

# Relationships That Last

## Grace-Filled Relationships

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1 John 4:7-13

September 14, 2025

False starts...

Firm foundations...

- Go to the source of love: the Father (4:7-8).
- Believe in the proof of love: Jesus (4:9-10).
- Listen to the perfecter of love: the Spirit (4:11-13).

Now What?

## Life Application Questions

Read 1 John 4:7-16

- In what ways do you struggle to love others the way that God calls us to?
- What might it look like, practically, to "live in love" this week?



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## Welcome! Thanks for joining us

### New to WL?

We'd love to meet you! Stop by our **Connections** desk in our new **Commons Area** (right across from the cafe) to pick up a **free gift**.

### Got Kids?

Kids from **infants to 6th grade** have classes available during **all three services**. Students in **grades 7-12** meet in **The Hub at 10am**.

## Ways to Connect



### Connect Card

If you're new today, have recently moved, changed your email, or just want to connect, please scan the QR code or stop by WL Central or text "connect" to 574-267-6623. We want to help you connect at WL.



### Thank you for your generosity!

There are three ways to give: On our website at [wlgrace.com/give](http://wlgrace.com/give), through the Church Center app, using the QR code, or in person using one of the black giving boxes throughout the building.



### Need prayer?

We'd love to share your burdens and joys. Let us know how we can pray for you. Use the QR code or connect at [wlgrace.com](http://wlgrace.com).

### Other Ways to Connect...

You can find more information about us and ways to connect at [wlgrace.com](http://wlgrace.com), Winona Lake Grace Church on Facebook, and [wlgracechurch](https://www.instagram.com/wlgracechurch) on Instagram.



## WL Gatherings



### THE GATHERING

The Gathering is WL Grace's **young adult ministry** for anyone ages 18-28. Our Fall Kickoff is **TODAY during third service, at 11:30am**, where we'll share a meal together and talk about plans for the rest of the Fall/Spring. Please join us!



### MARRIAGE RETREAT

**Are you ready to grow closer to God and to each other?**

Join us for a meaningful getaway at the **Marriage Retreat, October 3-4**, at Swan Lake in Plymouth, IN. This retreat is more than just time away—it's an intentional space to slow down, reconnect, and refocus on what



matters most. **Whether your marriage feels strong or you're navigating a challenging season**, this weekend offers a chance to invest deeply in your relationship. Are you ready to grow closer to God and to each other? Use the QR code to register.



### Destination: Discipleship

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Discipleship is the process of **pursuing maturity in Christ** and God has challenged ALL of us to play a role in that process. This is designed to equip people who are or would like to lead others. Please join us.



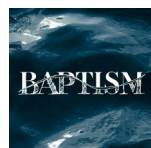
### Discover WL

### Join Us for Discover WL!

Whether you're new to WL or have been attending for a while, we'd love to invite you to our upcoming Discover WL meet and greet. This is a great opportunity to learn about the heart, mission, and vision of WL, and find your place in our church family.



The class will be held on **Sunday, September 21st, from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in Fireside Room B. Classes are available for infants through 6th grade.



### BAPTISM

### Baptism Service - September 21

Baptism is a way of publicly showing that you have chosen to follow Jesus and that Jesus has given you new life. There's nothing special about the water. There's nothing magical about the act. However, Jesus asks us to be baptized as a testimony of our faith in Him.



## STRUGGLING, READY TO TALK TO SOMEONE?

We're here to help! Contact our Soul Care team:  
[wlgrace.com/soulcare](http://wlgrace.com/soulcare).

Physical copies at the Connection Desk

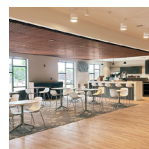
## Help Needed



### English as a New Language

### Immediate Need!

One of our students is a young mom who feels very isolated and overwhelmed. All of her family lives in another country, and she has two small children, yet when she comes to ENL she can have **time to learn, socialize, and get a little reprieve**. We get to be the hands and feet of the Lord to her. Without additional nursery help, this young mom maynot be able to come to class anymore. We need people who can help watch the students' children from 9:15-11:30am Thursday mornings. If you're interested in helping or want to learn more please contact Cassie Wanty at [cwanty@gmail.com](mailto:cwanty@gmail.com)



### We're Almost Open!

We still have critical weekly volunteer needs in all three areas: **Building Host, Playspace, and Cafe**. If you previously expressed interest but haven't heard back, please resubmit your info or if you just want to find out more, let us know - we'd love to connect!



## Opening Monday, September 15



### WL Cafe

### Monday - Friday

7:00am-1:00pm

### Saturday & Sunday

8:00am-Noon



### Playspace at WL

PLAY. GROW. RESET.

**Monday**  
8am-Noon

**Friday**  
Closed

**Tuesday**  
8am-Noon, 4-7pm

**Saturday**  
10am-Noon

**Wednesday**  
8am-1pm

**Sunday**  
Closed

**Thursday**  
8am-Noon, 4-7pm

### New Spaces FAQ

### Do you have questions about our new spaces?

What time will the Playspace and Cafe be open? What kind of coffee will they serve? Who can use mthe spaces? Are there places to rent? **Find answers on**



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