# 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!

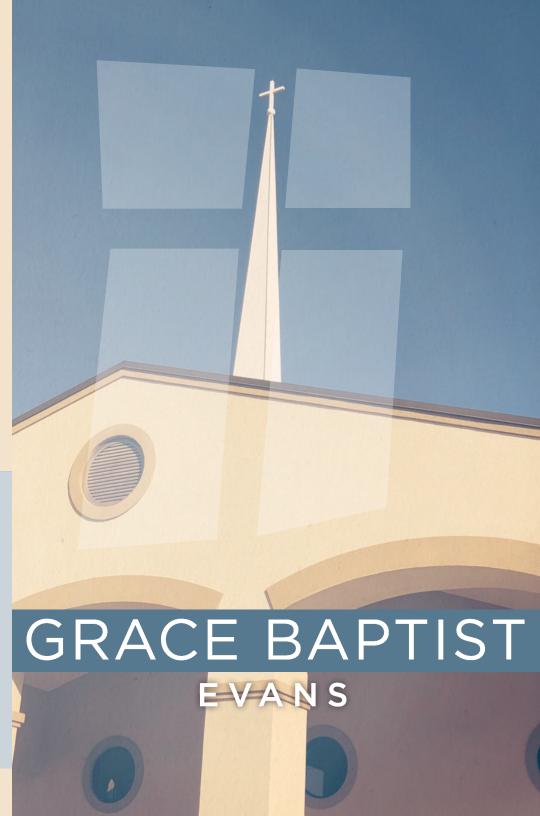
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This week we celebrated 248 years of freedom in the United States of America. I hope we all appreciate the blessing it is to part of this great nation. The reason we have such a problem with our southern border is that people want to share in the prosperity we enjoy. As Christians, we should welcome immigrants with open arms. Virtually every American can trace his or her ancestry back to someone who migrated here. But there is a huge difference in what is happening now and what our ancestors went through. My "great-great-great-great grandparents" came here in the mid 1700's. And they came legally! Their desire was not for free "government handouts." They came in search of an opportunity to live as they saw fit. They worked hard and contributed to a thriving society. Thomas Hilley even volunteered to fight in the Revolutionary War. He understood there can be no lasting freedom without responsibility. That truth still remains. Yet those entering our country illegally have rejected responsibility. There's a right way to become a citizen of the United States. All who enter illegally should be sent back to wherever they came from until they accept their responsibility to enter the right way. Yet it pains me similarly to see politicians in Washington who are equally unwilling to "do the right thing." Once elected, it appears a "brain-washing" occurs. Their sole concern becomes "reelection." That's not healthy. If we are to survive as a free Constitutional Republic, we, the people, must demand accountability from Washington, DC. It's not only our right, but our responsibility. The world needs this "Beacon of Hope" to continue shining brightly. And by God's grace, it will. But in order for that to happen, change is needed. Thankfully, this is an election year. Will we be part of the problem or the solution? If you aren't registered to vote, get registered. If you are, vote! God bless you. And God bless America!



# **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 June 23

Year-To-Date Budget Year-To-Date Giving \$888,076.00 \$1,038,273.53

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

#### DEACON/ELDER OF WEEK

Doug Baker Michael Bui
David King DeWayne Smoak
Rick Stringfield Bryant Treacle
Bert Webb Raymond Young

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### INDEPENDENCE DAY FELLOWSHIP

Tonight | 6pm BBQ Sandwiches, Chips & Watermelon Bring your own outdoor games to play on field Cornhole, Horseshoes, etc

#### 1ST GRADE ORIENTATION WITH PASTOR BILL

Sat | Aug 3 | 9am | Fellowship Hall Continental Breakfast Served Rising 1st Graders and their parents are invited Sibling childcare provided for babies - 5th grade RSVP to Tricia Mason by July 28 Email triciamason@gbce.net

#### **5TH GRADE PROMOTION FIESTA**

Fri | July 26 | 6:30pm-8pm | The Greenhouse Rising 6th Graders | RSVP by July 21 Contact: Tricia Mason | triciamason@gbce.net

#### YOUTH SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS

Thursday | July 11 | 8:30am

Meet in front church parking lot

Bowling afterwards 1pm-3pm | Cost \$25

Sign up at gbce.net for bowling

Permission forms must be signed to participate

Contact: Doug Massey & Skylar Arnett

#### UPWARD SOCCER REGISTRATION

Ages K4 - 7th Grade | 2024-25 School Year \$85 Early Registration | \$95 after August 3 Practices begin week of August 21 Register at https://registration.upward.org/UPW86646 Contact: Tricia Mason

#### LADIES CLOTHED IN STRENGTH CLASS

Monday & Friday | 9:30am | Youth Room Contact: Trisha Burks

#### 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

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1st Hour Worship	9:00am
1st Hour Sunday School	9:00am
2nd Hour Worship & Baptism	10:30am
2nd Hour Sunday School	10:30am
K-Church	10:30am
Kids Alive!	10:30am
Church-Wide Fellowship	6:00pm

## Monday - July 8

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

## Tuesday - July 9

Grace Place Mission Center12:00pn	Grace Place N	Mission	Center	12:00pn
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# Wednesday - July 10

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 - July 11

Grace Place Missio	on Center	12:00pm
Celebrate Recovery	у	6:30pm

### Friday - July 12

Ladies Clot	hed In	Strength	Class	9:30am
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#### Saturday - July 13

Grace	Place	Mission	Center	12:00pm	1
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