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Letter from the Pastor

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Romans 8:34

Greetings!

What an exciting time of year it is, especially for those of us who have put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior! We truly have a reason to celebrate and worship!

In a world that seems overwhelmed with sin and despair, we as Christians should be shining our light more and not less! As we draw closer to the day that we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, I want to encourage you to think of someone to invite for that day.

While I know we all have busy schedules, the most significant thing we can do with our time is to spend it in the presence of God in worship. There is something powerful about coming together with people as well!

Billy Graham Association issued a statistic that says the average Christian can identify seven unchurched people with whom they have a personal relationship. They conducted a national survey, and 82% of the non-churched said they would attend church with a friend or relative if invited.

While there are many ways to invite someone to church, the first thing we must do is decide to just do it!

Here at Grace Temple, we don't go out of the way to make Easter Sunday the incredible service of the year because we want people to recognize the church even after the big day. Besides, as believers in Christ and His resurrection, we are to live with the resurrection in our hearts and minds every single day and every Sunday that we gather to worship!

This Easter we will celebrate the resurrection in our worship service followed by a fellowship meal on the front lawn, weather permitting. Can you think of one person you can invite for Easter Sunday? Why don't you pray that God will prepare their heart to accept your invitation. If they already attend church somewhere else on a faithful basis, then think of someone else who doesn't attend or rarely attends church.

You could be the difference in whether they receive Christ as their Savior!

Hope to see you and your friends and family on Easter Sunday this year!

Blessings,

Marco A. Costello

Pastor Marco

Come to a Place of Grace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Family Movie Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering - Week of Prayer March 3-10					
10 Deacons Mtg Youth Lunch Fundraiser	11	12	13	14	15	16 Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Walk
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Congreso 22-24 @ Waco
24 Joint Svc Easter Celebration	25	26	27	28	GOOD FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED	30



1 Evelyn Casillas
3 Alvaro Valles
8 Betty Gentry
Esther Ledezma
9 Milah Benavides
Salvador Oyarvide
Eliyana Perez
14 Bethany Perez
17 Betty Holman
24 Jenny Ceniceros
25 Sandra Carrera

Financial Information January 2024

Budget Income
\$10,739.77

Budget Expenses
\$25,485.29

Designated Income
\$1,361.72

Designated Expenses
\$373.92

Thank you for your
faithful giving and
support!

TOSTADA DINNER FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
AFTER SERVICE @12PM
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF ALL YOUTH EVENTS THIS YEAR

GTBC STUDENT MINISTRY

MAKE JESUS KNOWN

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer
March 3-10

Pray for and give to North American Missions through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Our Church Goal is \$1800. Accepting gifts through the end of March.

TEXAS BAPTISTS

CONGRESO 2024
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QUIÉN SOY YO?

MARCH 22-24, 2024 WACO, TX 1 TIM. 1:15-16

CONGRESO 2024
Student Conference
March 22-24 @ Waco Extraco Center
Pray for our students and chaperones as they attend this wonderful conference.



Palm Sunday March 24
Joint Worship Service at 11 a.m./Lord's Supper

Easter Sunday March 31
Joint Worship Service at 11 a.m.
Easter Celebration & Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Carta del Pastor

¿Quién es el que condenará? Cristo es el que murió; más aun, el que también resucitó, el que además está a la diestra de Dios, el que también intercede por nosotros. Romanos 8:34
¡Saludos!

¡Qué época del año tan emocionante, especialmente para aquellos de nosotros que hemos puesto nuestra confianza y fe en Jesucristo como nuestro Salvador! ¡Realmente tenemos una razón para celebrar y adorar!

En un mundo que parece abrumado por el pecado y la desesperación, nosotros, como cristianos, ¡deberíamos hacer brillar nuestra luz más y no menos! A medida que nos acercamos al día en que celebramos la resurrección de Cristo, quiero animarlos a pensar en alguien a quien invitar para ese día. Si bien sé que todos tenemos agendas ocupadas, lo más importante que podemos hacer con nuestro tiempo es gastarlo en la presencia de Dios en adoración. ¡También hay algo poderoso en reunirse con la gente!

La Asociación Billy Graham publicó una estadística que dice que el cristiano promedio puede identificar siete personas que no asisten a ninguna iglesia con quienes tienen una relación personal. Realizaron una encuesta nacional y el 82% de los que no asisten a la iglesia dijeron que asistirían a la iglesia con un amigo o familiar si los invitaran.

Si bien hay muchas maneras de invitar a alguien a la iglesia, ¡lo primero que debemos hacer es decidir hacerlo!

Aquí en Grace Temple, no nos esforzamos por hacer del Domingo de Pascua el increíble servicio del año porque queremos que la gente reconozca a la iglesia incluso "después del gran día". Además, como creyentes en Cristo y Su resurrección, ¡debemos vivir con la resurrección en nuestros corazones y mentes cada día y cada domingo que nos reunamos para adorar!

Esta Pascua celebraremos la resurrección en nuestro servicio de adoración, seguido de una comida de compañerismo en el jardín delantero, si el clima lo permite. ¿Se te ocurre una persona a la que puedas invitar para el Domingo de Pascua? ¿Por qué no oras para que Dios prepare su corazón para aceptar tu invitación? Si ya asisten fielmente a la iglesia en otro lugar, entonces piense en alguien más que no asiste o que rara vez asiste a la iglesia.

¡Tú podrías ser la diferencia en si reciben a Cristo como su Salvador! ¡Espero verte a ti, a tus amigos y familiares el domingo de Pascua de este año!

Bendiciones, Pastor Marco



Pray for the children, students, and church as we plan and prepare for these upcoming events

MISSION SERVE
BUCKHORN, KY
JUNE 7 - 16

VBS 2024
"Breaker Rock Beach"
JUNE 23 - 27

STUDENT CAMP
7-12 Graders
JUNE 30 - JULY 5

KID'S CAMP
4-6 Graders
JULY 15 - 19



Women's Ministry
Saturday, March 16
9:30 a.m.

Bring a breakfast dish to share.

Bible Study on Luke 11:8
"Fervent in Prayer"

Ladies will prayer walk in the church building and in the community.