## GRACE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY 12/21

- ◆ Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School 10:30am - Ed Building
- ♦ College SS Class 10:30am - Ed Building Rm 705
- Sunday Evening (Ed Building)
   5:30pm Prayer Meeting

### TUESDAY 12/23

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

#### WEDNESDAY 12/24

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
   5:00 pm - Sanctuary
- ♦ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### THURSDAY 12/25

- ♦ CHRISTMAS DAY !!!
- ♦ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



# FINANCIAL REPORT

Month of December 2025 Weekly Offering Needed: \$17,500

12/7/25 \$51,882 12/14/25 \$10,779

Mortgage Reduction \$27,291
Mortgage Reduction \$642

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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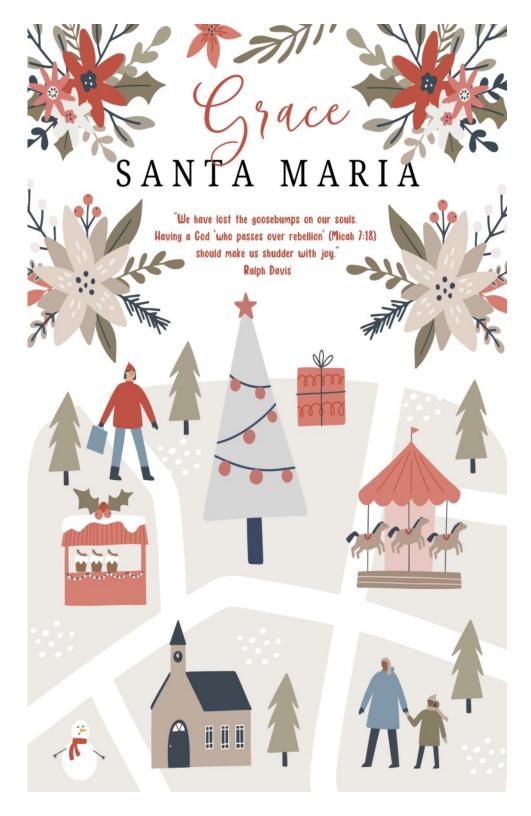
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### Pastoral & Office Hours

M - Th 8:30am - 4:30pm

Front Office Only
Fri 8:30am - 12noon



## **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!



1/30-2/1

HUME

\$250

**Grace Youth Winter Camp** 





### **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS**

January 18th @ 10:30am Rm 504

(Next to our Fellowship Lounge)

Our membership classes are geared for those wanting to become Grace Baptist Church members or needing more information about who we are as a church.

### MORNING LINEUP

Call to Worship

Holy Forever Emmanuel

**Advent Reading & Candle Lighting** 

Light Of The World
O Holy Night

Welcome and Announcements
Prayer Of Confession and
Celebration

Sermon

Silent Night

**Benediction** 

# TODAY AT GRACE

December 21st, 2025

MORNING SERVICE 9:00am & 10:30am

"When Jesus Gives You Your Goosebumps Back" Luke 1:57-80

Pastor Benji

https://youtube.com/live/QVmxDuKnkgw



**YEAR - END - GIFTS** - In order for year- end donations to be receipted in 2025, your gift must be hand delivered to the church office or postmarked by December 31st. If the church office is closed, please place your donation in the 605 Mailbox. Gifts delivered or postmarked in January will be considered a 2026 donation. Thank you!

### YOUNG ADULT AND COLLEGE CHRISTMAS

December 28th @ 6pm in the Ed/Rm 705



Prayer Gathering/Sundays @ 5:30pm/Ed Building
No 6pm Evening Service.
Evening study will resume in January!

The Church Office will be closed December 24th - January 1st for Christmas & vacation. The office will reopen Friday, January 2nd from 8:30am-12noon.





# Grace Baptist Church Prayer List For Week of December 21st, 2025



### **Grace Baptist Church Prayer List**

### PRAY FOR AWAKENING

NEIGHBORS, CHURCH, AND CO-WORKERS

Pray that the members of your church will be full of zeal to serve Christ and bear witness to Him in your community. "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord." Romans 12:11

### PRAISES:

Cathy Disbrow - After taking a fall and hurting my forehead a week ago, I am blessed
and overjoyed that I was able to come to church last Sunday! My "new ride" brought me to
church. Praise be to God!!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Ben & Joyce Benatti (Global partners) Joyce was hit by a car while jogging this week.
   Father, thank you that the surgery on her legs was successful. Please encourage her and Ben as she begins the long road towards healing.
- Robert & Carolyn McBurney Please pray for Mom(Beckie) as she was disgnosed with
  metastatic breast cancer. Pray for Mom to have excellent care, that we can get her care
  efficiently and she is able to recover comfortably. Your prayers are so appreciated.
  She loves her Grace Family.
- Barbara Hunt Continued prayers for our dear friend Scott Reid. Scott had a very lengthy and difficult surgery on Wed Dec 3.
- David York Please pray for safety as I work(truck driver) and pray for my teenage kids
  to trust and know Jesus Christ and to make Him Lord of their lives.
- David White Pray for me to have housing and a job. Also, my friend Rudy has a court hearing. Please pray that she doesn't get locked up during the holidays. Pray for God to deliver her from drinking. Also, pray for me to not make any bad decisions.
- David & Cordelia Rackley Please pray. Cordelia has been diagnosed with dementia.
   May Jesus minister his comfort, strength, and mercy upon David & Cordelia.
- Cheryl Spence Pray for Curt Lyon , brother of Cheryl Spence and Roxanne Slocum. He has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- Bonnie Chisum My son Bobby is still doing good. Continue to pray that he will be able
  to get a kidney transplant.

### PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Brad and Jamie Newport
TEAM

Do You Have A Prayer Request?

To Submit your prayer request by email: prayer@gracesantamaria.org

### **Sermon Notes**



December 21st, 2025

"When Jesus Gives You Your Goosebumps Back" Luke 1:57-80

Pastor Benji





A COMPASSIONATE CALL TO

# COUNTER

IN A WORLD OF

POVERTY • SAME-SEX MARRIAGE • RACISM

SEX SLAVERY • IMMIGRATION • PERSECUTION

**ABORTION • ORPHANS • PORNOGRAPHY** 



### Counter/Culture

How can we live in our culture as committed Christians and respond to social issues such as poverty, slavery, abortion, sexual immorality, the degradation of marriage, the neglect of orphans and widows, racism, and persecution? An opportunity to work through these issues is coming January 2026.

Join the six week small group meeting Sunday nights, Ed Building 6:00pm - 7:15pm, beginning January 11 and facilitated by Chet Harter III. No signup necessary. There are three different levels of participation to choose from:

Level 1 – Simply show up on Sunday nights to watch the video teaching and join in the group discussion.

Level 2 – Join on Sunday nights and *also* purchase and read the book "Counter Culture" by David Platt\*\*\*. (Highly recommended!)

Level 3 – In addition to the first two levels, purchase and work through the daily study "Counter Culture - Bible Study Book with Video Access: A Compassionate Call"\*\*\* also by David Platt. There are five personal daily Bible studies for each of the six weeks.

\*\*\*Each participant must buy the materials on their own. Both the book itself and the Bible Study book are available at Christianbook.com, Amazon or other outlets you might prefer. Some outlets might offer a package deal that includes both the book and Study book.