



# 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 SERVICE

@ 9am & 10:30am

Livestream @ 9am

"When Justice and Mercy  
Smooch"

Romans 8:31-39

<https://youtu.be/5ACsCVkjrQ>

Pastor Benji

## Love on the Nile

I love a good mystery (True Crime, Dateline, NCIS...). I LOVE Agatha Christie novels (and movies/adaptations). We of course went to see the new version of Death on the Nile and have seen it multiple times since its release in theaters and then on streaming platforms. There are a number of changes to the story in this version, including the introduction of Euphemia Bouc and a stunning moment when she declares Paul was wrong and that love isn't! Here's the quote from Paul...

"Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It does not dishonor others. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails..."

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

Euphemia is correct in her point that "love" often fails because we fail at truly loving others. Paul, of course, is not wrong, and he isn't actually talking about romantic love, either. We can certainly continue using these verses in Wedding Ceremonies and on Christian Greeting Cards but in its context, Paul has been talking about church.

Paul confronts the Corinthian church about its divisions and lack of unity. Paul helps them think and work through disagreements about church practices and procedures. Paul points out that church is like a body and tells them a better way for us to interact with each other, "the most excellent way..."

Love like Christ! To Euphemia Bouc's point, Christ alone has loved like 1 Corinthians 13 describes. Yet that is still the standard laid out for us.

Love like Christ within our marriages and families. Love like Christ at our workplaces. Love like Christ in our neighborhoods. Love like Christ while driving. Love like Christ in our interactions with the Body, His Bride, the church.

- Pastor James



# BAND OF BROTHERS

MEN'S MINISTRY

## Back Lot BBQ

May 20, 2022 @ 6pm

Calling all men (and sons)!

We are going to christen the new BBQ pit with a men's BBQ night.

Bring all your own meat and fixens, gather around the pit and enjoy a men's night out.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Grace Café so we know how big to make the fire!

# Announcements

## 6TH GRADE PROMOTION

This Sunday morning at 10:30am in the Ed Building. *Current 6th graders* moving up to Jr High in the fall will join the Youth Sunday School.

## PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 7

All ages/grades from *nursery to 5th grade* will remain in their current classes over the summer. All children will move up to their next class in August.

## BAPTISMS & CHILD DEDICATIONS

We are planning on celebrating baptisms and child dedications on **May 29th** during our *10:30am service*. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child dedicated, please email Pastor Benji, [Benji@gracesantamaria.org](mailto:Benji@gracesantamaria.org), by *May 15th* and he will plan a time to speak with you.

## JOIN US FOR PRAYER

*Sunday nights 5:30pm- 6:00pm* in the in the Ed Building Chapel. Come and pray for our Grace family, the ministries of our church, and our city.

## COFFEE + DONUTS

9:45 in the Gym

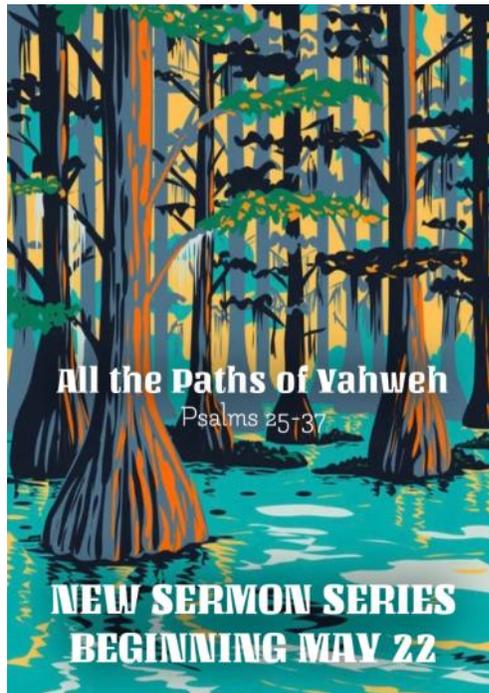
- only one service @ 10:30
- no sunday school classes for kids/adults
- baptisms + child dedications

May 29th

bring a breakfast item to share!  
(donuts, muffins, bacon!)



Join us on **Sunday evenings** at 6 P.M. and discover how God chases us down, forgives us, and gives us a second chance to participate in the work of His kingdom.



## SUNDAYS AT GRACE

9:00

Gary Barron- Room 706  
(in the Education Building)

10:30

Kurt Mason- Room 108  
Jerry Hines- Choir Room  
Grindy/Baldizon- Grace Hall

\* \* \* Come join a Sunday School class and experience Gospel community!

# Pray together