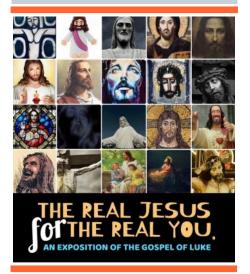


I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE @ 10:30am

"When You Get an Angel Song Stuck in Your Head" Luke 2:15-21

https://youtube.com/live/Jjbv4nGfqyU

Pastor Benji



The 12 Days of Christmas Should Remind Us that Jesus Fulfilled the Law

Your lights could still be up. It's the 12 Days of Christmas (Dec 25-Jan 5).

The Christmas tree might have died and you might have had your fill of Christmas tunes, but the song for this part of the season includes a reminder to rejoice (continue rejoicing) because Jesus fulfilled the Law: two turtledoves... ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Luke 2:24

In this verse we see part of the Law passively fulfilled by Christ as his faithful parents obey the Law and take Him to the temple on the 8th Day where he bumps into 2 more characters to add to your (still on display) Nativity Scene, Anna and Simeon.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus made it clear that he was intentionally and actively fulfilling the Law,

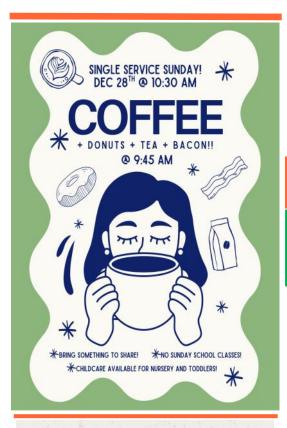
¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Matthew 5:17,18

We see this throughout the Gospels, culminating at the Cross; remember, Christmas (Incarnation) and the Cross (Easter/Passover) are inseparably connected!

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30

He fulfilled the law and conquered death for us. He stepped off the throne to be Emmanuel, God with us. He prayed for us and sings over us (like Buddy the Elf).

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So, continue rejoicing. Continue thinking of the incarnation and the resurrection. Celebrate that He fulfilled the Law for you. Sing of His greatness. You can even continue singing Christmas songs. After all, it's still the 12 Days of Christmas!

- Pastor James

Announcements

YOUNG ADULT AND COLLEGE CHRISTMAS

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



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!



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

Pictures Needed for Celebration of Grace!!

If you have any pictures of ministry, gatherings, Sunday mornings, etc. from 2025, please email them to Farah Shaw for the Celebration of Grace slideshow.

Email to:

fcshaw@yahoo.com

Save The Date... Celebration Of Grace January 25th, 2026



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.

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Counter/Culture

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.

Please see the insert in your Sunday bulletin for more info.