

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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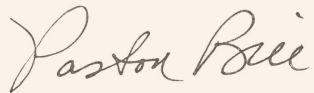
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GRACE BAPTIST EVANS

I've been intrigued by the responses to my comment that "the cicadas are praising God." To some it seems "farfetched." Yet the Bible is clear that all of creation will praise Him. *Psalm 69:34 says, "Let heaven and earth praise Him, the seas and everything that moves in them." Psalm 148:7-10 says, "Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars; beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl."* Surely that includes the little cicada. But Jesus, said, "I tell you that if these (disciples) keep silent, the stones will immediately cry out;" *Luke 19:40.* If rocks can praise Him there's no doubt that insects can. But the point is, you and I have a greater capacity to praise God than any of the afore mentioned creatures. What are we doing with that ability? Are we really serious about it? I know Baptists are afraid to get too excited about the things of God because we're afraid somebody might "speak in tongues" or be "slain in the Spirit." I'm not too concerned about either as my Bible says "everything is to be done decently and in order;" *1 Corinthians 14:40.* The stuff like that we see on TV is mostly staged and is almost completely phony. God isn't within a mile of that kind of charade. The devil uses that to frighten Christians into "toning it down when we're in Church." Yet many of us have no problem jumping up and down and whooping and hollering at a ballgame. No ball player ever died for me. No football team ever paid the penalty for my sins. No celebrity ever paved the way for me to live in victory in this life and the life to come. But Jesus did both! So I'm gonna join with the cicadas and let my life praise Him. If you will join me we can change the world. Are we willing? I love you. God bless you all!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO BACKDROP
Happy Mother's Day!
Photo backdrop located in the Fellowship Hall

ORDINANCE OF COMMUNION
Tonight | 6pm Service

GRADUATION SUNDAY
Sunday | May 19 | 6pm
Join us as we recognize and honor our
2024 High School and College Graduates
Congratulations Class of 2024

MEXICO MISSION TRIP LOVE OFFERING
Sunday | May 19

TACOS & TUNES CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP
Sunday | May 26 | 6pm | Fellowship Hall
Join us for tacos and Name That Tune Bingo

JUBILEE CONFERENCE SEPT 22- 25
\$375 | Includes Conference, Hotel & Sunday Lunch
Non-Refundable Deposit \$100 | Due by June 23
Contact: Cynthia King

STUDENT CAMP PARENT MEETING
Wed | May 15 | 7:30pm | HS Youth Suite

CAMP LONGRIDGE CHILDREN'S CAMP
June 17 - 21 | 3rd - 5th Graders
\$299, Sibling \$284 | \$75 Nonrefundable Deposit Req.
Contact: Tricia Mason | triciamason@gbce.net

THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY VBS 2024
June 3 - 7 | 9am - Noon
Registration Ages: Completed K4 - 5th Grade
2023-24 School Year | Must be 5 by 8/31/24

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday - May 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
Evening Worship | Communion.....6:00pm

Monday - May 13

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

Tuesday - May 14

Grace Place Mission Center.....9:00am

Wednesday - May 15

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

Thursday - May 16

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

Friday - May 17

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

Saturday - May 18

Grace Place Mission Center.....12:00pm

COME CHEER ON THE MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM
May 17 | 8:30pm at Location TBD
May 24 | 7:30pm & 8:30pm at Location TBD

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 May 5

Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Giving
\$639,414.72	\$772,598.49

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

DEACON/ELDER OF WEEK

Trebtor Barnes	Shawn DeRaps
Mark Jordan	Greg Usry
Michael Walden	Don Williams
Joel Woodcock	Billy Works

