

## Connect with Grace

More special events, ongoing programs, Connect Card, and more can be found on our website: [yakimagrace.com](http://yakimagrace.com) or on the Yakima Grace App.



YOU are invited to use your gifts in our community: Welcome Center, Tech Team, Grace Kids, Choir, Band, Bells, Prayer, & more! Scan the QR to get started.



The mums arrive Tuesday! Did you miss out on ordering? We've got extras coming! Stop by the Welcome Center or call the office to add your name to the list.



You are invited to join us at West Valley Church on Sat, Oct 3 for a wonderful evening of fun and support! RSVP and purchase tickets online using the QR.



Grace Kids will be dismissed at the 9am service to class. After service, families are invited upstairs to meet teachers and learn more about our classrooms.

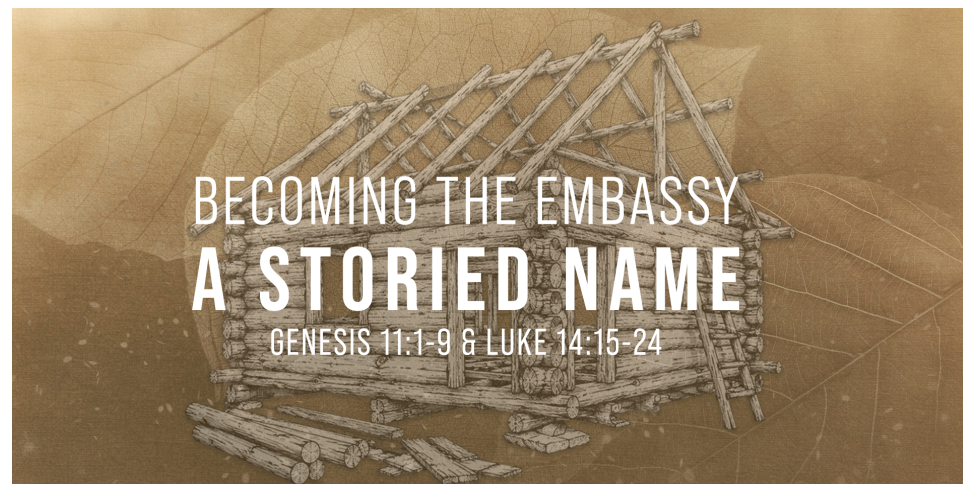
### New to QR Codes? Give it a try!

1. Open the camera on your smartphone.
2. Point at the QR Code and hold your phone steady so the code fits on the screen.
3. Tap the message or link that appears to open. You do NOT need to take a picture.



## Grace of Christ Church

*To Love Jesus, Love our City, Together in Community - September 20, 2026*



### WELCOME TO GRACE!

Greetings Friends in Christ!

As we continue discussing the making of an embassy church, we now turn our attention to the idea of names in the Bible and their relation to stories and heritage. Philosopher Byung Chul-Han neatly contrasts modern "storyselling" with storytelling in *The Crisis of Narration*. The problem is that society has turned stories into products and that has made the gospel a sales pitch and something to be brand-loyal to, rather than an heirloom we steward for future generations. This means churches are often divided on doctrine and among generations. We've sought unity not through shared story, but through shared sales-pitch and product lines. Being ambassadors of reconciliation means rediscovering the heirloom of the gospel, seeing others as part of a family tree rather than as competitors, and seeking a family reconciliation. In this way, we will foster a new generation who are passionate about the treasure of Jesus.

Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9am Contemporary Service

*GraceKids & Youth Clubs will be dismissed from service to their classes.*

11am Traditional Service

*Activity bags for kids are available at the back of the Sanctuary.*

*Childcare is available during both services for kids 6 and under.*

### CONNECT WITH US

9 S. 8th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902 | 509.248.7940 | [YakimaGrace.com](http://YakimaGrace.com)

Lead Pastor - Rev Dr Gregory Wagenfuhr

Kids & Families - Sarah Huck | Youth & Young Adults - Kara Candid

# BECOMING THE EMBASSY: A STORIED NAME

Genesis 11:1-9; Luke 14:15-24  
Rev. Dr. Gregory Wagenfuhr

## STUDY QUESTIONS

### Introduction: Storytelling and Storyselling

#### FOUNDATIONS (WHAT?)

##### Identity Comes through Story

What kind of stories have shaped your identity? Who were the major figures in them?

##### Breakdown of Story, Making a Name Is Meaninglessness

How do you think the idea of sending youth off "into the world" and into careers has reshaped community and the stories we tell?

##### Stories Are Heirlooms, Not Products

What's the difference between an heirloom and a product? How might a gospel presentation differ if it is treated as a product or as an heirloom?

#### IMPLICATION (SO WHAT?)

##### Storytelling Needs Heirs

Interest in stories of inheritance requires heirlooms of value that become an honor to steward. What would it mean for the gospel to be an heirloom and who is your inheritor?

#### APPLICATION (NOW WHAT?)

##### Investing in Inheritors

Churches or any group that focuses on doing the right thing according to their ideas often achieve purity at the cost of inheritors. If future generations are treated as untrustworthy, they will have no interest in our heirlooms. With whom do you/we need to reconcile to establish as heirs to inherit Grace of Christ?

## PRAYER

Let us pray that God would bring to mind those that we need to meet with to offer the gospel as a heritage rather than a product to sell. Let us pray that God would raise up new generations of heirs of the gospel who can steward the resources we have for the glory of Jesus!

# UPCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WOW ON TUESDAYS

Women of the Word is back on Tuesday mornings at 9:45a in the Lounge. We'd love for you to join us as we learn about different women of the Bible this fall.

## SISTERS IN FAITH STARTS A NEW BOOK - THUR SEPT 24

Sisters in Faith will continue through the fall with a \*New Book\* It's All Under Control: A Journey of Letting Go, Hanging On, and Finding a Peace You Almost Forgot Was Possible by Jennifer Dukes Lee. Thursdays in the Lounge: 5:30p Social Time | 6-8p Lesson.

## TRUNK OR TREAT - CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Sat Oct 24 is our annual Trunk or Treat! We're starting to collect candy donations at the Welcome Center or new GraceKids check-in counter. Sign up to bring a decorated car, a dessert for the cake walk, or volunteer at the event. Scan the QR or email Sarah@yakimagrace.com for more info!



## NEW HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our new High School Bible Study starts this Friday at 6pm at the Strother's. See the Youth Event page or email Kara@yakimagrace.com for details.

## COOKIES FOR NEXT SUNDAY

If your last name starts with G-N, please bring cookies to the Fireside Kitchen before the 9am or 11am service, or drop them off during the week to the main office.

# WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

## NEED WIFI?

Network: Guest Wifi PW: JesusLovesMe!

## VISITING TODAY?



Follow the QR Code to find out more about what to expect on a Sunday morning and how to connect with our ministry.

## GRACE ALIVE

Read the latest Grace Alive edition to learn who we are as the people God on the mission of God.



## CONNECT CARD



We are glad you're here! Help us connect with you. Scan the code or fill out a card in the pew racks.

## YAKIMA GRACE APP

Watch services online, submit a Connect Card, view event calendars, and stay connected with our Grace App:



OR



## NEED PRAYER?

Our team is available after each service by the piano to pray and connect with you.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Drop your offering in the offering plate or the secure box after the service.

Give safely on our website: Scan the QR or go to yakimagrace.com/give

