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GRACE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Letter from the Pastor

A New Year Filled with Hope and Promise

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Happy New Year!

The turning of the calendar is more than a date change; it's an invitation to lift our eyes toward the future with hope. As we pause to reflect on the year behind us, we can see God's fingerprints in every season. In moments of joy, He celebrated with us; in times of challenge, He carried us through. His faithfulness has been constant.

Jeremiah's words remind us that our future is not left to chance. It rests securely in the hands of a loving God who designs His plans with purpose and hope. This year is not simply about resolutions or goals; it's about leaning into His vision for our lives and trusting His direction.

I picture a lighthouse standing firm against the waves. It cannot calm the storm, but it shines a steady light that guides ships safely forward. In the same way, God's promises illuminate our path. Even when circumstances feel uncertain, His Word gives us courage to take the next step.

As we step into this new year, may we allow God to shape our vision, strengthen our hope, and deepen our trust. The future before us is bright, not because of our own strength, but because of who He is.

I invite you to join us on the first Sunday of the year as we gather in worship. Together, let's dedicate this year to the Lord, asking Him for renewed vision, fresh hope, and a clear sense of His direction. And if you know someone who needs encouragement, bring them along. What better time to begin again than now?

Throughout the month, we also have many opportunities to grow, serve, and fellowship together. Please look at our calendar of events and join us in serving the church and the community, for His glory.

Happy New Year,

Pastor Marco

Come to a Place of Grace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Grace Kids @ Kids Empire
11 Deacons Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17 Women's Ministry
18 Mission Serve Info Mtg	19	20 Tuesday @ The Tower	21	22	23	24 Youth Lock In
25 Joint Svc	26	27	28	29	30 Prayer 6-6 Men's Ministry	31

Wednesday's Schedule

5:30 - 6:15 PM Fellowship Meal
6:30 PM Bible Study
Students, Single Young Adults,
English & Spanish Adults, Children

Sunday's Schedule

9:30-10:45 AM English Worship/
Spanish Bible Study
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM Spanish Worship/
English Bible Study



Grace Kids at Kids Empire

Hey kids in K-6 grade!

Join us for an exciting afternoon full of obstacles, bounce house fun, and a sea of colorful pit balls. It's the perfect chance to make awesome memories and share tons of laughs with your friends! Don't miss out on the fun! Sign up on Ralm today.

January 10 from 10 AM -2 PM

Cost is \$15 (includes snack box)



Tuesday at the Tower

Spend a joyful and engaging time with our friends at the Tower.

Each month we meet and share a devotion, a cup of coffee, and a fun and engaging time with our neighbors and friends at the Tyler Street Tower.

This month, we will enjoy some sweet treats and board games.

We hope you will join us on January 20 at 6:00 PM.

Church Wide Prayer

Prayer is an important part of life. It's a time to focus on communicating with God. Speaking our hearts desires and waiting, listening for His comfort and direction.

Join us as we come together in prayer for our families, our church, and our community.

January 30 from 6 AM to 6 PM

Sign up in the Sanctuary or call us



Youth Lock In Students in 7-12 Grade

Get ready for an unforgettable overnight lock-in filled with vibrant fellowship, uplifting worship, thrilling games, and pancake breakfast at midnight. Join us for an exciting dodgeball tournament and cozy up for a movie (or nap) in the early morning hours.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to connect and make lasting memories!

There will be a mandatory parent meeting before the Lock-In at 8 PM.

Men's & Women's Ministries

All Grace Temple men and women are encouraged to attend this month's fellowship events.



Women's Ministry

Saturday, January 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Bring a friend and a dish to share. Bible Study on John 4:1-42 "Our Story"



Men's Ministry

Friday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study, Fellowship
Fajitas & S'mores in the Courtyard



2025 MEMBERS BY BAPTISM



Eli Torres

Eli was baptized by his grandfather on October 26th. He is the son of Jorge Torres and Diana Castillo and Grandson of Claudia & Marco Castillo.

Eli has attended Grace Temple since birth. He is eager to learn and serve as he continues to grow in knowledge of the Lord.



Sonia Aguirre-Zamarripa

Sonia is a cherished member of our church. She attended for several years with her friends Efrain and Gladys Ramirez recently returning to our fellowship.

Sonia inspires those around her, alongside her son, Louis, as active participants in our vibrant Student Ministry. She was baptized August 31st.



Anthonie Galicia

Anthonie was baptized on March 2nd. He is the son of Nicole Guerrero and the grandson of Dora Diaz.

Anthonie actively participates in the Student Ministry and in many of our church-wide events, often serving alongside his mother and grandmother.

2025 NEW MEMBERS BY LETTER

Elayna Castaneda, Nate & Rebecka Elledge, and James Sutton

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



Mission Serve Kerrville, TX

We all remember the heartbreaking flood that struck on July 4, 2025, leaving a lasting impact on many lives.

This summer, we will be partnering with Mission Serve to travel to Kerrville and lend our hands to the ongoing flood relief efforts that continue to this day.

**Info Meeting
January 18 at 12:30 p.m.**

We invite you to join us at the meeting for details about costs, lodging, and important dates. Your involvement can bring hope and relief to those in need.