

LONG STORY SHORT

THE BIBLE IN SIX
SIMPLE MOVEMENTS



May 26, 2019

"I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

John 17:20-21 (NLT)

Why do I as a Christ-follower need to be a part of the Church?

1. Only in the church, do I find my true _____ in Christ.

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT)

Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people.

Revelation 19:6-8 (NLT)

2. Only in the church, do I find my true _____ for Christ.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other... The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:7, 12-13 (NLT)

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.

The Worship Team is looking for musicians and instrumentalists to expand our worship team! If you can sing or play an instrument or know someone who would like to be a part of this dynamic team please contact Donna at donnajarrett@gracechurch.com or call the office 941-966-3306.

941 Clothing Exchange is looking for volunteers to inspect, sort, hang, and fold gently used clothing. Every 2nd Thursday of the month and every other Friday, 9:41 am – noon. Contact Judy at 941-966-8162 for more information.

6 Week Bible Challenge – During this sermon series, Long Story Short, we will be doing a broad overview of the Bible. We are encouraging you to Deep Dive into the bible yourself, One Word, One Sentence, or SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer). There are several small groups available on various days and times so we can share this journey together. Jesus was in a small group! For more information, call the office or text 'DIVEDEEP' to 941-241-0188.

Shoes of Hope – Saturday, August 3rd, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. This will be the second year that Grace Church will provide a backpack filled with school supplies, new tennis shoes and a bible to children in the 941 area. You can help by taking a crayon bank and returning it by June 16th with your spare change.

Vacation Bible School – Save the date! July 22 – 26th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Register your kids or sign up to volunteer, gracechurch.com/saravbs.

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date: / / 1st Time Visitor

How did you hear about Grace Church?

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: / / Male Female

I would like to meet with the pastor.

MY DECISION TODAY

- I said **YES** for the first time, and became a follower of Jesus.
- I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

We have resources to help you with your decision.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: _____

Public Prayer List For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMALL GROUPS

I want to join a small group.

SMART GIVING

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-OR-

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239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Sarasota)

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

ALL are invited to join us for any of our regularly scheduled events!

Exploring the Old Testament – Sundays, 8:15 – 9:30 am in the Gathering Place. This is a safe place to learn and explore the Bible. Ask questions. No preparation needed.

Pastor Bible Study – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, in the Gathering Place. We meet to read a portion of the Bible, then discuss what it meant then and how it applies to current times.

Fishing Club – 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Shell Beach on Siesta Key! We will fish and 'hook up' with other fishermen. Fishing poles are available if you don't have one of your own. Dinner available.

Prayer hour – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come join us in praying for our church, our neighborhoods, the 941, & the nations or if you are in need of prayer.

Sprout - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - Food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 9:00 – 11:00.

Community Clothing Connection - Open the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month during food distribution from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Most items are only \$1.00.

The Bible Plain and Simple, Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Starting Point room. Join us as we walk through the Bible using a children's Bible.

Grace on the Bay Kayaking – 2nd Saturday of the month, leaving from Vamo Drive Park at 9:41am. Bring your own kayak, call the office or text 'KAYAK' to 941-241-0188 and we will bring one for you!



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