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GRACE TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Spring Forward in Love

As we enter the month of March, we spring forward not only by adjusting our clocks, but by renewing our hearts toward God and one another. This season brings longer days, renewed energy, and a reminder that growth happens when we stay connected in love and service. Our memory verse for March captures this beautifully:

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

This verse calls us to live generously, to look out for one another, and to remember that every act of kindness brings joy to the heart of God. May we be a church that leans into doing good with purpose.

One of the most tangible ways we “do good and share with others” is through our designated Benevolence Fund, which exists solely to help individuals and families facing hardship. It is completely supported by designated gifts, and we can only give out what we receive. Currently, the funds are running low. Our goal for March is to rebuild it to \$1,000, ensuring we are ready to respond when needs arise. Thank you to all who have given faithfully, your generosity has made a real difference. As Hebrews 13:16 reminds us, sharing with others is not just charity; it is worship.

This month we also begin a new journey of spiritual growth for the men of our church. On Saturday, March 28th at 9:30 AM, we will launch a five month discipleship gathering titled “Men Built on the Rock.” This gathering is for all men, married or single, young or seasoned, who desire to strengthen their walk with Christ and build their lives on the solid foundation of His Word. I hope every man will make this a priority.

We also rejoice in the spiritual fruit God is producing among our young people. During DNow, three students made professions of faith. We praise God for His work in their lives and look forward to walking with them as they grow in Christ.

As we move toward Holy Week, we will gather on Palm Sunday to remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On that morning, we will also observe the Lord’s Supper, preparing our hearts for the journey to the cross and the joy of the resurrection. Palm Sunday is always a special time in the life of our church, and I pray you will make plans to be with us. March is full of opportunities for worship, fellowship, and growth. Please take a moment to look over the calendar of events in this newsletter so you don’t miss anything happening in our church family.

As we spring forward into this new season, may we do so with hearts ready to serve, hands ready to help, and lives ready to reflect the love of Christ. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to the life of our church. I look forward to all God will do among us this month.

Sincerely, Pastor Marco

Come to a Place of Grace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 1-8						
8 Deacons Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Tuesday at the Tower	18	19	20 Serve & Play GraceStudents	21 Women's Ministry
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Men's Ministry
29 Palm Sunday Joint Svc Lord's Supper	30	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



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

We invite you to join us this season of prayer **March 1–8, 2026**. In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering makes an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100 percent of your gifts support missionaries in North America. Our Church Goal is \$1500



Tuesday at the Tower

Each month we meet and share a devotion, maybe a cup of coffee or snack, and a fun and engaging time with our neighbors and friends at the Tyler Street Tower. This month we will enjoy some delicious hot-dogs, a devotional and fellowship.

Join us on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 PM.

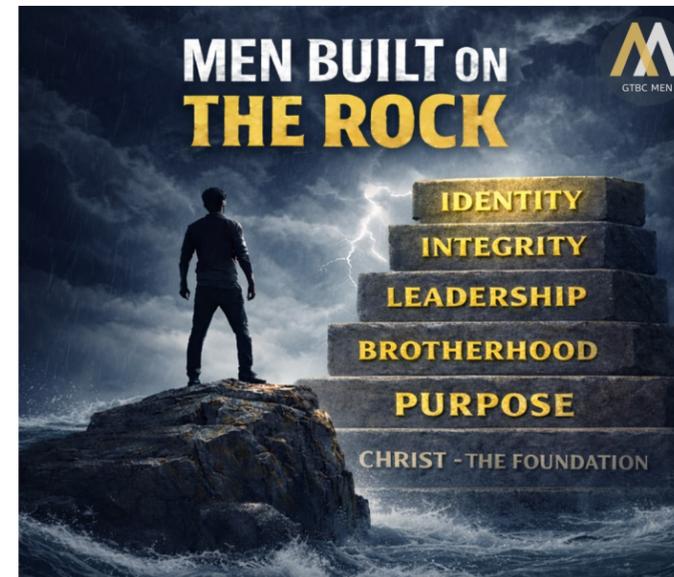


Women's Ministry

All Grace Temple women are encouraged to attend this monthly gathering. You'll enjoy food, fellowship, and a Bible study titled "Sharing Our Gifts" based on 1 Corinthians 12.

We look forward to seeing you March 21 at 9:30 AM

Bring a friend and a dish to share



Men's Ministry Bible Study & Fellowship Saturday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m.

We're launching a new monthly men's discipleship gathering designed to strengthen every area of a man's life. Married or single, young or seasoned, this is a place to grow, connect, and become the man God created you to be.

Our first Men's Dinner has already kicked off the journey, and now we continue with our monthly study series: "Men Built on the Rock: Identity - Integrity - Leadership - Brotherhood - Purpose."

Each month we'll dive into Scripture, challenge one another, and build the kind of strength that lasts - spiritual, relational, and the strength that comes from walking with other men of God.

This is more than a study. It's brotherhood. It's a calling. And every man is invited!



Thank you for giving to the Wednesday Night Meals

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We exceeded our goal, having received \$2562 to date! Several individuals and families will be able to enjoy a meal before Bible Study.

Youth Fundraiser

Because you gave during the Grace Students breakfast tacos fundraiser, several students were able to go to DNow. Three of those students surrendered their life to Christ at DNow last month.

Some students will have the opportunity to use the funds for Camp or Mission Serve.



GTBC STUDENT MINISTRY

SERVE

Main Event @12:30 PM
\$40 per person
Fun Day Pass and Meal

PLAY

Service Project @ 10 AM
Breakfast Provided

March 20th

Serve & Play Friday, March 20

Grace students in grades 7-12, join us for an exciting opportunity to give back to our community in the morning, followed by a fun-filled afternoon at Main Event. Don't miss out on this chance to connect, learn, and enjoy a great day with friends! Cost is \$40 and includes meals & a Main Event Fun Day Pass. See you then!

Financial Information January 2026

Budget Income \$12,487.44
Budget Expenses \$48,546.72
Designated Giving \$1,143.00

Designated Spending \$0

Thank you for your faithful giving!



Designated Giving

This month's designated giving emphasis is on **Benevolence**. Our goal is \$1000. Gifts can be made during the offering (cash or check) or online on our website or the Realm app.

PRAY FOR THE HABACON FAMILY GO TO NATIONS MISSIONARIES



THE HABACONS

“But how do you make disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples?” That question hung in the air for a moment between Bert, Emily, and a local pastor in Texas. After six years of ministry to the impoverished of the Philippines, doing children’s ministry, youth ministry, and community development, neither Bert nor Emily quite knew how to answer that question. Ministry is one thing, but making disciples who go on to make disciples... That is an entirely different thing. That one, unexpected, conversation over lunch started them on a journey that has changed everything about their life as missionaries.

Bert and Emily Habacon are full-time missionaries, currently living Dallas, and partnering with GTBC to pioneer a class and community for Parents. However, this area is not a new development in their ministry. Emily has been working with missionary families since 2018, and has since become the Director of Missionary Kid Care within their missions organization, Go To Nations. Both Bert and Emily have worked together as church leaders, smallgroup leaders, and disciple-makers over the past 6 years. This class is an extension of all they have learned about making disciples and expanding God’s Kingdom here on earth. While life in the US is not the long-term goal, they are taking every opportunity to build the Kingdom where God has them, in the hopes of continuing to build it across the world, in due season.

While remaining faithful in these ministries that God has put in front of them, they are working on raising the necessary living and relocation funds to help them return to The Philippines. It is a mountain, but like Mark 9:23 tells us “all things are possible for him who believes.” Please keep them in your prayers as they follow Jesus and work to fulfill the Great Commission.