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NEED TO KNOW!

#1. Family BBQ

Get ready for Family BBQ & Baptism Night! It on Thur, June 30 at 5:30 PM. It will be outside in the Red Parking lot. We will have food and drinks, jumpies for the kids, baptisms, & a VBS celebration. It will be fun for the whole family and it's free! Let us know you will be there or want to get baptized. It's all on the website.

#2. Growth Track

There is another Growth Track class coming up and this one is online only. It's Wed, June 22 at 6 PM. At Growth Track you will learn all the ins and outs of Grace, discover your own unique gifts, & how to get connected whether that is membership, finding a small group or joining a Dream Team. Come and see what it is all about by RSVPing on the website.

#3. Encanto Family Service

Coming up on Sunday, July 3 we have a services for the whole family in the main Worship Center! These services will feature the movie Encanto and Pastor Jenn will bring the message. If needed, there will be Grace kids programming available for those 5 and under. Everyone else is invited to the main services including youth!



JUNE 19 // WEEK 3 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. - Galatians 5:22-23

PEACE

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

The Hebrew word for peace is shalom. It means freedom from trouble, experiencing the highest good, enjoying the very best, possessing all the inner good possible, wholeness and soundness, prosperity in the widest sense, especially prosperity in the spiritual sense of having a soul that blossoms and flourishes.

There is the "peace" of the world. This is a "peace" of escapism, of avoiding trouble, of refusing to face things, of unreality. It is a peace that is sought through pleasure, satisfaction, contentment, the absence of trouble, positive thinking, or the denial of problems.

The peace of the Lord is not the same as the peace of the world.

What is the difference between peacekeepers and peacemakers?

Peacekeepers often avoid conflict to keep the peace.
Peacemakers embrace conflict to make peace.

"Every boy, in his journey to become a man, takes an arrow in the center of his heart, in the place of his strength. Because the wound is rarely discussed and even more rarely healed, every man carries a wound. And the wound is nearly always given by his father." - John Eldridge - *Wild at Heart*

It's hard to make peace when we are at war with ourselves.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. - Romans 12:17-18, 21

What do peacemakers do?

1. Peacemakers: Tell the truth in Love.

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ... - Ephesians 4:15

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. - Romans 8:28

2. Peacemakers: Apologize when they are wrong.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. - James 5:16

3. Peacemakers: Forgive and let go.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. - Colossians 3:13

What young men need is to be acknowledged for their strength, wildness and power. Even Jesus needed to hear those words of affirmation from his Father. After he is baptized in the Jordan, before the brutal attack on his identity in the Wilderness, his Father speaks: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). In other words, "Jesus, I am deeply proud of you; you have what it takes." - John Eldridge - *Wild at Heart*

We never look more like God than when we forgive and make peace.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. - Matthew 5:9

How do we make peace with God?

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. - Galatians 5:24-25