



"Helping people find and fulfill  
God's purpose for their lives"

**When Life is  
Confusing...**  
*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Rick Hale**  
*Senior Pastor*

December 9-10, 2017

*....Merry Christmas Anyway!*



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

TONIGHT	Christmas Caroling @ 6:00pm (Meet in Main Lobby)
TUESDAY	Men's Prayer Group @ 6:00am (Room 104) Refresh Mom's Group @ 9:00am (Children's Building) Reflections & Recovery 12 Step Program @ 5:00pm (612 W College) Center Martial Arts: All Ages @ 5:45pm (Children's Building)
WEDNESDAY	Coffee & Conversation @ 8:00am (Café Grace) English as a Second Language @ 9:00am and 6:00pm (Room 104) Student Ministry @ 6:00pm (Student Building)
THURSDAY	Volunteer Central @ 11:15am (Room 103) Noon Bible Study @ 12:15pm (Room 105) Praying Moms @ 12:00pm (Room 101) Center Martial Arts: All Ages @ 5:45pm (Children's Building) DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays @ 6:00pm (Room 102) Young Adults Ministry (18-25) @ 7:00pm (Student Building)
December 17	Student Ministry Building Open House (following each service) Women's Ministry Bake Sale
December 19	Mom's Day Out, 10:00am-2:00pm (Children's Building)
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4:30pm & 6:00pm
January 4, 2018	Financial Peace University-Gass @ 6:00pm (Room 105)
January 8, 2018	Financial Peace University-Lynch @ 6:00pm (Room 105)
January 14, 2018	Class 101: Discovering Membership @ 5:00pm (Student Building)



**Christmas Caroling with the Family!** Join us TONIGHT for Grace Sunday Nights at 5pm! At 6pm, we will meet in the Grace lobby to go caroling. Church buses will be available for transportation, or you can caravan in personal vehicles. We will return by 7:30pm for cookies and hot chocolate.

**Bake Sale:** On Sunday, December 17 following each service, the Women's Ministry is having a bake sale! We need donated baked items that will be sold to benefit the Spring Tea. If you are interested, contact Cynthia Skipworth at 575.626.5901.



Dave Ramsey's



**Financial Peace University:** This life-changing program is designed to teach you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and experience a total money makeover. We have 2 new sessions beginning in January and the cost is \$90. Sign-up on your connection card today!

**Class 101: Discovering Membership. January 14 at 5pm:** If you've been wondering what makes Grace tick, what our strategy and values are or are just curious-then this class is just for you! You can sign-up on your connection card today. The class will be held in the Student Building and dinner and childcare are provided.



## Pastoral Staff

Rick Hale, Senior

Lendell Nolan, Executive

Sean Lee, Connection (101)

Kevin Price, Growth (201)

Barry Anderson, Equip (301)

Pray for Jerry's Visa, Missions (401)

Kenny Lewis, Worship (501)

Alan Gedde, Children

Chris VanDyke, Student

## Read Ahead

"That isn't fair!" How many times have you said these words...this week? When life is unfair, it can suck the joy right out of Christmas. Join us next Sunday when we take a closer look at the story of Joseph and Mary. Talk about unfair! And yet, this young couple will be able to teach us an important lesson: *When Life is Unfair, Merry Christmas...Anyway!* You can read their story in Luke 2:1-20.



DivorceCare Surviving the Holidays: Our seminar helps participants face challenges and discover how to deal with emotions, ways to help children

through the holidays and how to find hope for the future. Join us THIS Thursday, December 14, at 6pm in room 102. Childcare is available with advance registration. If you would like to attend, contact Kaye Thompson at 575.317.3515.



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### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Infants-1 year:** Rooms 202, 204

**Age 2-K:** Rooms 201, 203, 205

**Lesson:** This week your child will hear about how Jesus called the disciples.

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**MCM Grades 1-4:** Room 215

**Lesson:** Jesus called twelve men, the disciples, to join Him in His mission.

### This Week's Memory Verse:

Matthew 4:19

### MERGE (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade):

Sundays @ 10:45am  
Student Building



### MID-HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

**Sundays:** *Assimilate* (7th-9th grade) at 9:00am in the Student Building

**Wednesdays** (7th-12th grade):

6:00-7:45pm in the Student Building

Join us for games, Bible study and discussion!

\*Text "@RosGraceSM" to 81010 for updates



### YOUNG ADULTS:

### 18-25 MINISTRY

Thursdays @ 7pm in Student Building  
Join us for dinner, Bible study and fun!

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#### Offering Totals

General \$	29,821.92	Missions \$	4,618.39
Building \$	2,170.91	Other \$	1,453.00
H.O.P.E. \$	860.00	Total \$	38,924.22

#### Attendance

Adults:	731
Children:	173
Total:	904

#### Year to Date:

Members:	129
Baptisms:	47

### Communion Instructions

You do not have to be a member of Grace to participate in communion. All Christians are invited to come forward, row by row, to participate. Simply take a wafer, dip it into the cup and partake. If you prefer being served in your chair, raise your hand at the conclusion of communion, and the servers will come to you. If you are not taking communion today, just remain in your chair.

**Prayer Teams** are available at the exits during communion if you would like someone to pray with you.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to John Levondoski and family, in the passing of John's wife, Pamela.

### Congratulations

We celebrate the life of Lincoln Ross McClellan, given by God to parents Ross & Kandace McClellan, and proud grandparents, Mark & Paula McClellan.

### Thank You

A big thank you to our Grace choir for all the hard work and hours of practice they put into preparing for this weekend. It has been a wonderful experience working with such a dedicated group of Christ followers. We have made some wonderful memories! Looking forward to what God has planned for us in 2018!

Kenny Lewis



**Grace Resources:** Stop by Grace Resources today for your holiday shopping! We have many handmade cards from *Braithwaite House*, children's Bible books, as well as Pastor Rick's book, *Living Your Dash*, on sale for \$5 this month. *Grace Resources is located in the East hallway.*



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