



Grace Community Baptist Church

FALL FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 @ 5:00pm

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship!

- Hot Dogs
- Hay Ride
- Pumpkin Painting
- Inflatables

Rob & Jill Cleveland's House
14601 S. Indiana Ave
OKC, OK 73170

To the Saints

A Man & His Message
Ephesians 6:21-24
October 18, 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, October 18, 2020



Live the life. Tell the story.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Behold Our God

Ephesians 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Ephesians 2

Grace

Ephesians 3

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Ephesians 4

Jesus With Thy Church Abide

Ephesians 5

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Ephesians 6

In Christ Alone

The Lord's Supper

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

Sunday, October 25th

Title: Where Is Your Field
Text: Matthew 9:35-38
Special Guest Speaker
Bro. Derek Wilkerson

Wednesday Night
Midweek Recharge Study
6:30pm

GOD'S PLAN, OUR LIBERTY

Romans 13:1-7
October 2020

MOVIE NIGHT
NOVEMBER 1 @ 5:00 PM

AMERICAN GOSPEL



The WORD Became FLESH

John 1:1-14 Christmas 2020

Special Guest
Speaker
October 25th



Derek Wilkerson
Young Adults & Community
Engagement Pastor at
First Southern Baptist Church

Annual
Thanksgiving
Offering

November 22nd

BIRTHDAYS

10/20 | Anita Kimball
10/25 | Dawson Bowers

October.

Sunday, October 18

9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Monday, October 19

7:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, October 21

6:30pm Bible Study
6:30pm AWANA

Friday, October 30

6:00pm Fall Fellowship
@ Rob and Jill Cleveland's

Grace Family,

This morning we will complete our study through Paul's letter to the Ephesian church, which we began on September 1, 2019. I hope and pray that you can look back at this entire series and see that you have grown spiritually. As I was praying through this final sermon, I began to think about each individual in our church body and how this sermon series has impacted their lives. It is very evident that we have grown spiritually as a church body over the past year, and God has given us much to trust Him with in our lives. This morning, we will go back through this entire letter and remember some of the most important aspects of Paul's writings.

Next week, my good friend Derek Wilkerson will be preaching on Matthew 9:35-38. Derek is the Young Adult & Community Engagement Pastor at First Southern Baptist Church. He is a 2008 OKC Ambassadors Alumni and used this baseball ministry to springboard his passion for Christ! You are going to love Derek.

On November 22, we are having our annual Thanksgiving Offering. I will be speaking more about this soon, but let me encourage you to begin to pray for this offering and how God would have you give.

*With all Love
and Sincerity,
Pastor Cole*



Praise Reports & Prayer Requests

Church, let's focus on praying for each other in the following ways:

1. That we would love one another unconditionally.
2. That we would care for one another with no regard to our selfishness.
3. That we would seek to serve one another on a daily basis.
4. That we would go out of our way to see that the needs of others are greater than our own.
5. That we would reach out to one another daily, seeking to pray.
6. That we would make a daily effort to encourage one another to be in the Word of God.
7. That we create deeper relationships through community and discipleship from Monday to Saturday, making Sunday a day of celebration and unity.
8. That our personal hurts would not be kept secret, but that we would trust one another to pray for us.
9. That we would be benevolent to those in need.
10. That we would wake up each morning, declaring Yahweh as Lord of All.

Natalie Cleveland: Please continue to pray for Natalie, who is due at the beginning of January. Pray for the physical development of her baby girl.

Anita Kimball, Joan Cox & David Kimball: All have fully recovered from their COVID-19 positive test. God is faithful!

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

Tim & Tobi Stroud: Please continue to pray for Tim as he is dealing with ongoing major health issues. Pray that God would fully heal his cancer. Pray that God would use this time in Tim's life to show Sovereign Sufficiency of our Savior!

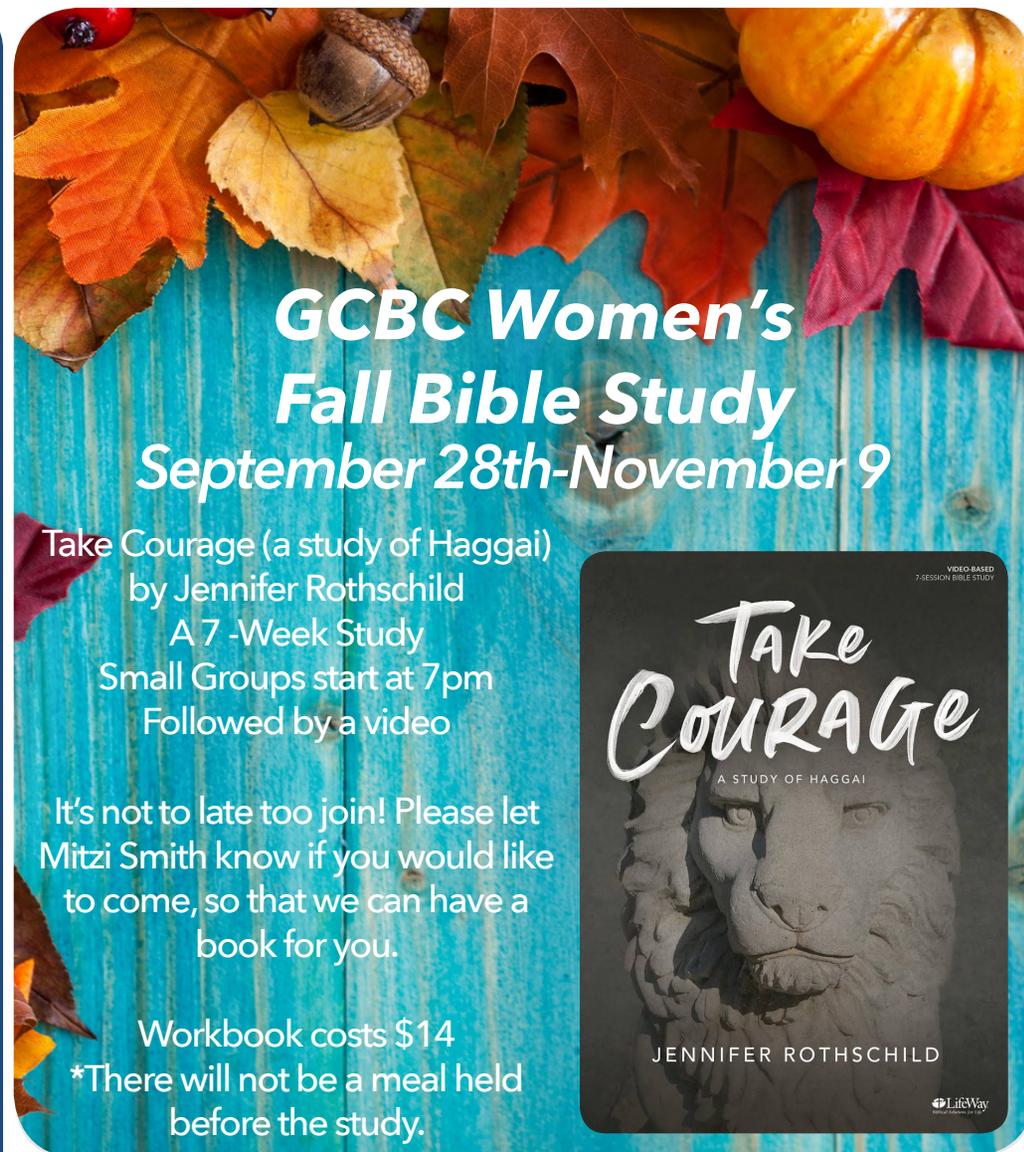
Teresa Smallwood: Please pray for multiple health needs, particularly for sustained strength and energy. Teresa is such a joy to be around and needs prayer for endurance.

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.

Steve Smith: Steve's brother, Lonnie that has COVID-19 has taken a turn for the worse and has been moved to ICU and put on a ventilator. Thank you for prayers.

Albert & Joyce Porterfield: Please pray for the Porterfields as they are dealing with multiple health concerns. Also pray for their son Robert who has been falling and recently broke his shoulder. He also fell and hit his head.

AWANA & Wednesday Evenings: Pray for our Wednesday evenings to be a blessing and encouragement to our church body. It is an important part of our spiritual growth as a church body, and we need to bathe this time in prayer, not taking it for granted.

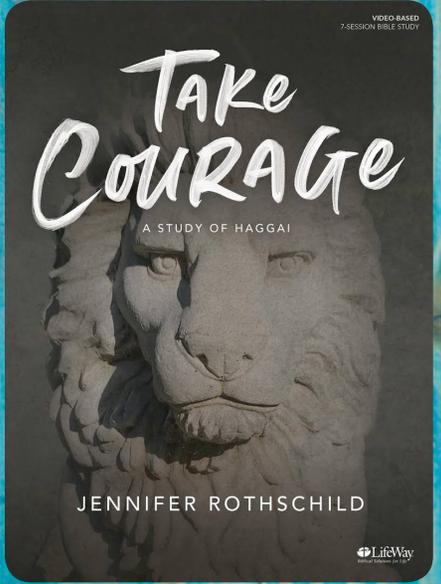


**GCBC Women's
Fall Bible Study
September 28th-November 9**

Take Courage (a study of Haggai)
by Jennifer Rothschild
A 7-Week Study
Small Groups start at 7pm
Followed by a video

It's not too late to join! Please let Mitzi Smith know if you would like to come, so that we can have a book for you.

Workbook costs \$14
*There will not be a meal held before the study.



VIDEO-BASED
7-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

**Take
COURAGE**
A STUDY OF HAGGAI

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

LifeWay

A Note From the Cox Family

Dear Church,
We want to thank you for the prayers, the food, the flowers, the use of the church, all of the love and thoughtfulness extended to the family during Bill's illness and home going. We love you, appreciate you, and will not forget all you have done.

Love in Christ Jesus
The Bill Cox Family

The Antidote to Anemic Worship

by Albert Mohler

Evangelical Christians have been especially attentive to worship in recent years, sparking a renaissance of thought and conversation on what worship really is and how it should be done. Even if this renewed interest has unfortunately resulted in what some have called the “worship wars” in some churches, it seems that what A.W. Tozer once called the “missing jewel” of evangelical worship is being recovered.

Nevertheless, if most evangelicals would quickly agree that worship is central to the life of the church, there would be no consensus to an unavoidable question: What is central to Christian worship? Historically, the more liturgical churches have argued that the sacraments or ordinances form the heart of Christian worship. These churches argue that the elements of the Lord’s Supper and the water of baptism most powerfully present the gospel. Among evangelicals, some see evangelism as the heart of worship and therefore plan every facet of the service—songs, prayers, the sermon—with the evangelistic invitation in mind.

Though most evangelicals mention the preaching of the Word as a necessary or customary part of worship, the prevailing model of worship in evangelical churches is increasingly defined by music, along with innovations such as drama and video presentations. When preaching the Word retreats, a host of entertaining innovations will take its place.

Traditional norms of worship are now subordinated to a demand for relevance and creativity. A media-driven culture of images has replaced the word-centered culture that gave birth to the Reformation churches. In some sense, the image-driven culture of modern evangelicalism is an embrace of the very practices rejected by the Reformers in their quest for true biblical worship.

Music fills the space of most evangelical worship, and much of this music comes in the form of contemporary choruses marked by precious little theological content. Beyond the popularity of the chorus as a musical form, many evangelical churches seem intensely concerned to replicate studio-quality musical presentations.

In terms of musical style, the more traditional churches feature large choirs—often with orchestras—and may even sing the established hymns of the faith. Professional staff and an army of volunteers spend much of the week in rehearsals and practice sessions.

All this is not lost on the congregation. Some Christians shop for churches that offer the worship style and experience that fit their expectations. Those dissatisfied with what they find at one church can quickly move to another, sometimes using the language of self-expression to explain that the new church “meets our needs” or “allows us to worship.”

A concern for true biblical worship was at the very heart of the Reformation. But even Martin Luther, who wrote hymns and required his preachers to be trained in song, would not recognize this modern preoccupation with music above all else as legitimate or healthy. Why? Because the Reformers were convinced that the heart of true biblical worship is the preaching of the Word of God.

Thanks be to God, evangelism does take place in Christian worship. Confronted by the presentation of the gospel and the preaching of the Word, sinners are drawn to Christ in faith and the offer of salvation is presented to all. Likewise, the Lord’s Supper and baptism are honored as ordinances by the Lord’s own command, and each finds its place in true worship. But music is not the central act of Christian worship, and neither is evangelism or even the ordinances. The heart of Christian worship is the authentic preaching of the Word of God.

Expository preaching is central, irreducible, and nonnegotiable to the Bible’s mission of authentic worship that pleases God.

The centrality of preaching is the theme of both testaments of Scripture. In Nehemiah 8, we find the people demanding that Ezra the scribe bring the book of the law to the assembly. Interestingly, the text explains that Ezra and those assisting him read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading” (Neh. 8:8). This remarkable text presents a portrait of expository preaching. Once the text was read, it was carefully explained to the congregation. Ezra did not stage an event or orchestrate a spectacle—he simply and carefully proclaimed the Word of God.

This text is a sobering indictment of much of contemporary Christianity. According to the text, a demand for biblical preaching erupted within the hearts of the people. They gathered as a congregation and summoned the preacher. This reflects an intense hunger and thirst for the preaching of the Word of God. Where is this desire evident among today’s evangelicals?

In far too many churches, the Bible is nearly silent. The public reading of Scripture has been dropped from many services and the sermon has been sidelined, reduced to a brief devotional appended to the music. Many preachers accept this as a necessary concession to the age of entertainment. Some hope to put in a brief message of encouragement or exhortation before the conclusion of the service.

The anemia of evangelical worship—all the music and energy aside—is directly attributable to the absence of genuine expository preaching. Such preaching would confront the congregation with nothing less than the living and active Word of God. That confrontation will shape the congregation as the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word, opens eyes, and applies that Word to human hearts.

GRACE kids

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.



**Wednesday Nights
@ 6:30pm**

Bring your kids on Wednesday nights to join in Bible lessons, games and fun!

Nursery: Under 2-year-olds
Puggles: 2-year-olds
Cubbies: 3 & 4-year-olds
Sparks: Elementary



Today

Babies ~ Jean England

Toddlers ~ Clancey Stewart
Myka Davis

October 25

Babies ~ Jill Cleveland

Toddlers ~ Natalie Cleveland
Joy Bowers

November 1

Babies ~ Jill Cleveland

Toddlers ~ Mitzi Smith



This week's Kids Corner highlight is

Hartley Bowers

Hartley has been loving school as a pre-k student this year! She enjoys doing anything outside. Recently, she has mastered riding a bike without training wheels so bike rides at the park is one of our favorite things to do right now!



Opportunities To Serve

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+

