SPRING GREEN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WELCOME!

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **COME** to know Jesus as Savior, **GROW** in a relationship with Him, and **LIVE** their lives for Him.

God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Series: A Different Way to Live - Jesus, Grace, and an Unoffended Life

Sermon Title: Please or Grieve

Scripture: Ephesians 4:28-30

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

ARE YOU NEW TO SGCC?

Stop by our Welcome Center located by the front doors for a free gift!

~OR~

Fill out our guest card at sgcommunitychurch.org

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NURSERY: newborn-2 years

Sign in at the nursery and pick up a pager.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 3 years-3rd grade

Sign in at the table in the entryway. Children will begin in the service and be dismissed after worship songs. After the service, sign out your child in the Children's Church room.

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Sermon Notes
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Please or Grieve

Big Idea
The way I live my life can either bring
joy or sorrow to the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:28-30

Ephesians 4:28: If you are a thief, quit stealing.
Instead, use your hands for good hard work,
and then give generously to others in need.

New nature does not steal

Instead - Work and Share (Give)

Ephesians 4:29: Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

New nature is careful about what it says

Or posts!!

Ephesians 4:30: And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

Bring sorrow/grieve

I can't be a great follower of Jesus, a Spiritual giant, or a Jesus person and at the same time grieve or bring sorrow to the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Reflection & Application

Icebreaker

If you could give someone in the room an award for a positive quality - like being the best encourager, making people laugh, or always helping others - what award would you give, and why?

Questions

1. Read Ephesians 4:23–24. How do verses 28–30 show what this inner change looks like in our everyday lives?

2. Why do you think Paul pairs working hard with giving generously (v.28)? What does that combination reveal about the purpose of our resources and our effort?

3. What can make it difficult to be generous with the money, time, or resources we work hard to earn?

4. How seriously do you take your social media presence as a spiritual discipline, and what would change if you filtered every post through "Does this encourage the person who reads it?"

5. Is there a relationship in your life - a friendship, a family member, a coworker - where your words have been more destructive than constructive? What would it look like to change that this week?

6. Spurgeon noted the Holy Spirit grieves when he sees us with no time for prayer or Bible reading, but plenty of time for entertainment and worldly things. Where do you see that tension most honestly in your own daily schedule?

7. How does understanding that God's grief over your choices comes from love rather than disappointment change how you respond to conviction?

8. What specific attitudes, habits, or patterns of speech do you need to bring before the Holy Spirit in honest repentance today?

Applications

1. The Social Media Filter: Before you post, ask one question: Is this building someone up or tearing someone down? Not - is this true? Not - is this funny? Not - do I have a right to say this? But simply - does this build or does this demolish? The filter the new nature applies to the mouth applies equally to the keyboard.

2. Create Space: Look honestly at your weekly schedule. Identify one block of time currently used for entertainment or scrolling and replace it with prayer, Bible reading, or meaningful connection with another believer.