

Welcome to



July 9, 2017

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We're glad you are with us today!
Here's what is coming up:

Welcome!

We hope that, in many ways, we have communicated to you how glad we are to have you worship with us this Sunday. If you are new to Grace, your presence here is a gift from God that we don't take lightly. We welcome the opportunity to serve you in any way we can, so that you can share the amazing privilege we have to enter into the presence of our risen King and experience His transformative power!

Fifth Family Sunday

Fifth Family Sunday is coming up, July 30th. Set the date, and more details to come!

New Elder Proposed

The elders are currently considering adding Paul Gustafson to our elder board. We ask for your prayers and your input as we continue to seek God about bringing Paul onto our board. Paul and Donna have been married for more than four decades. They have three grown children, six grandchildren, and they have been active at Grace since 1997. Biblical qualifications for elders are enumerated by the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Additional guidelines for choosing elders are contained in our Elder Policy Handbook available on the welcome table.

Grace Students

Grace Students (formerly known as Nikao) will be meeting on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., during July! If you have kids from 6th-12th grade we'd love to have them here.

VBS is coming!

To maximize the opportunity for outreach to the community, we have agreed to host our VBS at the Salvation Army this year, where they can bus in children and provide additional volunteers and support. It starts tomorrow and you can sign up your children at the Welcome table now! In addition, we are doing a shoe drive that will allow us to give new school shoes to any children at the VBS who need them. You can drop off new shoes or make a donation at the corner table in the atrium. This a great opportunity for us to share the transforming power of the Gospel with the city of Bartlesville!

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

By Rod MacIrvine

Live It Out! The Proverbs as a Catalyst for Personal Discipleship – Week Ten

A Different Pathway to Honor

Proverbs 18:1-12

Introduction: In God's economy, why is it that fools are *not* recipients of honor? Fools, through their pride, destroy relationships and careen toward destruction. But the righteous (in their humility) passionately cling to their covenant-keeping God, and in the end, they are honored by Him.

1. PROFILE OF THE FOOL – He makes *me-first* decisions that undermine his life.
Proverbs 18:1-9

2. PROFILE OF THE RIGHTEOUS – He does one thing really well: he relentlessly pursues God.
Proverbs 18:10-11

3. **KEY TAKEAWAY** – If you want honor, you get it through the humility of the righteous, not the pride of the fool.
Proverbs 18:12

Discussion Questions

1. Can you give an example of where you have had a “me-first” attitude in the past and it has damaged relationships or undermined your life?
2. Have you felt the urge at times to “separate yourself” (18:1) from this group, which is to say have you ever held back from sharing for fear of the reaction of the group? What has held you back? What was the result?
3. What do you think it means to be “safe” in the Lord’s name (18:12)? What implication might that have for feeling safe in this group?
4. Instead of “revealing [our] own minds” (18:2), let’s practice gaining understanding. Who in this group would you like to understand better? Ask to hear more about something they have said or gone through recently.