



**GRACE**  
**BREVARD**

**Free Life**  
**Galatians 2:11-21**

**To Know, Live and Extend the Hope of Jesus  
to the Brevard Community**

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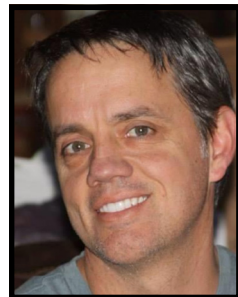
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# Welcome to Grace Brevard



## Artist Jam Session TONIGHT from 6-8 here at BLT

**Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you feeling the itch to get involved and share your artistic talent at Grace Brevard? To break the ice, we're hosting a very relaxed jam session tonight.**

**We'll play a few songs, encourage vocalists to take a verse here and there, and encourage instrumentalists to jump in where comfortable. There's no pressure, no audience, just a chance to meet and greet and worship together.**



**Snacks will provided. Please RSVP Craig so we can plan for you (this also includes any artists looking to connect with drama and visual arts). Last minute drop-ins are welcome. Hope to see you there!**

## CONNECT

**See some connection/serving options (including being part of a small group when we launch them) on the Connect Card on the back page of this bulletin, as well as a place to give us your contact information and any prayer requests you might have.**

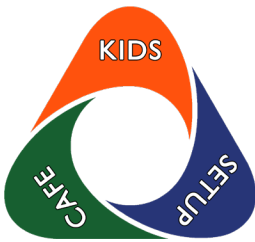
## Community Groups

Starting in early March we will launch several community groups that will meet weekly in different locations to grow in faith, community and serving folks in the area. Email Ben to get on the official list.



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## Group Effort



We have different but equally important roles at GBV. Can you jump into a slot, connect with others and help out? We especially need help with setup/breakdown, cafe and kids.

Now that we have two services, we have a few more “gaps” that need to be filled.

For Cafe - Ben at BenSeneker@gmail.com

For Children - Courtney at CourtMJohnson12@gmail.com

For Setup - Craig at CraigLotz@gmail.com

## Time, Talent and Treasure

As a thankful response to the life and hope God has given us in Jesus, we are called to give back our time, talents and treasures. Financial giving can be done in person on Sundays or online at [GraceBrevardChurch.org](http://GraceBrevardChurch.org). Time and talent giving options can be seen on the connect card. If this isn't where you are in your spiritual walk, this is a time for you to simply receive...please don't feel guilty into giving.

[www.GraceBrevardChurch.org](http://www.GraceBrevardChurch.org)  
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## Galatians 2:11-21

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

<sup>13</sup> And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup> But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup> But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor.

<sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God.

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

### **Sermon Main Theme:**

We aren't who we were, or who we will be. We live in the freedom of "already and not yet". All who are in Christ were on the cross with Jesus, the absolutely full payment of our debts paid for through Jesus' sacrifice. Likewise, we were with him on the cross so that our old self has died and our new self brought to life, but a new self that is in progress, to be finally finished and made fully whole when we are with Jesus face to face. Until then, our old slave-masters of sin, fear and death have been replaced with God himself, His Spirit inside our hearts. Originally Sin has power and presence in our lives; not Sin has no power, but still has presence; One day Sin will have neither power nor presence, and we wait in longing expectation for our New Selves to live unfettered.

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**Art Thought:** In so many movies and tv shows there is good vs. evil, and we demand that "right" wins and justice prevails. Give your favorite examples of this.

1) We have an natural demand for justice (i.e. - when I am wronged, I want some degree of "justice"). How do you see this play out in life? When have you felt the need for justice?

2) What IS Sin and why do you think God is so upset with it?

Differetiate between "Sin" and "sins" (those actual behaviors, both of commission (things you do that are wrong) and omission (those things we are called to do, but don't).

3) The unbelievably Great News is found in Galatians 2:20:  
a) what does it mean practically that your entire old "dumpster fire" self has been utterly "crucified" (paid for and destroyed)?

b) Not only is our old self gone, we now have a new self? Describe this new self. What does God think about this new self?

c) Explain how it's actually freeing that obedience is simply an invitation to live out of our new identities rather than our old dead one.

## Related Scripture

*More sermon resources can be found at [GraceBrevardChurch.org](http://GraceBrevardChurch.org)*

### 2 Corinthians 5

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

### Act 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is **freed** (same greek word as “justified”) from everything from which you could not be **freed** by the law of Moses.

### Romans 5:20-25

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.



# CONNECT

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Please circle: Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr. Rev.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: (names, ages) \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to connect better with Grace Brevard?

- Get on the weekly email list
- Talk with a Leader (regarding? \_\_\_\_\_)
- Pray... (write your prayer request here if you'd like):

Grace Brevard is a team sport where we all chip in together to make it happen. Would you like to talk about what it would look like to help in one of the ministries?

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