

## How to Join Grace Baptist Church

At the end of the Worship Service, we will sing a hymn of decision. During this time, you are invited to walk to the front of the Church in response to the leading of the Holy Spirit that you sense in your heart or mind. Our Pastor and a counselor will be at the front to talk with you about your decision.

One of the decisions you may wish to make is to become a member of Grace Baptist Church. You may do so by telling the Pastor or Staff Member one of the following:

- I want to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, but don't understand how. I need someone to help me.
- I have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and desire New Testament baptism.
- I have previously received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Church I joined did not practice New Testament baptism, so I want to be baptized and join Grace Baptist Church.
- I am a member of another Baptist Church and want to join Grace Baptist on a promise letter from that Church.
- I have previously received Christ and was baptized into a Church by New Testament baptism, however, the record of my Church membership is unavailable, or I have been a member of another denomination and wish to return to a Baptist Church.

If none of the above are an expression of your desire, you may schedule an appointment with Pastor Hilley or a Staff Member by calling the Church Office at 706-868-9729.

*Changing our world by loving God & loving each other!*

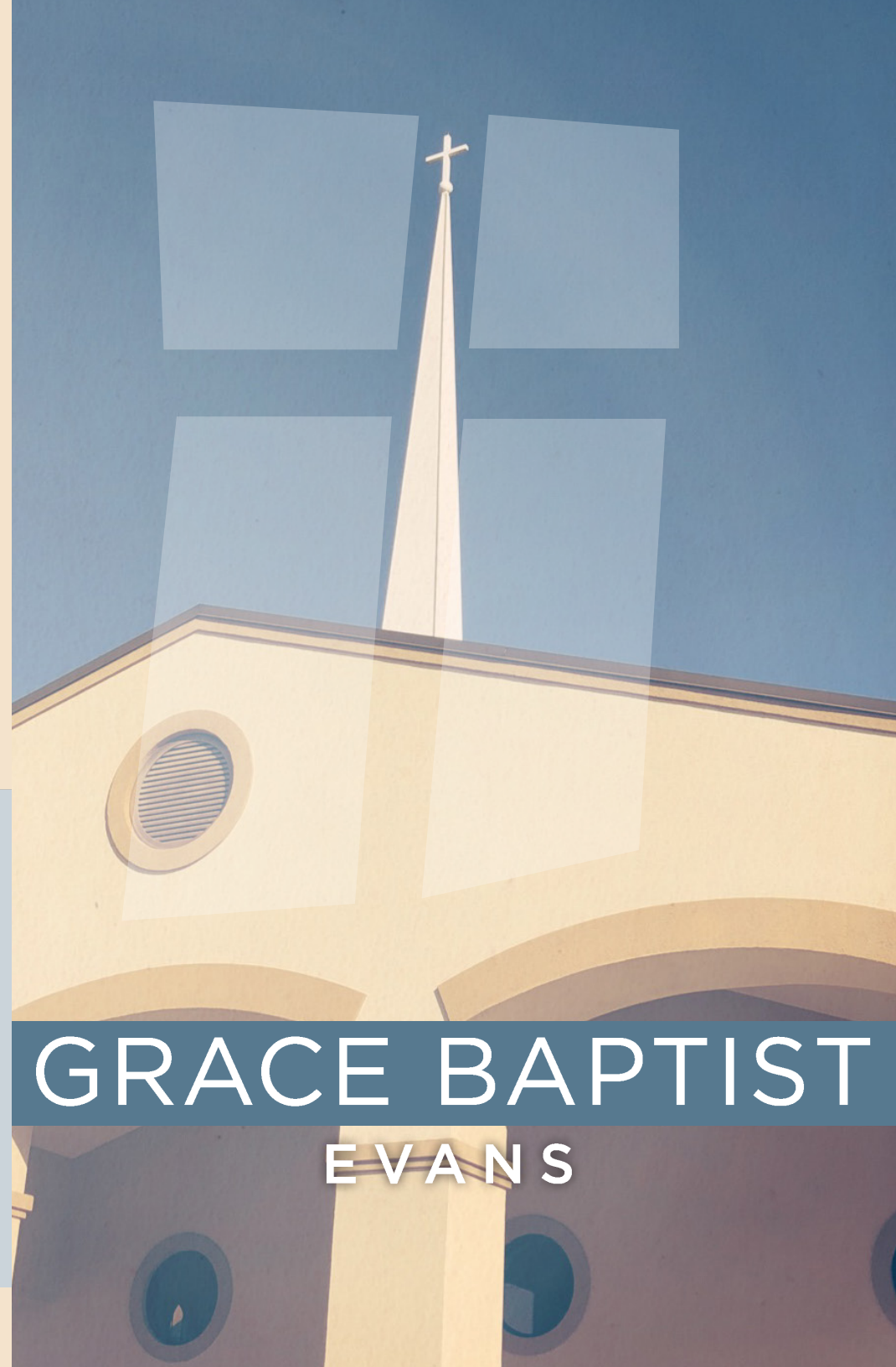
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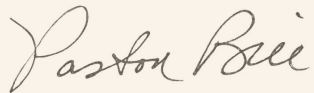
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# GRACE BAPTIST EVANS

Dear Grace Family and Friends,

Let the Christmas rush begin! Can you believe there are only 20 days until Christmas? It hardly seems possible. It's the most glorious time of the year as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Some would argue that the Resurrection is of far greater consequence and I understand that perspective. Without the resurrection we would have no hope. But without the incarnation, there could be no resurrection! So we should make much of Christmas. The problem is we have made it the busiest season of all. For most, the calendar is completely full for the next 4 weeks. There are Church activities and work parties and school parties and family gatherings and gift exchanges with friends and loved ones. It's a whirlwind. But if we aren't careful, we'll get to December 26 and realize we've spent very little time focusing on "the Reason for the Season." That's why I think **Psalm 46:10** is most pertinent during this season of the year: **"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"** Scripture admonishes us at least 20 times to "be still." The Hebrew word used is "raw-faw." It means to slacken, to cease, to be idle or to withdraw. We'd be wise to heed God's admonition. No doubt we feel as though there are too few hours in the day as it is. Yet disciplining ourselves to "withdraw" from our hectic schedules on a daily basis to take at least a few minutes to "be still" in the presence of God will change our lives. It will also change our priorities. I challenge us all to make that commitment "this Christmas." Don't miss this opportunity to express genuine love and appreciation to the God who sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins. He deserves that and much more. I love you all and am honored to be your Pastor! God bless you!



**WELCOME VISITORS**

We are glad you joined us today! If this is your first time visiting with us, or if you've joined us before and did not fill out a visitor card, please take a moment to access a card by scanning the QR Code with the camera on your smart phone and give us a record of your attendance today. Thank you and Welcome to Grace!



**SCAN ME**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Report for November 27

Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Giving
\$1,568,268.96	\$1,859,011.87

Give online at [www.gbce.net](http://www.gbce.net) or  
Text GRACEEVANS to 73256 to give.

**DEACON/ELDER OF WEEK**

Chris Doughtie	David King
DeWayne Smoak	Rick Stringfield
Raymond Young	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

*Glory Touching Earth*  
Sat & Sun | Dec 10 & 11 | 6pm  
Free Tickets Available  
Foyer | iTickets.com | Church Office | gbce.net

**DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS?**

If you have moved within the last few years and have not given us your change of address please contact the Church office or update your info in the ChurchLife app

**LADIES OF GRACE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP**

Fri | Dec 16 | 6:30pm  
Pop Tart Gingerbread House Contest  
Make an Angel Ornament  
Bring a plate of cookies to share  
Sign up at Women's Table in Foyer by Dec 11  
Space Limited to 100 | Fellowship Hall & Gym  
Contact: Patty Woodcock

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

Sat | Dec 24 | 3pm & 4:30pm

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Sun | Dec 25 | 10:30AM Combined Service  
No Sunday School | No PM Service  
Wed | Dec 28 | No Church Activities  
Sun | Jan 1 | Regular AM Service | No PM Service

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE CAMPAIGN**

Thank you for blessing many children this Christmas  
Return gifts by Sun | Dec 18  
Contact: Greg Mason

**SPROUTS OF GRACE NURSERY MINISTRY**

Many service opportunities available in Babies - K5  
Contact: Jenny Dunne | [jennydunne@gbce.net](mailto:jennydunne@gbce.net)

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**

Gaining victory over hurts, habits, and hangups  
Meets every Thursday evening in the Youth Suite  
Dinner 6:30pm | Meeting 7pm  
Contact: Mark Graff | 706-829-8348  
*My grace is enough for you...2 Corinthians 12:9-10*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday - December 4**

1st Hour Worship.....	9:00am
1st Hour Sunday School.....	9:00am
2nd Hour Worship.....	10:30am
2nd Hour Sunday School.....	10:30am
K-Church.....	10:30am
Kids Alive!.....	10:30am
Word Warriors.....	5:00pm
Evening Worship Service.....	6:00pm
Preschool and Children's Choir.....	6:00pm
Ignite Youth Choir.....	6:00pm

**Monday - December 5**

Ladies Clothed In Strength Class.....	9:30am
Weekday Preschool.....	9:30am
American Heritage Girls.....	7:00pm
Trail Life.....	7:00pm

**Tuesday - December 6**

Weekday Preschool.....	9:30am
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**Wednesday - December 7**

Men's Prayer Time.....	6:00am
Weekday Preschool.....	9:30am
Youth Cafe and Games.....	5:30pm
Youth Worship.....	6:30pm
Spotlight.....	6:30pm
Adult Bible Studies.....	6:30pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal.....	7:45pm

**Thursday - December 8**

Weekday Preschool.....	9:30am
Celebrate Recovery.....	6:30pm

**Friday - December 9**

Ladies Clothed In Strength Class.....	9:30am
Weekday Preschool.....	9:30am

**Saturday - December 10**

Upward Basketball Evaluations.....	10:00am
Christmas Musical.....	6:00pm

**UPCOMING ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM**

Sunday | January 22, 2023  
Evening Service