



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.*

Waiting in the Wilderness

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! Psalm 27:13-14

We don't like to wait. It's not natural for us. Honestly, it stinks! But God moves slow. Often. He's never in a hurry and the sooner we come to grips with that, the better off we will be. Ralph Davis says, *"Your culture - and sometimes even your church culture - will seldom say to you, 'Wait in the wilderness and see what God will do for you.'"*

Let me encourage you to wait on the Lord, for whatever it is you are waiting for. Wait and see what Jesus will do for you while you wait. It might surprise you.

P.S. I still hate waiting.

- Pastor Benji



**THE REAL JESUS
for THE REAL YOU.**
AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

**SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE**
9am & 10:30am

"When Jesus Hands Out
Pregnancy Tests"
Luke 1:5-25

<https://youtube.com/live/eF1zv6plBHE>

Pastor Benji



Announcements

MORTGAGE UPDATE:

Since August, we have received an additional \$113,956 for mortgage reduction. This past Sunday, we also received \$41,820 for mortgage reduction. This now reduces our monthly payment to approximately \$2,500. Thank you for giving sacrificially and glory to Jesus for His faithfulness!

Save The Date!

Sunday, December 28th

Coffee and Donuts in the Gym @ 9:45am

One Family Church Service @ 10:30am

DO YOU ENJOY BAKING?

The Good News Club at Arellanes School is thriving with 24 K-6 graders registered. Several members of GBC are on the team. We would again like to bless the families with a box of Christmas cookies, crafts, and gospel information. Is there anyone that would enjoy baking one recipe of a favorite cookie for our boxes? If so, call Jeanine Skamfer at (805)478 -1952 for further information.



Join us for a

Christmas CELEBRATION

DECEMBER | 7 | AT 6:00 PM

DINNER ENTREE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE

BUSINESS MEETING & CAROL SING ALONG

Please sign up

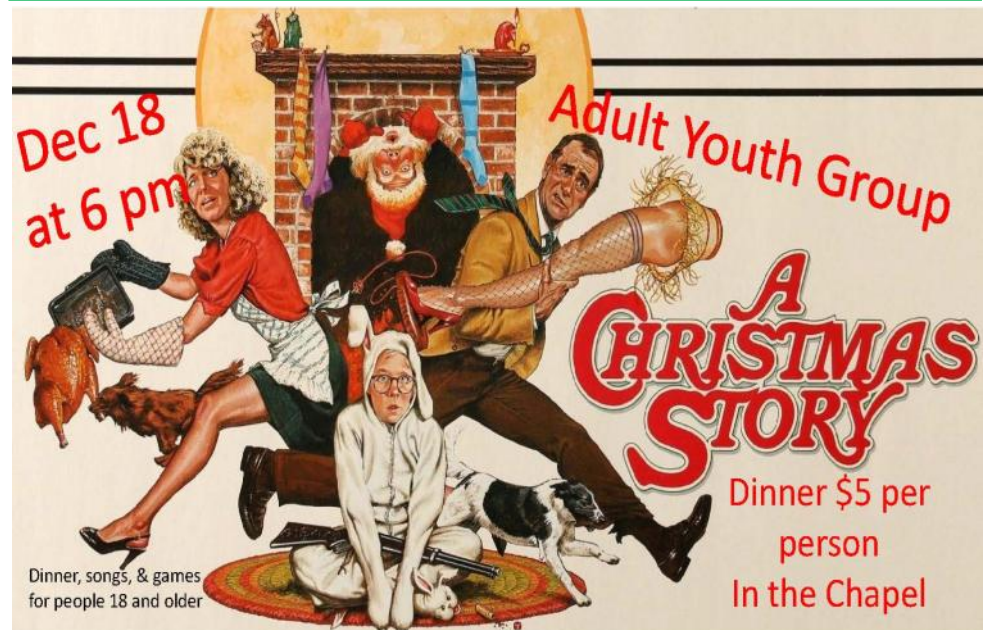

OFFICIAL PROGRAM AND SCORECARD

1/30-2/1 HUME \$250



Home Team

HUME 2026 james@gracesantamaria.org Winter Camp



Dec 18 at 6 pm

Adult Youth Group

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Dinner \$5 per person
In the Chapel

Dinner, songs, & games for people 18 and older



The Church Office will be closed December 24th, 25th and January 1st. Also, office hours are limited starting Wednesday, December 26th through Friday, January 2nd.

Call ahead to make sure we are here.

NEED PRAYER?

Our Elders & Deacons will be available to pray with you after 1st and 2nd service in front of the stage in the sanctuary.



CONTEND FOR SANTA MARIA

WE BELIEVE GOD IS STIRRING HEARTS ACROSS THE CENTRAL COAST AND IT ALL STARTS WITH PRAYER

Grace Baptist Church 7- 8PM, December