



**GRACE**  
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH  
TOUCHING HEAVEN • CHANGING EARTH

**Sunday**  
**10:00 am Service**

Worship  
Sermon  
Kingdom Kids  
3Degrees Student Ministry

*Growing  
with Grace*

**Wednesday**  
**7:00-8:00 pm Grace Groups**

(September-May)  
Discipleship for the Generations  
6:30 pm Community Time



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## FROM OUR PASTORS



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We are excited that you chose to visit and want to express our sincere appreciation for taking time to worship with us!

We have a kingdom mentality. We believe that the body of Christ is one church composed of many congregations with different emphases. This is God's way of reaching different people.

Grace Fellowship Church is a Spirit-filled, contemporary, multi-ethnic and multi-generational church. We began in a home with six people in 2001 and have experienced consistent growth numerically and spiritually.

We hope you enjoyed your visit. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of God, the power of God, and the love of God's people every time you attend Grace Fellowship Church.

In Grace and Love,

*Pastors Joe and Deborah Oakley*

## ABUNDANT CHRISTIAN LIFE

Your connection to a church home and teaching to help you live an abundant Christian life is important to us and we invite you to stay connected!

To connect to more at Grace, we invite you to download the Church Center App. It's the place to find our sermon videos, Grace Groups, children's lessons, calendar, event signups, and request prayer. Details are on the back of this booklet with our service times.

To thank you for visiting and connect you to teaching, we're giving you the gift of RightNow Media. This is FREE unlimited access to a steaming library of more than 20,000 Bible study and discipleship videos for all ages. To get started, text the word **GRACE** to **49775** to create your free account.



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**Mentoring and Leadership Development:** We are passionate about raising up leaders in the Body of Christ in general, and in GFC in particular. Our efforts in doing so include offering classes and course curriculum for the general congregation to participate in. However, we also prayerfully seek to personally mentor leaders in whom we recognize the proper gifting and ability to enable them to play a greater leadership role in our church. Our efforts to mentor potential leaders are reserved for those who are formal members only.

**Accountability:** Accountable relationships and protection from "wolves" (Acts 20:28-32). Our aim in maintaining accountable relationships with formal members is intended to ensure that they mature in their spiritual formation; discover, develop and exercise their spiritual gifts; and receive the oversight to guide that process. In addition, while we are always watchful of the "wolves" that may threaten all the sheep in general, we can only do so strategically with those with whom we are in accountable relationship. These are primarily those who have formalized their membership at GFC.

**Communication:** Sharing information concerning the direction of the church and the decisions made by our Board of Elders will be communicated in the following sequence: First, our Leadership Team will be notified; then our formal Members and lastly, the general congregation. As a result of your commitment to GFC, we feel it proper that formal members become aware of decisions being made as to the church's advancement.

We understand the clear teaching of the Scriptures which states that in order to enjoy the benefits of church membership, one must first bear the responsibilities of church membership. This is the basis of Covenantal Relationship, as stated in the Membership Covenant of Grace Fellowship Church.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a Covenant Member of Grace Fellowship Church, we have a responsibility to ensure that a certain level of care and oversight is extended to those who are part of our “household of faith” (Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 5:8): These include:

**Shepherding:** While we are passionate about shepherding all of God’s flock, we consider formal members our first priority in extending pastoral care or support. As formal “family” members, this group represents our “Jerusalem” and first area targeted for ministry. Afterwards, we can extend this to other attendees of GFC as resources of personnel and time permit.

**Benevolence:** Requests for benevolence or financial assistance will be considered for members of GFC who are regular tithers. The biblical precedent of benefits extending to those who faithfully support the ministry with their finances is key here. (2 Thess. 3:10) Requests for benevolence by regular attenders who are non-members will be considered thereafter. Benevolence is not available to others for whom GFC is not their home church.

**Spiritual Guidance:** Spiritual Guidance is a ministry that is provided to formal members of GFC and may be extended to regular attendees, as resources and personnel permit.

**Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms** will be performed and provided to formal members of GFC. From time to time, requests for such services may come from non-members. These will be considered by the Elders on an exceptional basis and handled accordingly.

**Covenant of Care:** This is an authentic and proven congregational care system at GFC that enables God’s people to care for one another consistently. As a formal member, a Care Minister will reach out to you and your family to let you know we are here for you!

**Hospital Visitation:** While we will assign a member of our visitation team to anyone we are aware that has undergone hospital care, we will make assignments to members first, then others as personnel are available.

## OUR MISSION

### *Loving God and Loving People*

Our mission is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love other people as ourselves. (Mark 12:28-31) Loving God is expressed through faith, obedience and passionate worship. Loving others is expressed through acceptance, forgiveness, and doing what's best for them.

## OUR VISION

### *Touching Heaven - Changing Earth*

Grace Fellowship Church exists to be a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, Spirit-filled congregation with the vision to touch heaven and change earth by **experiencing** God’s presence, **equipping** God’s people, **extending** God’s kingdom and **empowering** the next generation for Jesus.

## WE EXIST TO

### **Experience**

#### **God's presence**

as we worship Him in spirit  
and in truth.  
(John 4:23-24)

### **Extend**

#### **God's kingdom**

by reaching those who don't  
know Him yet.  
(Matthew 28:19-20)

### **Equip**

#### **God's people**

to be all they can be.  
(Ephesians 4:11-13)

### **Empower**

#### **The Next Generation**

to share the praiseworthy  
deeds of the Lord.  
(Matthew 28:19-20)



## WHAT WE BELIEVE

### What we believe about God:

We believe that there is one true and living God who created and sustains all things. He is eternally existent in three Persons who are one in nature, purpose, and attributes and who are worthy of the same worship and obedience. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19)

God is all-powerful, all-knowing, omnipresent and eternal. God is unchanging. He is holy, righteous, just and merciful. God is spirit. God is love. (1 John 4:16)

God desires to have a personal relationship with us. Sin broke fellowship with God, but He loves us so much that He gave His only begotten son in order to restore our relationship with Him. (John 3:16)

### What we believe about man:

To be born again, we must repent of our sins, place our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ and confess Jesus as Lord. Salvation is by grace, through faith, not of works. There is no other way to be saved apart from Jesus Christ. (John 14:6; Acts 4:16; Romans 10:9-13)

### What we believe about Church:

The Bible teaches several baptisms. Baptism into the Body of Christ occurs at salvation. Water baptism is by immersion. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is subsequent to salvation. The baptism of the fire is the ongoing purification process of believers. (Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:38)

We believe we can change our world! Changing our world starts with us being changed. We believe that when we gather together to worship God, He manifests His presence, reveals Himself through His glory, ministers through His power, and speaks through His word and the gifts of His spirit. When we encounter God, we are changed. We can then go out and change the world around us.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

We aspire to impact our community and the world. We have a vision for outreach. We take the Gospel to the nations by sending missionaries around the world. We meet needs locally by distributing food, clothing and financial assistance. We believe in outreach events for children and youth, small groups, and support groups.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

No matter what service you attend, you will experience high-energy, contemporary, and spontaneous worship. You will feel the love of Christ through our people in an inviting atmosphere and receive Bible-based teaching that is relevant and powerful.

## OUR WORSHIP

Worship creates an environment where we can enter into the presence of God. Our focus is to create an atmosphere of Spirit-filled and free worship.

We believe we were created to worship. We have a team of worshippers who are passionate about pursuing the presence of God in every aspect of their lives. We want to lead people into a one-on-one experience with Christ through our worship that will impact their lives. We want people to feel free to express their love for God in spirit and truth with worship that comes from their heart.

Our worship is Spirit-led, contemporary, and spontaneous. Our vision is to have everyone who engages in worship with us to feel the power of God's presence and to leave forever changed.

*"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks." (John 4:23)*