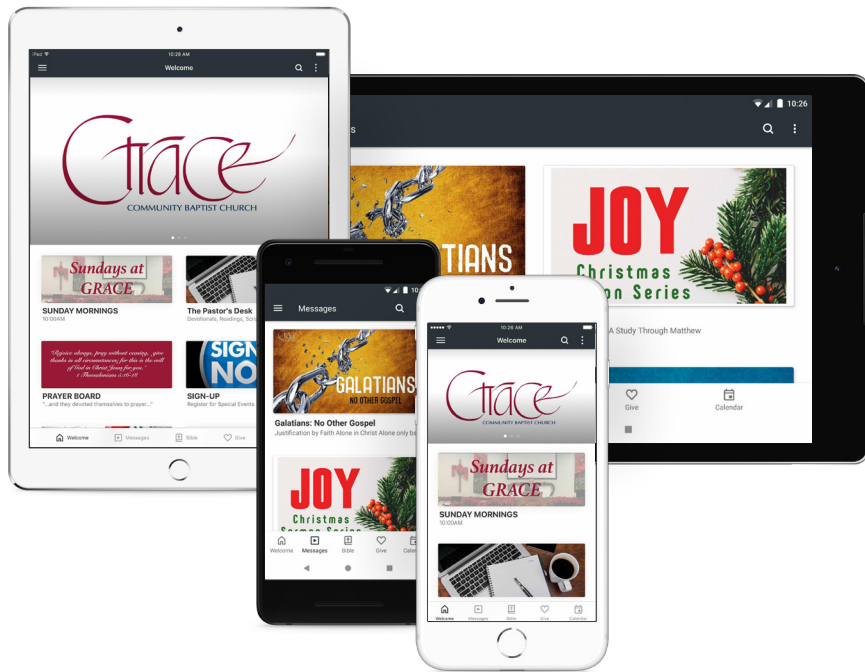


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# To the Saints

**Be Strong in the Lord**  
**Ephesians 6:10**  
**August 30, 2020**

**Grace**  
COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

# BE A PART OF THE STORY!

## TO OUR GUESTS:

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. You are always welcome at Grace Community Baptist Church!

Please take a moment to fill out a guest card and drop it in the offering box at the back of the auditorium OR give it to one of our greeters at the door.

## M E M B E R S H I P

### JOIN GRACE COMMUNITY!

*"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12*

*The local body has many functions in the community, but it can only work properly when everyone finds a spot to serve. The Bible makes it clear that we are to come together as a local body of believers and serve each other as well as our community.*

*Please see Pastor Cole for information on joining our body!*



## SERVICE TIMES

### SUNDAY

Sunday School.....9:00am

Worship Service.....10:00am

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....6:30pm

Sunday, August 30, 2020



*Live the life. Tell the story.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor..... Cole Cleveland  
Music Leader..... Jordan Demeter

### Call to Worship

*Holy! Holy! Holy!*

### Worship through Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-7*

### Worship through Song

*All The Poor And Powerless*

*Build My Life*

### Worship through Prayer

Baby Dedication: Duke Joseph Cleveland

### Worship through Song

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

### Worship through Studying the Word of God

*Be Strong In The Lord*

*Ephesians 6: 10*

### Worship through Reflection

*Be Unto Your Name*

### Benediction

## NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

Sunday, September 6th

Title: Put On The Whole Armor Of God

Text: Ephesians 6:11-13

Series: To the Saints

Pastor Cole Cleveland

### NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



#### RIDER COUCH

Rider worked for the OKC Ambassadors this past summer and discovered an opportunity to serve our church. He loves the mission and identity of our church and is excited to be a part of growing this body of Christ! He is working alongside Chris, Tommy and Dylan during each of the services, and will be editing audio and video for mission and outreach projects.

#### September Cleaning Crew:

Cole & Natalie Cleveland  
Steve, Mitzi, Conner, & Dylan Smith

#### BIRTHDAYS

9/10 | Cash Cleveland  
9/15 | Lindsay Demeter  
9/20 | Mitzi Smith  
9/21 | Roberta Buller



### 3 THINGS YOU CAN USE YOUR GCBC APP FOR

- Stay up to date with all of our announcements on a daily basis
- Go back and listen to sermons
- Read articles that go along with our Bible Studies

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

##### Today, August 30

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service

Baby Dedication: Duke Cleveland

##### Wednesday, September 2

6:30pm Bible Study

##### Friday, September 4

6:00am Men's Bible Study

##### Sunday, September 6

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service

##### Wednesday, September 9

6:30pm AWANA Begins!

##### Friday, October 30

5:00pm GCBC Fall Festival

@ Rob and Jill Cleveland's



Grace Family,

*In our country today there is much untruth and division. There is much anxiety and fear. There is much depravity and sin. There is much need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*Over the next few weeks, we are going to study what it looks like to prepare ourselves for battle, run to the front lines and take ground from the enemy. It is time that we, as believers in Jesus Christ, stop allowing culture to dictate norms. It is time that we, as the church, engage the enemy and declare war on anything and everything attacking our God. It is time that we are strong in the Lord.*

*These next few weeks of studying the Armor of God needs to be a top priority for your life, because of how essential it is for our world even now. You, as a believer in Christ, need to be equipped to battle. You, as a disciple of Jesus, must determine for yourself that you will go to war against sin and every demonic force in our world today. It is time.*

*With all love and sincerity,*

Pastor Cole

## Praise Reports & Prayer Requests

**Church, this week let's focus on praying for our church in the following ways:**

1. Pray for salvations.
2. Pray for our family ministries.
3. Pray for our children.
4. Pray that God would send us new families to minister to.
5. Pray for the leadership wisdom and discernment.
6. Pray for opportunities that are possibly coming as God continues to open doors.
7. Pray for the spiritual growth and development of our Sunday School classes.
8. Pray for a passion and desire from each of our members to love and cherish one another.
9. Pray for the integrity of our members, that we would not be double-minded, but be authentic in our daily walk.
10. Pray for our elderly and the who are in need.

**Pregnant Moms:** Please continue to pray for our pregnant moms, Charity Valles (due at the beginning of October) and Natalie Cleveland (due at the beginning of January). Pray for the development of the babies. Pray for continued strength for these moms as they raise their kids during this time.

**Tim & Tobi Stroud:** Pray for Tim's ongoing health concerns with his cancer and kidney issues. Also be praying for Tim and Tobi as they are moving to a new home very soon! Tim and Tobi are warriors of the faith and remain steadfast in their walk with Christ. They are a true testimony of what it looks like to persevere.

**Teresa Smallwood:** Please pray for multiple health needs, particularly for sustained strength and energy. Teresa is such a joy to be around and needs prayer for endurance.

**Roberta Buller:** Please pray for continued strength for Miss Roberta. We love Miss Roberta and are so grateful for all of her hard work and dedication in sending loving letters and notes to all of those in our church body.

**Bill & Joan Cox:** Please pray for Bill's health as he continues to deal with physical pain. Please pray for Miss Joan as she cares for Bill and deals with continual foot issues. Bill and Joan would LOVE to have visitors stop by anytime during the week. If you can, please make this a priority.

**Mitzi Smith:** Thank you for continuing to pray for Mitzi as she is going through treatments for her heart condition.

**Albert & Joyce Porterfield:** Please pray for the Porterfields as they are dealing with multiple health concerns.

**Sunday School Teachers:** Pray for wisdom and discernment from each of our Sunday School Teachers as we have added classes for our children's ministry.

To update a prayer request or praise, please call  
Bro. David Kimball at 405-317-9116.

# The Armor of God

From our Ligonier Ministries

Written by: RC Sproul

*"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (v. 11).*

- Ephesians 6:10-13

After unfolding the implications of the gospel for several different relationships (Eph. 5:22-6:9), Paul in Ephesians 6:10-20 returns to exhortations for all believers, no matter their station in life. His teaching on God's armor does not abruptly change topics but advances his outline of the gospel's consequences. Actually, the apostle's use of the word finally in verse 10 indicates that this section is the culmination of all that he has said.

Though Ephesians was written as a summary of Christian doctrine, theological knowledge is never intended merely to satisfy our intellectual curiosity. Paul did not tell us about the gospel and the church's purpose (Eph. 1-3) so that we could sit back and relax. Instead, he taught us these things that we might obey His will in the Spirit's power, thereby participating in the kingdom's expansion (4:1-6:9).

Unless we know the enemy we face and how to defeat him, however, our efforts to live out the gospel are for naught. Scripture lists our main enemies as the world, the flesh, and the Devil (1 John 2:15-17; Gal. 5:16; 1 Peter 5:8), all of whom are formidable indeed. Ultimately, however, to fight any of these is to fight the Enemy himself. "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against ... the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). To stand against the world is to stand against the Evil One, the ruler of this fallen world (Matt. 4:8-9). To fight our sinful nature is to battle the one who introduced sin into creation (Gen. 3:1-7). And, of course, to war against the Devil is to fight Satan directly (James 4:7).

The proper equipment with which to fight the Enemy is God's armor (Eph. 6:13). This armor could be three different things. It could be the armor God supplies to His people, for He strengthens us to live for Him (Ps. 18:31-32). It could be the armor that the Lord wears to battle His foes (Isa. 59:15b-17). Or this armor could be God Himself, as Scripture uses terms such as truth and righteousness, which we wear as armor (Eph. 6:14), to name the Lord (Jer. 23:6; John 14:6). Actually, the armor of God likely encompasses all these possibilities, for they are not mutually exclusive. God supplies us with Himself in order to strengthen us against Satan. Standing in Him, we can successfully live out the implications of the gospel.

Coram Deo

John Calvin comments, "There will be no danger which may not be successfully met by the power of God; nor will any who, with [the armor of God], fight against Satan, fail in the day of battle." Daily we are to remember our identity in Christ, putting on His graces and casting off our rebellious impulses that we possess in Adam. In doing so, we are guaranteed success in our spiritual conflicts and are assured of a hero's welcome in glory.

## Grandma Joan's Wisdom

An atheist wrote on a black board, "God is nowhere." A little later when he returned to the room, a little child with one stroke of a brush made it read, "God is now here."

## Upcoming Children's Ministry Events

**August 30** | Baby Dedication of  
Duke Joseph Cleveland

**September 6** | Pray for AWANA

**September 9** | AWANA Begins



### **August 30**

*Babies ~ Jill Cleveland*

*Toddlers ~ Lindsay Demeter  
Mitzi Smith*

### **September 6**

*Babies ~ Jill Cleveland*

*Toddlers ~ Clancey Stewart  
Myka Davis*

### **September 13**

*Babies ~ Jill Cleveland*

*Toddlers ~ Natalie Cleveland  
Joy Bowers*



At Grace Community Baptist Church, we love kids. The Grace Kids Ministry exists to love all children and families to Christ and equip them on their journey with God and each other. We do this by creating an environment that reaches kids with the Gospel, grows them in their faith, and sends them out to impact others for Christ. We believe that any child, no matter what the age can be used by God to impact this world.

## This Week In Sunday School

### *Jesus Showed His Glory*

This week in Sunday School we take a look at Jesus' glory as we learn about his transfiguration as He is visited by biblical leaders from the past in Matthew 17.



This week's Kids Corner highlight is

## Dawson Bowers

Dawson has been enjoying summer. He's been having fun at splash pads, parks, his grandparent's houses, The Gathering Place, and Jenks Aquarium to name a few. He is excited for sister to start school soon so he can get all his mommy's attention though.



## Opportunities To Serve

### **Preschool Sunday School Assistant**

We would love to have an assistant to help in our 2's & 3's Sunday School class. This would be someone who has a desire to help our children with crafts and games.

Membership Required: YES

Commitment: 3 Months

Age Requirement: 18+

### **Nursery Volunteer**

There is always an opportunity to serve in our nursery during the 10:00am worship service.

Membership Required: YES

Commitment: One Sunday per month

Age Requirement: 18+

### **Children's Church Assistants**

A Children's Church Assistant would be a part of the 10:00am morning service and then take the children who are 5 years old through 3rd grade to Children's Church to assist in teaching a more interactive lesson. The best case scenario is to have multiple assistants who would be able to rotate and work one time per month or less.

Membership Required: YES

Commitment: One Sunday per month

Age Requirement: 18+

### **AWANA Nursery Volunteer**

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm our adults go through a Bible study and our children have AWANA. We need a Nursery Volunteer to serve during Wednesday to take care of the babies, so that our moms can work in AWANA.

Membership Required: YES

Commitment: Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Age Requirement: 18+