

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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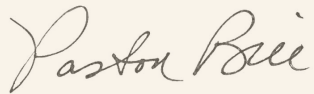
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GRACE BAPTIST
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Thank you again for all the cards, emails and congratulatory texts regarding our 50th Anniversary! We greatly enjoyed the time away to celebrate God's grace in our lives and marriage. Several have asked how it feels being married for 50 years. It feels terrific! According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average marriage in the United States only lasts 8.2 years. That's very sad to me. That same study shows that only 6% of marriages make it 50 years. And of that 6%, only 15% of them make it 60 years. There are many factors that contribute to lasting marriage. The most important may be "grace." Marriage isn't easy under the best of circumstances. Two people becoming one requires a huge sacrifice on the part of both spouses. Yet nobody likes to sacrifice. We all want our way and we're sure we deserve it. That implies lots of friction. And friction calls for lots of forgiveness. But we won't be forgiving for long if we don't fully understand, and aren't committed to, the ministry of grace; **undeserved benefit**. Every Christian has experienced it. Our sin was deserving of death and hell. But God, in mercy and grace, forgave our sin and adopted us into His family. That gift came at great expense. It cost Jesus His life! Yet He gladly paid it because of His great love. Having received it, it's my duty to pass it on. That's especially true in marriage. Sadly, many approach the marriage union as though it was an "amusement park." We jump in with both feet because we think it'll be fun! But once the fun stops, we're ready to move on. Such was never God's intent for marriage. It's a sacred covenant that was established and ordained by God. Seeing it as such is a strong motivator to persevere when everything in us wants to quit. Those who do may well be included in that 6%. I'm most grateful it includes Leila and me. So thanks again for your outpouring of love. We love you all and are blessed to be your Pastor. God bless you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT CAMP

June 12 - 16 | 6th - 12th Grade
 Held at Camp Lee | Anniston, Alabama
 Register gbce.net | \$100 nonrefundable deposit
 Cost: \$350 | Registration deadline May 24
 Contact: Doug Massey and Skylar Arnett

CAMP LONGRIDGE CHILDREN'S CAMP

June 19 - 23 | 3rd - 5th Graders
 \$280, Sibling \$265 | \$50 Nonrefundable Deposit Req.
 Registration Now Open | www.gbce.net
 Contact: Tricia Mason | triciamason@gbce.net

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Now registering for the 2023-2024 school year
 Contact: Lisa Wamack 706-868-1555

COME CHEER ON THE MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

Friday Nights At The Ball Field
 All games played at 1337 Flowing Wells Rd
 Mar 17 | 9pm • Mar 24 | 8pm • Mar 31 | 9pm
 Apr 14 | 7pm • Apr 21 | 7pm • Apr 28 | 7pm
 May 12 | 8pm • May 19 | 9pm

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

KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM VBS 2023

June 5 - 9 | 9am - Noon
 Registration Now Open for Grace Members
 and Weekday Preschool Families
 Registration Ages: Completed K4 - 5th Grade
 2022-23 School Year | Must be 5 by 8/31/23
 Volunteers Needed | Visit table in foyer



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday - March 12

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.....6:00pm
 Preschool and Children's Choir.....6:00pm
 Ignite Youth Choir.....6:00pm

Monday - March 13

Ladies Clothed In Strength Class.....9:30am
 Upward Basketball Practice.....6:00pm
 American Heritage Girls.....7:00pm
 Trail Life.....7:00pm

Tuesday - March 14

Weekday Preschool.....9:30am
 Upward Basketball Practice.....6:00pm

Wednesday - March 15

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

Thursday - March 16

Weekday Preschool.....9:30am
 Upward Basketball Practice.....6:00pm
 Celebrate Recovery.....6:30pm

Friday - March 17

Ladies Clothed In Strength Class.....9:30am
 Weekday Preschool.....9:30am
 Upward Basketball Practice.....6:00pm
 Men's Softball | 1337 Flowing Wells Rd.....9:00pm

Saturday - March 18

Upward Basketball Practice.....9:00pm

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!



FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for March 5

Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Giving
\$334,165.10	\$375,982.38

Give online at www.gbce.net or
 Text GRACEEVANS to 73256 to give.

DEACON/ELDER OF WEEK

Mark Baggett	Mark Jordan
Greg Usry	Michael Walden
Don Williams	Joel Woodcock
Billy Works	