Prayer for () bedience

Father.

Thank You for the faith You've placed in our hearts. We know that following You isn't always easy, but we believe Your ways are good and true. Teach us to walk in obedience—not out of guilt or pressure, but because we trust You and love You. When we're unsure or tempted to go our own way, remind us that You are faithful and that Your plans are better than ours. Help us live in a way that shows we believe in who You are.

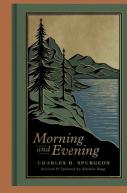
RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

READ

Humility by Gavin Ortlund

The Biggest Story Curriculum for Kids and Families by Crossway

Morning and Evening by Charles Spurgeon



LISTEN

Bible Project Podcast by the Bible Project

The Prodigal by Josiah Queen (album)

James by Francis Chan on Right Now Media



- **SEPTEMBER** Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 2 1 3 6 5 7 8 9 10
- Central America Serve Trip 7 Group Sunday
- **1** Move Up Sunday
- **2** gsMEN's Kick Off
- Seasoned Sisters
- VISION SUNDAY
- **5** Night of Worship

- **6** gsYOUTH Serve Day
- - **8** gsYOUTH Middle School Lock-In
 - **9** Jump Start Your Health Bronson 5K
 - 10 gsLIFE Courses Kick Off
 - - Guatemala Serve Trip
- **OCTOBER** Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 3 2 24 5 6
- **1** Alternatives Gala
- 2 FALL FEST
- **3** gsMEN's Breakfast
- **4** Seasoned Sisters
- **5** Senior Adults Connect Group Kick-Off
- **6** The Community Table
- - gsWOMEN's Retreat

Find the full calendar and extra information about these events online! Head to gracespringchurch.org/events





Dear gracespring Family,

We have just completed a season in which we have seen our Lord show up big time in so many ways. And while there is much to celebrate, be reminded that there is an adversary who is determined to create mayhem. So I encourage you to remain vigilant, to "take every thought captive and obey Christ" (II Corinthians 10:5), the true Head of our church body.

One of the ways we remain vigilant is by going on offense and taking ground for the Kingdom of God on mission with Jesus. When the Scriptures tell us to "stand firm against the evil one" in Ephesians 6, it is not a passive posture, but an active one. So to carry out our Lord's vision for our church family of "saturating dry places with the good news Jesus Christ" (Ezekiel 47:1-12), we must live in obedience to the heart of God by stepping into the current' that is to bring life and healing to dry and dead places through the practice of mission and outreach.

If you haven't already, let me encourage you this year to take a step closer to Jesus by engaging in missional opportunities offered within and through our ministry partners. Engaging others is where our faith deepens, and we get to see the miracles of "dead coming to life" before our very eves.

In His Grip. Pastor Bryan Engage at gracespring Engage in Community

Baptish Testishony

FROM DANIEL FAETT

Looking at my life right before Christ, most would consider it a great life. I had a loving wife, a wonderful daughter, a dream job, and a beautiful home. But in reality, I was weak, and full of pride, anxiety, and fear.

My life up until this point was centered around what I did.

In 2023, my son was born with a rare brain disorder that brought my life to a complete stop. No amount of money, strength, perseverance, or hard work could stop the inevitable passing of my son, Blake, at four months. I remember vividly, through tears, on the day we found out about his diagnosis, the only hope I could hold on to was a local church our friend spoke of in conversation. It was like a magnet, and I just found myself driving to the church. Being so new to Christ, God knew we needed community, and people we had never met before became some of the most influential on our path to Christ.

Today, I continue to trust in God and try to follow His will. God continues to give me a level of peace amidst my chaos that cannot be described. I can honestly say that trusting in God can be very scary at times. I know what coming to believe in Him feels like when I had nothing else, and I can't say that does not scare me. But I can also say that there is nothing more I want than to be wrapped in His arms. This baptism is my declaration to Christ, expressing my gratitude for this life and His love for my family and me, in both the good times and the hard times.

CELEBRATING BEING

On Sunday, September 14 we will be setting aside some time in our worship services to give thanks and celebrate that we have paid off the mortgage on our facility. We will look back at some of the history and recall God's faithfulness through some harder seasons financially as a church family over the years. We'll also look forward to what's ahead for us as we continue to trust and follow our Savior.

We occupied the new Auditorium back in 2006 with a mortgage of around \$3.6M. When Pastor Bryan arrived in 2014, the balance was still over \$2M. In December of 2023, it finally dropped below \$500K and we began to see the finish line. Fast forward to the spring of 2025, where God provided an extra \$100K in catalytic giving from two gracespring members towards debt retirement. That inspired the possibility of finishing by June 30 and the sprint to the finish line. The gracespring family gave another \$78K for the debt in the month of June, and we wrote the final payment check on June 27, 2025. Thanks be to God!



Serve Try Testimony

FROM LEAH HINES

those who donated and helped

who prayed for us through this

fund our trip, and also those

experience.

During our mission trip to Guatemala, I was overwhelmed by the joy and beauty and hospitality from the locals there. I was filled with joy watching my peers spend time with and enjoying being around the children, as they began to break the language barrier and just spend time together. Hearing the powerful testimonies brought me to tears and made me feel so overwhelmed with joy knowing the Lord is with everyone, not just people back home. As we were exploring this new country I started feeling like I was missing something. You see, as I've been growing older and deepening my faith I have felt like I've been faking my faith for a really, really long time, like I've been trying to convince myself and others that I was feeling something from God that I wasn't. But within the first 48 hours of our trip I started to really see the Lords work - His hand over all of the people at the carepoint, over my peers as they were led to serve and do kingdom work, and in seeing that the Lord was fully upon the place. It is truly a blessing to have been able to go on this trip and it's something I'll never forget. The whole team thanks all

UPCOMING EVENTS!

MEN'S NIGHT OUT Chili Cook Off

SEPTEMBER 13TH

gsMEN's KICKOFF EVENT HOSTED AT GULL LAKE MINISTRIES

GROUP SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 21ST

FIND YOUR PEOPLE AND GET PLUGGED IN TO ONE OF THE MANY GROUPS WE OFFER!

FALL FEST

OCTOBER 8TH

AN EVENING OF FUN AT GULL MEADOW FARMS FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY!



OCTOBER 24TH

gsWOMEN'S FALL RETREAT HOSTED AT LAKE ANN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

The Community Table OCTOBER 19TH

CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON BY SUPPLYING GROCERY BUNDLES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES