amazing story of God's power and His provision. Those stories are still being told today. Today, what is happening now is our story. What will the next generations say about how we have responded to the circumstances around us? How shall the people of God respond? What will the Church do?

Let us come together. Let us gather as the Church. Let's share our stories and encourage one another in what God is doing in our midst. Let's worship Him. Let's be the Church. Think of it this way - it's Christmas time, and your child has a new bike with training wheels that shows up in a box. The box reads, "assembly required." For the bike to actually be a bike, all the parts must be arranged together. It cannot really operate as a bike with all of the parts separated. The same is true of the Church. ASSEMBLY is REQUIRED.

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
1 Corinthians 12:27

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