

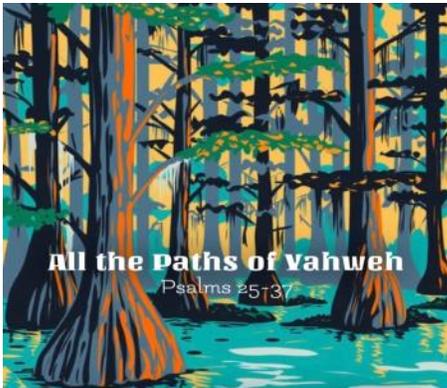


I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

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 Your Bones Join the
Worship Team"
Psalm 35:1-16

<https://youtu.be/X7lcvpe6xes>

Pastor Benji

How Can We Know God's Thoughts?

Isaiah 55 tells us that God's thoughts *"are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways."* His thoughts and ways are higher than our thoughts just like the heavens are higher than the earth. I suspect this Scripture is specifically referring to God's thoughts of compassion and forgiveness. But I think it is broader than just that. If that is true, how do we, limited created beings, comprehend God's infinite thoughts? How can we really understand God's compassion and forgiveness? Rom 11:33 piles on by saying: *"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgements, how inscrutable his ways."* We are told in Romans 12:2 and Ephesians 4:23 to be renewed in the spirit of our minds. How can we do that if we don't understand and comprehend God and his thoughts?

I think that I Cor 2:10-12 gives us an answer. *"These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God"*. Many of "these things" were written in Scripture for us by the apostles. We can read Scripture, and with the Holy Spirit's help, understand spiritual things.

There is mystery in God's thoughts and ways. But we can understand. Read the Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding. Think about how amazing this is, the "mind of Christ" is available to us. Just read what God has revealed to us in Scripture and ask the Holy Spirit for help.

- Mike Jones

WORSHIP

GOING BEFORE US

GO CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

Coffee and Donuts 9:00 am
IN THE GYM • PLEASE BRING DONUTS TO SHARE

Grace Family Prayer Activity 9:15-10:15 am
IN THE GYM • ALL AGES • WITH PAULA HARTER

Sunday Service 10:30 am
WITH SOME SPECIAL GUESTS!

Lunch with a Global Worker 11:45 am
OUT IN THE PARKING LOT • RSVP FOR A HEAD COUNT

Evening Service 6:00 pm
AN EVENING WITH DAN HARTER

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
- Deut 31:8

COLD-CASE CHRISTIANITY

A HOMICIDE DETECTIVE INVESTIGATES THE CLAIMS OF THE GOSPELS

J. WARNER WALLACE

forewords by LEE STROBEL and RICE BROOKS

Sunday Nights Chapel @ 6pm

WELCOMING CHILDREN HOME

ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022

GRACE CENTRAL COAST
SAN LUIS OBISPO

Announcements

NEW(ISH) PEOPLE PIZZA LUNCH

Join us **September 18th** for pizza and meet some of the leaders at Grace! Meet in Grace Hall AFTER the 10:30am service.

NEW SERMON DISCUSSION/REVIEW CLASS

Are you looking for an adult Sunday school class to be a part of? Come and visit our sermon review class beginning Sunday morning **October 9th @ 10:30am** in Rm 706(Ed Building). Carl Hathaway and Russ Lycan will be facilitating the class.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR CHURCH APP?

To load our church app, search for *Church by Ministry One* in the App Store—it's free. You can sign-up for events, send a note to the church office, or give your offering. *The Bulletin and Newsletter* are available through our website at www.gracesantamaria.org.

JOIN US FOR PRAYER

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

AWANA has started! We still need volunteers to sign up to share the gospel with children and train them to serve Him.

Keep inviting kids!

For any questions call Randy Giorgi at 347-1979.

Making Disciple-Making Disciples

VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING HANDS TEAM NEEDED FOR THE GO CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022
Set up in gym 4:00 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022
Set up long tables outside 8:00 am
Food prep, set up and service 10:00 am
Tear down Right after lunch

NO R.S.V.P. NECESSARY
JUST SHOW UP READY TO HELP