

ARE — WE — THE  
CHURCH?

July Sermon Series

**PRAYING**

**FOR**

**OTHERS**

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your worship guide.
- Our Interns
- Our small group led by Mark Elkins
- Our North Katy Campus
- Neighboring church service this morning at Katy Community Fellowship
- Our mission teams traveling to North Africa
- The Raj\*put of India
- Conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and Eastern Europe

*We ask all this for the glory of Your name.*

**Need Prayer?** Prayer opportunities in the Community Prayer Center:

- **Prophetic Prayer** – Canceled in July
- **Healing Prayer** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 10:30AM
- **Submit a Prayer Request** – [WhatIsGrace.org/prayer-wall](https://www.WhatIsGrace.org/prayer-wall)

**Scan the QR code for the full schedule of prayer opportunities.**



# ARE WE THE CHURCH?

“Devoted”

Acts 2:42-47 – July 5, 2026

## Our Sermon Series

ARE WE THE CHURCH?		
<i>Examining Common Statements That You Will Not Find in the Bible</i>		
Date	Message Title	Bible Text
July 5	“And they devoted themselves...”	Acts 2:42-47
July 12	Why Do We Teach?	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
July 19	What Is Community?	1 Corinthians 10:13
July 26	Why Are We On Mission?	1 Timothy 6:6-19
<i>Sermon notes are available in Mandarin and Spanish at the Welcome Desk</i>		

### Introduction:

- The Plague of Cyprian (AD 250)
  - Carthage, Roman Empire. 5,000 people dying per day in Rome alone.
- Julian the Apostate (AD 361)
  - Julian, Emperor of Rome, Letter to Pagan High Priests- *“The impious Galileans [Christians] support not only their own poor, but ours as well! Everyone can see that our own people lack aid from us, while the Christians take care of them.”*
- Hurricane Katrina (2005)
  - 80% of New Orleans was underwater.
  - FEMA was overwhelmed. 1.5 million displaced.
  - In Mississippi alone, faith-based organizations operated 53% of all emergency shelters.
  - The Southern Baptists Church provided 300,000 meals a day, eventually giving out 53 million total meals.
  - **Roy Hattersley, The Guardian** - *“Notable by their absence are teams from rationalist societies, free thinkers' clubs and atheists' associations - the sort of people who not only scoff at religion's intellectual absurdity but also regard it as a positive force for evil. Good works, John Wesley insisted, are no guarantee of a place in heaven. But they are most likely to be performed by people who believe that heaven exists... Yet men and women who, like me, cannot accept the mysteries and the miracles do not go out with the Salvation Army at night... The only possible conclusion is that faith comes with a packet of moral imperatives that, while they do not condition the attitude of all believers, influence enough of them to make them morally superior to atheists like me.”*







## CONNECTING at Grace

**Connecting at Grace** is your first step if you want to:

- Learn more about the history of Grace Fellowship and what we believe.
- Become a member of our church family.

This class includes TWO consecutive sessions:

**Session 1:** Sunday, July 12 · 12:45–2:45PM

**Session 2:** Sunday, July 19 · 12:45–2:45PM

We believe experiencing God together happens in community. Each session provides a unique opportunity to meet new friends, enjoy lunch together, and make meaningful connections. **Register today!**



# BAPTISM SUNDAY

JULY 26

Learn more and sign up at  
[WhatisGrace.org/Baptism](https://WhatisGrace.org/Baptism)



## DivorceCare

Starting August 17

Are you divorced or separated and looking to discover hope, experience healing, and rebuild your life?

Contact Charmel Paholek at [CPaholek@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:CPaholek@WhatIsGrace.org) for more information on DivorceCare.

## Financial Peace University

Starting August 17

Tired of living paycheck to paycheck and wondering how to save money? Not on the same page with your spouse about money?

Contact Michelle Sliva at [MSliva@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:MSliva@WhatIsGrace.org) for more information about Financial Peace University.

Learn more about Care Ministry at [WhatIsGrace.org/Care](https://www.whatisgrace.org/care)

## Become a NextGen Leader!

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

**KiDS**



Grace Fellowship

**STUDENTS**

As the body of Christ, we have an opportunity to launch more and more Christ-followers into the next generation by surrounding them with Christian adults who care about their relationship with Jesus.

For more info on how to become a NextGen leader, please email Jordan at [JHerrera@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:JHerrera@WhatIsGrace.org)

# FAITH AND FAMILY DAY

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Join us on Wednesday, July 15, for a fun day at the water park followed by worship led by Grace Fellowship student and adult worship bands.

Worship led by Grace Fellowship:

- RPM Band from 5-6PM
- Adult Worship Band from 6-7PM

Discount All Day Pass with code: **FFGrace26**  
or use the QR code



Ways to GIVE

1. **WEBSITE** – Visit [WhatIsGrace.org/Giving](http://WhatIsGrace.org/Giving).
2. **CHURCH CENTER APP** – In the Church Center App, login with your phone number, and click "Give". It's super easy. Choose ACH to avoid fees.
3. **STOCKS OR OTHER ASSETS** – Please email us at [Finance@WhatIsGrace.org](mailto:Finance@WhatIsGrace.org) for stock transfers, non-cash donations, or estate planning.

