

You are the House of God

WHITEWATER: Navigating Life’s Rapids as a Church Centered on Christ
1 Corinthians 6:12–20  Jonathan Schaeffer

The Most High does not live in houses made by human hands...
Christ lives in you.
Acts 7:48; Colossians 1:27

God’s change of address
There was a new reality that Paul wanted to be sure every believer knows.
When we put our trust in Jesus, we actually become the house of God.
This is one of six times Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6, “Don’t you know?”

That was then...
For 1,200 yrs, God’s address was posted at the Temple of Israel.
Exodus 40:34-38; 1 Kings 8:10-13
The Temple was where you went to seek God. 1 Samuel 1:7
This explains the devastation when the ark of the covenant was stolen. God’s presence was removed. 1 Samuel 4:21-22; Ezekiel 10:18

This is now...

● God’s address today: He lives in ________________!
Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? 1 Corinthians 6:19

● Jesus made a new and better way.
He is the “tabernacle of God,” called “Immanuel—God with us.”
John 1:14; 2:19-22; Matthew 1:23

● The early church confirmed his new address.
The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands Acts 17:24; 7:48; Colossians 1:27

● You don’t walk into church; the church walks into the building.
God lives in you! You are the house—the temple—of God!

Implications for Jesus-followers today

1. God’s design is that your body be his house, the place where he lives. Your body is important to God.
That has a huge impact on the way you live and the decisions you make—how you treat and use the body God has given you.
I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Rom. 12:1

2. You are the manager of your body, and you’re responsible for to the Owner—Jesus for its care and use.
You are not your own; you were bought at a price. 1 Cor. 6:19–20

3. If God owns your body, that means you’ll only participate in the kind of activities that please Him.
Therefore honor God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:20

● Commit in advance to say “no” to temptation.
Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 1 Corinthians 6:18; 10:13

● Chase sexual purity, knowing your body belongs to the Lord.
Think: “Whatever I do with my body, I’m doing ‘in the house of God.’”
The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord... 1 Corinthians 6:13; Job 31:1; Proverbs 5-7

“Lord Jesus, I believe your Word is true, and that your commands are for my good. You designed sex as a gift for marriage, and from this day forward, I choose with your help to protect the gift of sex for that relationship alone. Help me to live according to your Word, that I may honor you and the people I love.”

Make it Personal

● Opportunities at Grace for taking the next step of healing and growth: Sexual Integrity 101 / 7 Pillars - Men’s Recovery Group (the next group will launch in September on Wednesdays at 7 pm)
Keys to Recovery (Tuesdays), Galvanized (Fridays)
Counseling: see all that’s available at gracecma.org/counseling
Upcoming 2023 Grace 23,

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No meals, in Bring cheer time Share Church the you're love LGTB+, registration

Food activities for baptism, and patience! for this you'll get to share understanding, support, and encouragement. @Middleburg Heights gracecma.org/events

Take Your Next Step: Baptism Sun, Aug. 20 Baptism is an external picture of an internal decision that impacts your entire life. If you’ve trusted Jesus as your Savior and you’d like to follow his example for the next step, consider getting baptized at Beulah Beach on Sunday, August 20! Start a conversation about baptism today. gracecma.org/baptism

Serve Students: TLC Rooms July 30-Aug.27 It could be as simple as new socks and underwear, a warm coat, or laundry detergent. TLC rooms at local schools allow students to get thoughtful items that can allow them to reach their full potential, feel empowered and loved. Visit the event page for a link to shop or donate using “TLC Rooms” @Middleburg Heights gracecma.org/events

Share Jesus at the Fair August 8-13 Welcome people in the Grace Church tent at the Cuyahoga County Fair in Berea! If you'd like to learn how to present the gospel with people in a relaxed setting, and also share your excitement about your church family, this is a great way to learn as you go! @Middleburg Heights gracecma.org/events

REAL Women of Grace Fri, Aug. 4 | 7 PM This month our REAL hangout is going to be in-person! Join Jen Robinson, Mary Schaeffer, Dr. Tisha Carter, and April Curtain for Dinner, Conversation, Games, and Giveaways. Space is limited, register by July 31! @Middleburg Heights gracecma.org/events

Church Picnic Sun, Aug. 20 @Beulah Beach Share a picnic-style meal with your Grace fam, spend time in worship together on the hillside, and then cheer on baptisms as the sun sets over Lake Erie!

Bring the family as early as 2:00 PM to enjoy a swim in the lake or canoeing in the pond. The zip line and other activities aren't open this year due to staffing.

This year we'll have local food trucks serving up meals, so you can order and pay on the day.

4:00 PM – Food Trucks open for Dinner 6:00 PM – Worship and Baptisms on the Lake

No registration necessary, friends welcome! gracecma.org/events

Parking Update July 16-30
3 week repair and repave will impact Sunday parking @Middleburg Heights

• Park in our lower lot or on a neighboring street, and walk or use shuttles to the front entrance. • Visit our Olmsted Falls campus for the 10 AM Worship Service.

Thanks for your patience!

Faithful Journey Tues, Aug. 8 | 7 PM
If you're looking for prayer and wise insight for how to love friends and family members who identify as LGBT+, in this group you'll get to share understanding, support, and encouragement. @Middleburg Heights gracecma.org/events

Read more: gracecma.org/bulletin

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