



## About Grace Students!

Our Student Ministry is geared directly towards 6th – 12th graders. This includes a Sunday morning Gathering, Disciple Now, mission trips, camps, family experiences, and fellowship events. We know that this generation is unlike any other and we are here to parter with you as parents and help them understand who Jesus is and how they can have a relationship with Him.

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## What's Up Weekly!

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Main Worship Service- | 9am | 10:30am | 12am |

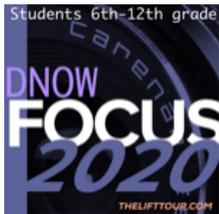
Student Gathering- 10:30am

### MIDWEEK

Leadership Study (February- March)- 6:30pm-8:00pm

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## EVENTS!



### **Disciple Now 20/20 Focus**

February 28 - March 1

6:00pm - 11:30pm

**LOCATION: Grace Community Church**

Disciple Now Weekend (DNow) is an annual Student event for middle and high schoolers centered around small group discipleship in a home setting. The weekend consists of prayer, Bible study, music, recreation, food, and relationship-building. It's a retreat without leaving San Antonio. The event will kick-off on Friday, February 28th, and students will stay in Grace Church members homes on Friday and Saturday, wrapping up on Sunday morning during Bible study and worship at the 10:30 service.

[Click Here to Register](#)



## Mission 58 (Mission Trip)

June 15 - June 19

LOCATION: Marshall TX (ETBU)

We will be working with a mission organization called Mission 58. They exist to see students engaging the culture with the Gospel. On the week of mission trip, we will be doing exactly that. Sessions will consist of a time of worship, teaching and small groups. Students will be able to encounter what God is doing in and through the nations by sitting down with different mission groups and missionaries. We will depart to put "boots on the ground" and serve the local community.



## Masters Camp

July 13 - July 17

LOCATION: Alto Frio camp, Leaky, TX

Masters camp is a God Centered Camp that is focused on Christ and challenging students in their walk with Christ. This week is full of Worship, Bible Studies, and games. Last year God used this camp to change the lives of hundreds of students. This year's theme is **Influencer**.

## Upcoming series!

In this series, we want to help students see that in order to truly chase after Him, we have to stop chasing some other things along the way.

In this series, we're taking a look at one of the most powerful ways Jesus taught life-changing truths: stories. This series leads students through Jesus' parables and how to make these concepts real in their lives.

This series was created to help students make wise decisions when it comes to their relationships—and save the date before it needs saving

In this seasonal series, we're going past the eggs, chocolate, and baskets. We're bringing students back to what Easter really means for their faith.

## Parent Resources!

### 5 Memorable Family Christmas Traditions

*Jim Burns -President of HomeWord and Executive Director of the HomeWord Center for Youth and Family at Azusa Pacific University*

From the silly to the sentimental, traditions create meaningful memories for your family. They provide opportunities to build your family legacy as your children grow up. But sometimes, families get in a rut with traditions, never experimenting to see if new traditions might add some new spice to your family life.

**Christmas is a great time to try some new ideas. You just may create a new traditions that will continue for generations! Consider the following:**

1. Start traditions with Christmas Eve/Christmas Day meals. For example, at the Burns' home, it's always Chinese food on Christmas Eve.
2. Try a family version of The Twelve Days of Christmas. First, decide on a friend, relative, or neighbor who will receive all of the "gifts." Then, create a unique gift for each day of the carol, (example: five golden rings could be five glazed donuts) and place the gifts each day on the recipient's front porch.
3. Visit a Nursing Home. There are typically a lot of lonely people living in nursing homes. These people can be especially lonely during the Christmas season. Prepare some Christmas cookies and take your family to visit nursing home residents -- spreading the love of Jesus to sick or elderly people. (Be sure to check with the nursing home in advance to make sure it is okay to drop by and deliver Christmas cookies.)
4. Celebrate your family's ethnic heritage(s). During the Christmas season, prepare a family meal(s) that celebrate your family's ethnic heritage. This is a great way to expose your kids to your family roots -- especially if you don't regularly focus on this throughout the year.
5. Letters to Jesus. Before opening your Christmas presents, write thank-you letters to Jesus. Collect them and make them available every Christmas. Keep adding new letters annually. Here's one rule to make this tradition work well: family members can only read the thank-you letters they have written.

## **Adolescence: A Season of Pressure**

*Doug Fields -Author of Intentional Parenting*

On the outside, most young people seem happy-go-lucky, but inside each adolescent is a complex network of potentially explosive pressures. Adolescents with a strong parental and social support system are the least likely to experience the painful effects of the pressures they face. When parents become aware of the typical sources of pressure that kids face, they are better able to provide their kids encouragement and support. Here are five common pressures adolescents face:

### **1. The Pressure to be Perfect.**

Teens repeatedly talk about their parents wanting them to be perfect, particularly in the areas of behavior and school. No kid is perfect and when they fall short of their parents' expectations, they feel more pressure.

### **2. The Pressure to Succeed.**

The pressure to succeed elicits the attitude that life is a perpetual performance. To fail is to feel stupid. When kids fail, they fear that others will reject them.

### **3. The Pressure to Conform.**

Kids find it extremely uncomfortable to be different from their peers; so, they work hard to fit in and be accepted by one of the subcultures on their school campus.

### **4. The Pressure from Body Changes.**

Since consistent change is part of the developing adolescent body, teenagers are in a continual state of stress over what's happening or what's not happening.

### **5. The Pressure from Emotions.**

Adolescence is a time of emotional development. For many teens, the strength and frequency of their emotions is much like having new emotions altogether. They are often not sure where the emotions have come from, and they are equally unsure what to do with them.

Pressure is simply going to be part of the adolescent experience. Learning to process pressure and stress is actually an important part of preparing kids to face the pressures and stresses of adulthood. Rather than trying to eradicate all pressure, the wise course for parents is to help kids manage and moderate the pressures they face so that they do not become overwhelmed as they journey toward adulthood.

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