



Sept 20, 2020

GRACE YOUTH



YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!!!!

YES!!! We are back to meeting in person. Wednesdays.
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.

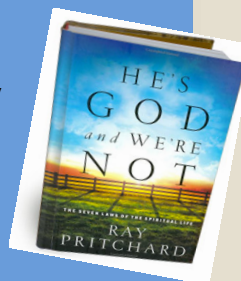
Come hang out with us this Wednesday!



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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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.

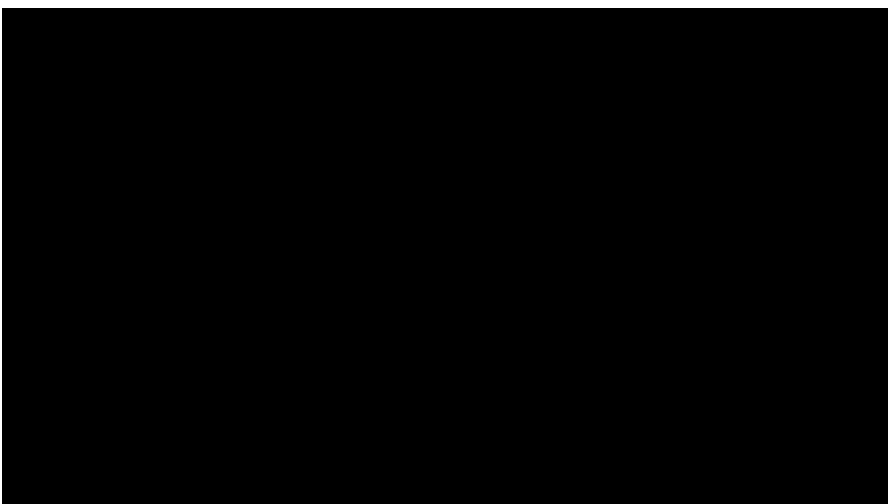
The study will consist of a video and group discussions by IF gathering.

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

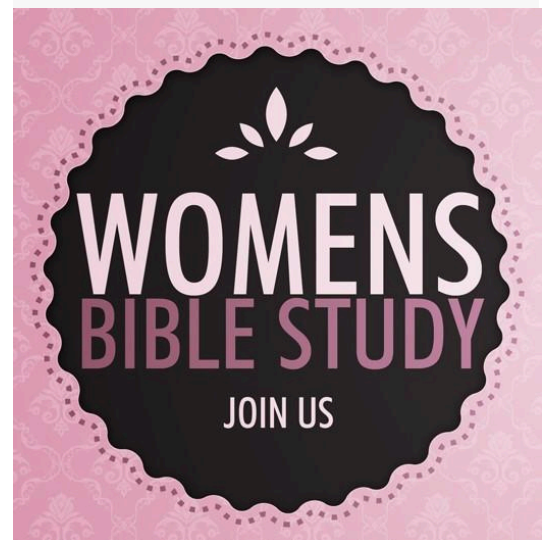
Even though we will be social distancing, snacks are still great to have, especially if you are short on time. Feel free to bring a snack if you want.

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:



Here's a look ahead at what we will be learning this Wednesday night.



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		

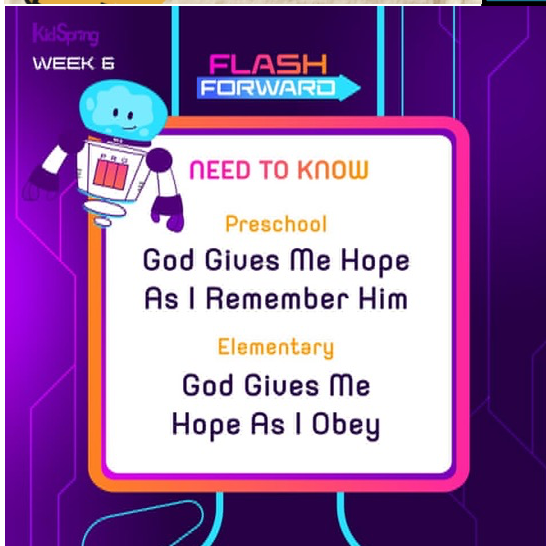


Whether you're joining us online or in-person this Sunday, be sure to check out this week's lesson.

Needing some hope? Here are a few questions to talk with your heavenly Father about this weekend that are sure to fill your hope tank: *Which one of God's promises do you need to repeat over and over again to yourself right now? How has your obedience to God brought blessing in your life?* Ask Him. He's listening, and He will show you because He loves you so much!



Melissa "MJ" Smith



Singing the Screentime Blues

What it is: With notifications, texts, and social media always beckoning, teens and adults are looking for a way to send the message that they're "[not available](#)" (*language*).

Why this thing has legs: If we've learned anything from the pandemic restrictions over the past year, it might be this: Being online gets old! While screens continue to be the main source of social interaction for kids who are remote learning, socialization via smartphones can easily become exhausting. And now that notices of *all* of our obligations come through our handheld devices, people of all ages are looking for ways to "politely disconnect." We suspect that some forward-thinking app developers will be working on a new auto-reply feature, which can respond to any and all notifications with an "away" message - circa the heyday of AOL Instant Messenger. (From the Culture Translator)

While disconnecting may be good from our E-devices, being disconnected from God or the body of believers is not. Hebrews 10 instructs us to not be in the habit of missing the gathering of the believers. We need one another desperately for more reasons than we can count.

- encouragement
- accountability
- inspiration
- comfort
- generosity...

The list could go on almost indefinitely and so can the rewards! Being faithful to gather when the church gathers brings benefits we can hardly measure. Let us continue to be faithful to tend to one another as we meet to praise our maker.



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