# GRACE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

*Sunday 11/22*

- **Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School**
  10:30am - Ed Bldg.
- **College SS Class**
  10:30am - Ed Bldg. Rm 706
- **Sunday Evening (Ed Bldg.)**
  5:30pm - Prayer
  6:00pm - The Chosen (Season 3)

*Tuesday 11/24*

- **Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group**
  7pm - Ed Building

*Wednesday 11/25*

- **No 6:30am Men's Bible Study**
- **No Community Bible Study**
  Thanksgiving Break
- **No AWANA**
  Thanksgiving Break

*Thursday 11/26*

- **Happy Thanksgiving!!!**
  Church Office Closed

The Church office will be closed
Wednesday Nov. 25 thru Friday Nov. 27




# FINANCIAL REPORT

**Month of November 2026**

Weekly Offering Needed:
$17,900

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| 11/1/26 | $29,118 |
| 11/8/26 | $17,448 |
| 11/15/26 | $8,925 |

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| Mortgage Reduction | $720 |
| Mortgage Reduction | $5,405 |
| Mortgage Reduction | $410 |

Please note: This is in addition to your normal giving. Also, make sure that Mortgage Reduction is noted on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

**WAYS TO GIVE:**

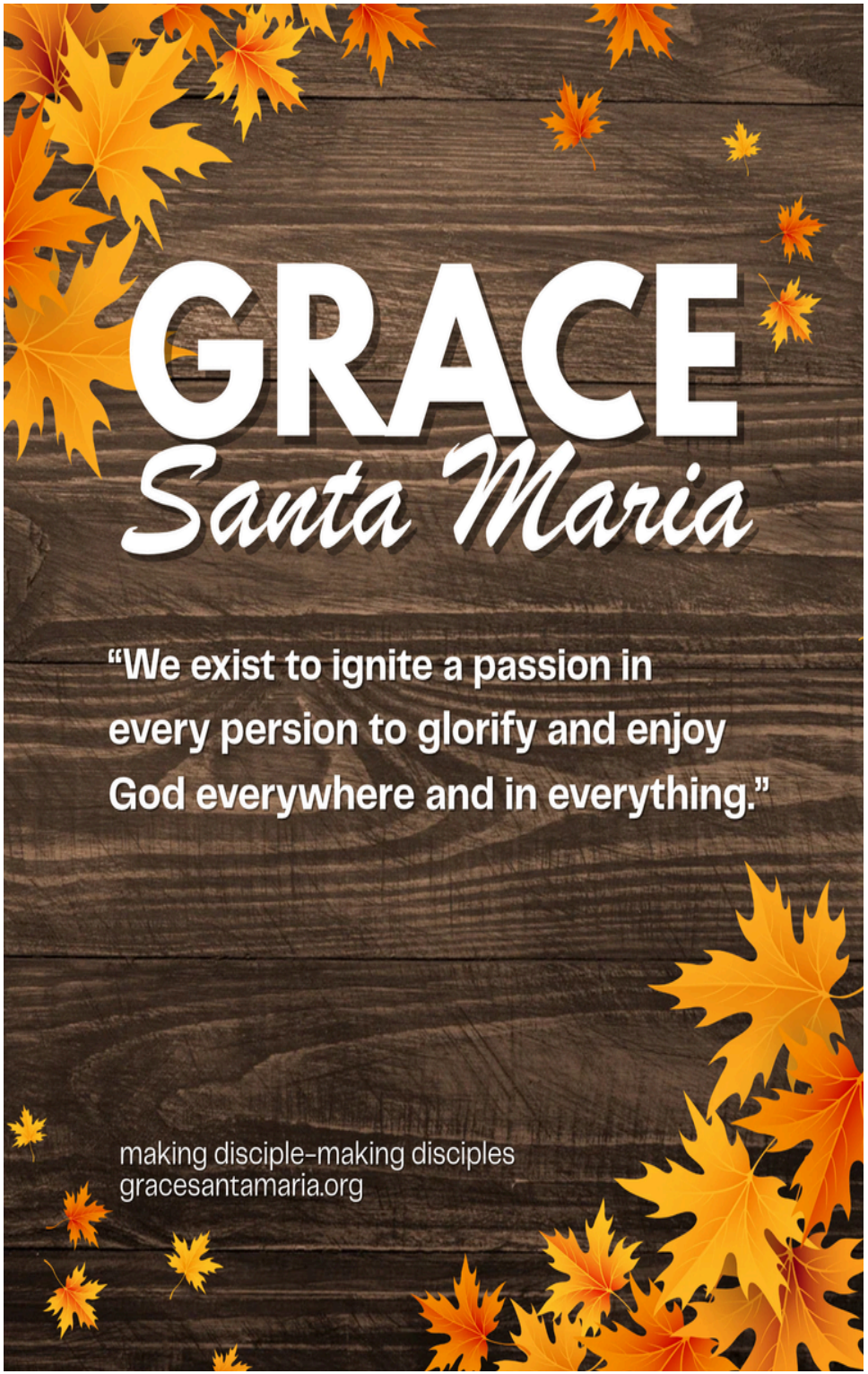
**1. Church App**
Church by MinistryOne
**2. Offering Boxes** - Located in the back of the Sanctuary and the Welcome Centers

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**Pastoral Hours**
M - Th 8:30am - 4:30pm
**Front Office**
M - Th 8:30am - 4:30pm, Fri 8:30am - 12pm



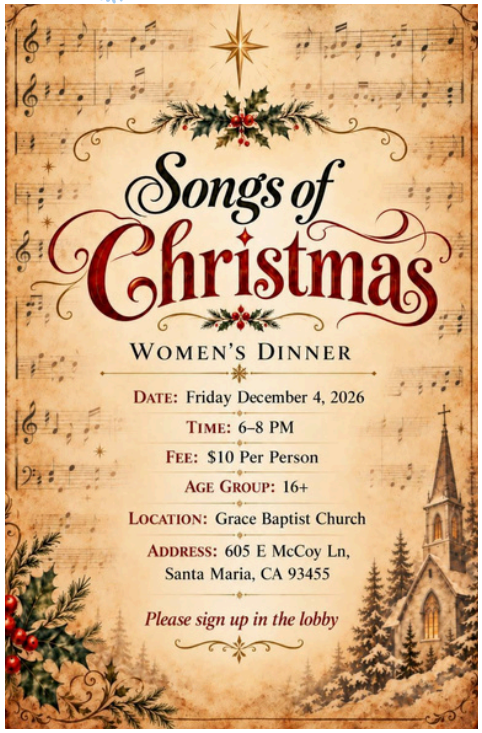
# WELCOME TO GRACE!

Welcome to worship at Grace! It is good to have you with us.
**If you are new to Grace, we would love to meet you and help you get connected. Please stop by the Welcome Center after the service!**













# MORNING LINEUP

**Call to Worship**

*Glorious Day*

**New City Catechism**

**Responsive Reading**

*His Mercy Is More*

*Power Of The Cross*

*Holy Forever*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Of Confession and Celebration**

**Sermon**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

**Benediction**

# TODAY AT GRACE

**November 22nd, 2026**

**Morning Service**

**@ 9:00 & 10:30am**

"It's Okay If Jesus Arrives Late to Thanksgiving"

John 7 (&8)

https://youtube.com/live/K3fV VIihtM

Pastor James Barr




The Good News Club at *Arellanes Elementary* will again bless the clubber families with boxes of Christmas messages and treats. If you have a favorite cookie recipe or store-bought festive treat (without nuts) to put together and donate, call Jeanine Skamfer. (805 478 1952) Distribution will happen on December 19th. We expect to distribute 20 boxes.






**Operation Christmas Child** - Praise God! Thank you Grace for your generous support. We filled a total of **67** shoeboxes!!



**ADVENT**

STARTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

GRAB AN ADVENT BOOK FOR YOUR FAMILY

LESSONS & ACTIVITIES FOR KINDER TO 5TH GRADE

# Grace Baptist Prayer List
## For Week of November 22nd, 2026

**PRAY FOR AWAKENING**

YOUR CITY AND NATION

Pray that your nation will be turned upside down and changed through the preaching of the biblical gospel. *"They dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, 'These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.'"* Acts 17:6

**PRAISES:**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- **Gary Barron** - Please pray for my brother **James**. He is in the hospital after suffering a stroke and is paralyzed on one side of his body. Pray for comfort, healing and wisdom for the doctors as they run more tests.
- **Chuck Cleveland** - Pray for Chuck to recover from a back injury he recently suffered. He has intense pain. Pray for Chuck to get an appointment with his doctor soon.
- **Jeremy & Bethany Espino** – Update…I just had a major foot reconstruction surgery on Nov. 4th. Praise that it went well, and the doctor feels like it was successful. Continue to pray for pain control and that it will be the final step that allows me to be able to walk pain free! Also, thanks to everyone who have given us so much love and support already!!
- **Kevin Laird** - Please pray for **Gena Laird**, she has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for healing, wisdom for the doctors and for good test and scan results, so they can finalize and start treatment.
- **Patti Lynn** - Update: **Bradley Pirman**, who was in a diving accident, is home from the hospital. Please continue to pray for no infection to develop in his head or broken collarbone. Bradley will have eight staples removed from his head *today*. Bradley and his family are thankful for your prayers!
- **Alvin & Debbie Allert** - Please pray for our friend **Jim Bachman**, his leukemia has come back. Jim and Debbie went to high school together and have stayed friends all these years. He is in the hospital and is gravely ill. His wife is by his side.
- **Kelly McCutchen** - (Global Partner) Lord, we ask that you will bless the efforts of Kelly & her team at *Navigators*, as well as the college campus workers they support. Keep them abiding in you.

*Continued on back…*

# Grace Baptist Prayer List

- **Mary Ann Scheurich** – Pray for my friend **Georgia Lopez** to know the fullness of God's love for her. Pray for Jesus to comfort and give her His peace as she recovers from cancer treatment.
- **Beth Watts** - Thank you for praying. *My brother* **Brian** is responding well to chemo. Please continue to pray that the Lord will soften his heart and bring him back into relationship with Christ, and for salvation for his wife and kids.
- **Don & Pauline Fabian** - Please pray for **Don**. His immune system is basically negligible due to leukemia.
- **Michael Shaw** - My cousin **Benny** has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Pray for healing and for him to trust Jesus through this.
- **David & Cordelia Rackley** - Please pray. **Cordelia** has been diagnosed with dementia. May Jesus minister his comfort, strength, and mercy upon David & Cordelia.
- **Bonnie Chisum** - My son **Bobby** is still doing good. Continue to pray that he will be able to get a kidney transplant.
- **Carmen Herman** – We have a prodigal son. Praying for his identity in Christ ALONE. May he hunger and thirst for a relationship in Christ Jesus. Thank you!

**PRAYING FOR OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS**

**Monir & Samya Michael** – Call of Love Ministries: Discipling Muslims through TV & social media

**Do You Have A Prayer Request?**
To submit your prayer request by email:
prayer@gracesantamaria.org

# Sermon Notes

November 22, 2026

"It's Okay If Jesus Arrives Late to Thanksgiving"
John 7 (&8)

Pastor James Barr




## Modify our name to Grace Santa Maria?

*During our mid-year business meeting, we began the discussion to drop "Baptist" from our name. We continued this discussion at our preliminary budget meeting on November 15.*

*Many congregants have expressed their desire to see this change. Staff and elders have discussed this possibly as well. We reached out to our district for additional information, since they changed their name from Baptist General Conference to Converge in 2008.*

*They found that removing "Baptist" provided:*

- *more effective ministries*
- *easier to reach the non-churched*
- *it removed the negative stereotype some may have*
  *(Copies of Bernard Emerson's report are at the welcome table)*

*We have been doing business as "Grace Santa Maria" for almost ten years and have secured the web domain as well.*

*Of course, this change will not affect our beliefs or theology- we will still remain "Baptist" and welcome as members those who have been baptized upon a confession of faith…*

*The most visible change will be modifying our name on the front of our building, as well as the wording on our doors. If approved, we expect it will cost around $5000 to change the name on the building.*

*Members of Grace will decide this change at the December 6th business meeting. It will require an 80% "yes" vote to pass.*

*If you have any questions, please reach out to the elders or church staff.*

JOIN US FOR A

# Christmas Gathering

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

5:30--7:30 PM

DINNER IN THE GYM

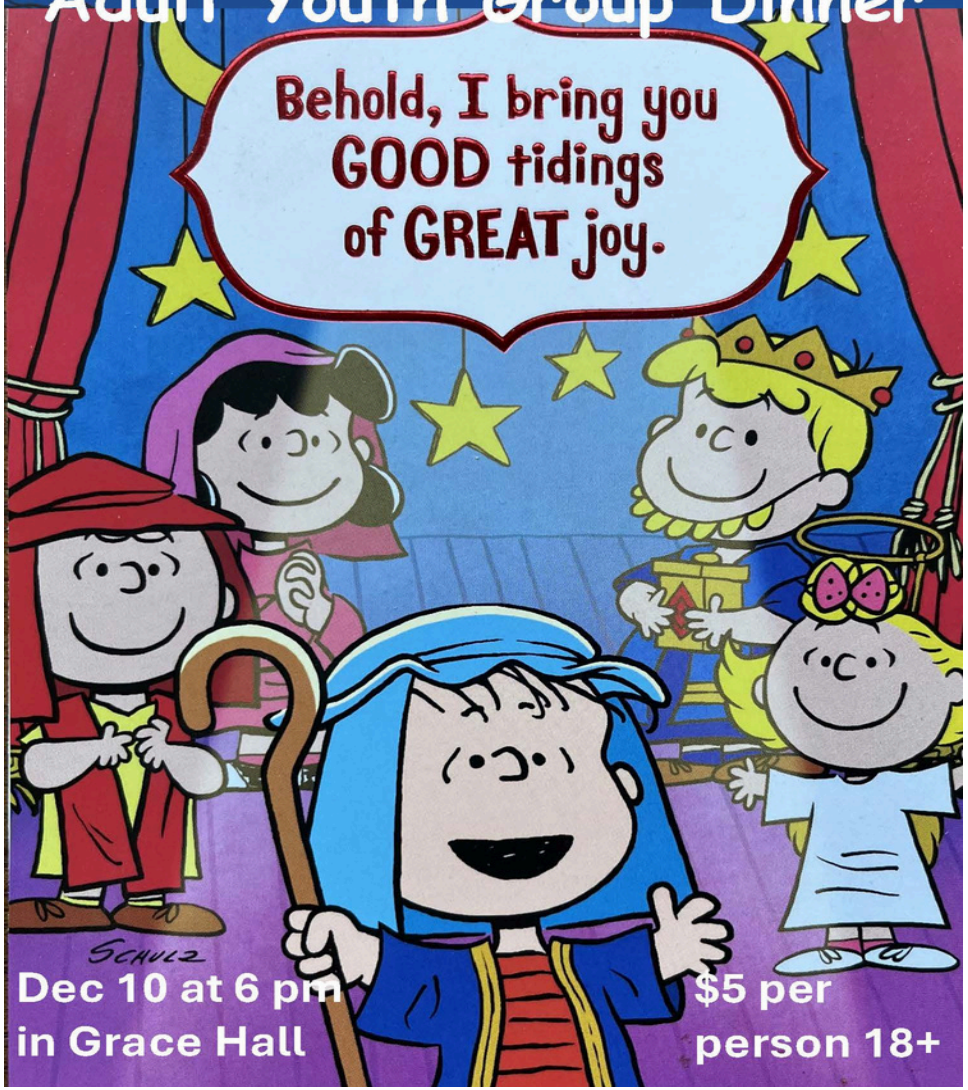
CAROL SING ALONG

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SIGN UP & PAY IN THE FOYER

# A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas

## Adult Youth Group Dinner




Dec 10 at 6 pm in Grace Hall

$5 per person 18+