



# I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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***We exist to ignite  
a passion in every  
person to glorify and  
enjoy God everywhere  
and in everything.***



## SUNDAY MORNING

**"Gee, Beaver. Dad's Gonna  
Clobber You!"**  
1 Kings 8:31-53  
Pastor Benji

## SUNDAY EVENING at 6pm

**"Beauty & Strength"**  
1 Peter 3:1-7  
Guest Speaker  
Mike Ruiz

### Termites

I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. 2 Corinthians 1:16-18

The great theologian Arthur Fonzarelli (from Happy Days) said that, "Assumptions are the termites of relationships." What "The Fonz" says is exactly what happened with Paul and the Corinthian church. Paul had planned on visiting them, then his plans changed and the Corinthians jumped to the conclusion that Paul didn't care about them. And that's when the termites started eating away at their relationship.

I'm pretty sure we can all relate. All of us have made assumptions about people and we have watched relationships suffer because of it. So, let's be a church that gives the benefit of the doubt. Let's not assume that we know what is happening in the heart of another person (because we can't know that!). Only Jesus can read the human heart, you can't (1 Kings 8:39).

And when it comes to worship on Sundays at Grace, let's not make assumptions either. Let's not assume that people are okay. Let's reach out to one another. I came across something that Rebecca McLaughlin said recently, and I think it would be good for us to consider her words for Sundays at Grace:

My husband has 3 rules of engagement when we go to church:

1. An alone person in our gathering is an emergency.
2. Friends can wait.
3. Introduce a newcomer to someone else.

Let's all be missionaries at church today!

Let's not make assumptions in our relationships. And let's not assume that everyone is "fine" or "okay" on Sunday morning. If you see someone sitting alone, consider it an emergency! Go say, "Hello." Introduce yourself. Introduce new people to someone else.

Let's all be missionaries at church this week. And let's not let any "termites" eat away at our relationships. Okay?

- Pastor Benji



## Junior High Chadwick & Chick Fil A Day

Join us Monday, May 27 at 8:30am - 3pm.  
Bring \$20 for the zoo and \$10 for food.  
You will also need a Grace Activity Form  
(located in the ED Building).

**Sunday  
June 2nd  
at 5:00pm**

\$3 - 1 Hamburger  
\$3 - 2 Hot Dogs  
\$12 - Family

**NO PM  
SERVICE**

**Prayer Time  
5:00 pm  
Work Room  
& Room 108**

## Kickoff of the Summer Family BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs



**Friday  
May 31st  
7:00-9:00pm  
Grace Hall**

## LADIES GAME NIGHT

Come fellowship,  
play games  
And enjoy some snacks  
No sign-up. Bring a friend!

## The Good Samaritan Shelter

Our local shelter has immediate needs for the following items:

- Towels,
- sheets (twin fitted)
- blankets any size
- light comforters
- lots of prayer!

You may drop off these items at  
Good Samaritan's offices-  
245 Inger Drive 103B, Santa Maria  
Thank you so much!

# Announcements

## CHILD DEDICATIONS & BAPTISMS

Sunday, June 30th during our morning worship services, we will celebrate Baptisms and Child Dedications. If you are interested in either getting baptized or the child dedication, please contact our church office, **no later than June 16th**, and one of our pastors will contact you and plan a time to speak with you.

## NEW SUNDAY EVENING CLASS

**CHURCH HISTORY FOR DUMMIES.** Pastor Benji will be starting a class on church history beginning Sunday June 9 at 6pm. Please sign up at the McCoy Welcome Center.

## WILDWOOD CAMP (June 16th-27th)

There are only a couple spots left! Applications for current 8th graders thru 12th grade are available in the Ed Building. Please talk to Pastor James with any questions.

## one plus one equals one

## COME JOIN THE WELCOME CENTER TEAM

If you enjoy greeting people with a warm smile and welcoming them to Grace on Sunday mornings, please consider serving 1 Sunday a month in this vital ministry. Stop by our McCoy Welcome Center for more info and to sign up! Thank you!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTIONS

For the month of **MAY**: We will be collecting toys for girls: foam balls, dolls, tennis balls, jump rope etc...  
Please drop off the items at the box near the McCoy entrance.  
Thank You!

## To sign up for our Daily Vine, Grace Newsletter and Prayer list

- ◆ Visit our website [www.gracesantamaria.org](http://www.gracesantamaria.org)
- ◆ Hover over ABOUT GRACE
- ◆ Click Newsletter/Prayer and Praise
- ◆ Click on the picture for News or Prayer/Praise
- ◆ Fill out the form and click Sign Up

**Prayer  
Changes  
Things**



**Making Disciple - Making Disciples**