

## 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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# GRACE BAPTIST EVANS

Dear Grace Baptist Family and Friends,

I've been convicted this week over my frustrations with the new building. No one can deny that it has dragged on far longer than anyone anticipated. At this point, it appears October 15th is our new target date for utilizing the additional space. And we can live with that. But it doesn't make me very happy. Thus the source of my conviction. The Lord challenged my thinking this week as I pondered "where we are" as a Congregation. "Where we are" is in the enviable position of being a thriving Church in a time when 80% of Churches in America are plateaued or in decline. Think of that! Only 20 out of every hundred Churches in the United States are growing. The reality is that the majority of Churches in America will not be open in 10 years. We can debate the "why" as to that reality. Suffice it to say, things are tough in the Church community. Yet at Grace Baptist in Evans, we've already baptized 50 people this year and added nearly 60 new members. In addition, we are in the final days of completing a 15,000 square foot addition to our facility at a cost of nearly four million dollars. And we won't have a mortgage! When you think about "where we are" in those terms, how dare I grumble and complain. Sure, it would have been nice to have it finished earlier in the summer. And yes, we miss the parking lot on the side of the building. But amid such obvious blessings from God, we dare not allow the enemy to steal our joy by causing us to focus on the negative. Most Christians around the world would love to be a part of what God is doing in our midst. We all need to keep that in mind, but especially the Pastor. Thank you for being a part of "the miracle on Hardy McManus Road." Please remain faithful. The best is yet to come! I love you! 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!



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Report for September 10

Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Giving
\$1,236,410.87	\$1,481,933.93

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

**DEACON/ELDER OF WEEK**

Andy Farkas	Mike Felz
Tim Gass	Mark Hall
Michael Hazlett	Chris Lane
Troy McGahee	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BUSINESS CONFERENCE**

Today | Morning Services

Vote To Call Skylar Arnett as our Middle School Pastor

**NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS CLASS**

6 Week Class | Begins Wed Oct 4  
Led by Pastor Bill and Mrs. Leila  
Wednesdays | 6:30pm | Room 109/110

Call Church Office to let us know if you plan to attend

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

"The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer  
Begins Oct 4 | 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall  
\$15 Workbook | 7-Week Study | Invite a friend  
Register at [gbce.net](http://gbce.net) | Event Registrations  
Led by Andrea Shubin | Contact: Eric Lairsey

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CLASS**

"The Naked Marriage" by Dave and Ashley Willis  
Begins Wednesday Oct 4 | 6:30pm | Room 112  
\$25 per couple for workbook | 5-Week Study  
Register at [gbce.net](http://gbce.net) | Event Registrations  
Led by Terry and Jo Ann Bowden | Contact: Eric Lairsey

**DNOW WEEKEND**

Oct 27-29 | 6th - 12th Grade Students  
Cost: \$75 per student | Register at [gbce.net](http://gbce.net) by Oct 4  
Includes Meals | T-Shirt | Material  
Contact: Doug Massey | Skylar Arnett

**COLLEGE RETREAT**

Jan 5-7, 2024 | Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters - NC  
Cost: \$150 | Register at [gbce.net](http://gbce.net)  
Worship, Fellowship & On-Campus Recreation  
Contact: Doug Massey

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS**

Begins Wed | Sept 20 | 6pm | Room 111  
Use QR Code to Register | [www.fpu.com](http://www.fpu.com) for more info  
Facilitator: Rose Ann Corbin & Shawn Whitman  
Contact: Eric Lairsey



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday - September 17**

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
1st - 5th Grade Word Warriors.....	5:00pm
Evening Worship.....	6:00pm
Children's Graded Choir Kick-Off.....	6:00pm

**Monday - September 18**

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

**Tuesday - September 19**

Grace Place Mission Center.....	9:00am
Upward Soccer Practice.....	6:00pm

**Wednesday - September 20**

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

**Thursday - September 21**

Grace Place Mission Center.....	9:00am
Upward Soccer Practice.....	6:00pm
Celebrate Recovery.....	6:30pm

**Friday - September 22**

Ladies Clothed In Strength Class.....	9:30am
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**Saturday - September 23**

Upward Soccer Games.....	9:00am
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