

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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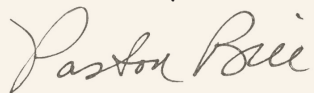
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GRACE BAPTIST
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I'm hopeful that the events in Pennsylvania this week will usher in an era of civility on the political scene. For 7 years now we've been bombarded by attacks on Donald J. Trump and all who support him. To say he is a "controversial figure" is an understatement. A great many believe he is the answer to all our problems. While I embrace whole-heartedly the policies he put in place while in office, I don't see him as the savior of our nation. My prayer is that he'll recognize the second chance he's been given at life and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I know he espouses faith in Jesus, and he may well be a "believer." Yet his actions and language produce a great sense of uncertainty within me. Yet few will ever come as close to death as he did and walk away. Only the grace of God kept him alive at that rally. My desire is that he begin to extend grace to others as surely as he has received it. But it's easy to criticize folks in Washington even though we're often guilty of the same kinds of sins. Isn't it true that we often entertain "hateful thoughts" about those who have wronged us? We soothe our conscience because "we kept it to ourselves." And make no mistake, it's better to think it and not say it than to think it and say it. Yet ungodly thoughts should be equally troubling to us all. In *Matthew 15:19-20*, Jesus said, "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man." We must remember that God knows our thoughts. When they are hateful or vindictive and unforgiving, it adversely affects our relationship with Him. So we all need to "check up" to be sure we extend grace to others to the same degree that we have received it. Doing so will change our world for the glory of God. And He is the only hope for our great nation. Do our attitudes and actions exhibit His love? If not, let's change that today. I love you all! God bless you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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 TODAY
 Contact: Tricia Mason | triciamason@gbce.net

SPECIAL TREASURES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and youth volunteers needed to be the hands and feet of Jesus to children 5-12 years old
 Sundays | 9am
 Contact: Tricia Mason | triciamason@gbce.net

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS

Thursday | July 25 | 8:30am
 Meet in front church parking lot | Bring lunch money
 Hang time after lunch until 4pm
 Permission forms must be signed to participate
 Contact: Doug Massey & Skylar Arnett

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday | August 4 | Nursery - College
 Promote to new Sunday School Classes

OUTSIDE CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP

Back To School Splash
 Sunday | August 4 | 6pm | Outside
 Water Slides and Outdoor for all ages | Icee Pops
 Bring yard games to play with friends and family
 Bring chairs for your family

UPWARD SOCCER REGISTRATION

Ages K4 - 7th Grade | 2024-25 School Year
 \$85 Early Registration | \$95 after August 3
 Practices begin week of August 19
 Register at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW86646>
 Contact: Skylar Arnett

Sunday - July 21

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.....6:00pm

Monday - July 22

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

Tuesday - July 23

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

Wednesday - July 24

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 25

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

Friday - July 26

Ladies Clothed In Strength Class.....9:30am
 5th Grade Promotion Fiesta.....6:30pm

Saturday - July 27

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

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!



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FINANCIAL REPORT

Report for July 14

Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Giving
\$994,645.12	\$1,154,556.96

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

DEACON/ELDER OF WEEK

Mark Baggett	Zac Bartlett
Andy Farkas	Tim Gass
Mark Hall	Chris Lane
Troy McGahee	Tyler Smith