

## WAYS TO GIVE

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## THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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\$35,402.00  
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## WEEKLY NEWS!

### #1. WHAT ABOUT CLASS

Do you still have questions about faith, God, and the Bible? Grace offers a class that where you can ask all your questions. The class is called "What About" and it's offered every Sunday at 10:30 in room 269. Stop by anytime to check it out.

### #2. CHILD DEDICATIONS

Next Sunday, we will be offering Child Dedications. This is special moment in the service where families commit to raising their kids to know and love Jesus. If you'd like to dedicate your kiddos, please RSVP online under Kids.

### #3. BABYSITTING FUND-RAISER

Moms, dads - who needs a night out?! Grace Youth has got you covered for the babysitting. They are offering a babysitting night on Friday, April 28. So plan something special and drop the kids off at Grace. All proceeds from this event will help the students going on the Mexico Missions Trip this summer. Sign up online.



# DIDN'T SEE IT COMING

APRIL 23 // WEEK 3 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

## Why do we struggle with unity?

### 3 things that hinder unity:

1. Absence of trust
2. Fear of conflict
3. Lack of commitment

### What do we do?

Jesus wants to lead us to be healthy.  
Jesus helps us achieve unity through community.

### 3 things to help build unity:

#### 1. Build healthy Trust.

Hurt is learned and trust is earned.  
When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. - Psalm 56:3

Everything moves at the speed of trust.

#### 2. Engage in healthy conflict.

See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. - Hebrews 12:15

Give and receive feedback with grace.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17

Forgiveness is key to healthy conflict.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. - Colossians 3:13

#### 3. Make healthy commitments.

Commitment to God

And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by His decrees and obey His commands, as at this time. 1 Kings 8:61

Commitment to others They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42

### Unity requires acts of faith.

This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come. - Mark 4:26-29

The kingdom of God . . . is like a mustard seed, which when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, yet when it is sown, grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so the birds of the air can nest under its shade. - Mark 4:30-32

### How will we take steps towards unity?

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear. - 1 John 4:18