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Letter from the Pastor

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Dear Church Family,

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, I am filled with gratitude for the ways God has been moving in our church. This past month has been a beautiful testimony to the power of prayer, unity, and joyful giving.

We ended the month with an incredible Week of Prayer, where our hearts were stirred and faith was deepened. That momentum carried into our Concert of Prayer; a worship service centered on the theme of Renewal and Recommissioning. We sought God together, asking Him to refresh our spirits and re-send us into His mission with boldness and joy. It was a time of worship, surrender, and fresh commitment.

We also celebrated something that brought great joy to my heart. My grandson Eli Torres was baptized during our service giving a public declaration of the new life in Christ.

As we reflect on these blessings, I am reminded of Paul's word in 2 Corinthians 9:7, giving is not just about finances, it's about offering our time, our prayers, and our hearts to the work of the Kingdom.

This November, we will begin a new sermon series titled "Giving as Worship", a journey into the heart of generosity. We will look at how giving is not just about obligation, but about gratitude, freedom, and trust in God's provision. Each message will center on biblical examples of joyful giving and how our generosity reflects the Character of Christ.

Whether it's our time, our resources, or our talents, giving becomes an act of worship when it flows from a heart surrendered to God. I invite you to come with open hearts as we discover how generosity transforms both the giver and the community.

This coming month on the 16th of November, our children will have a fun and meaningful outing to the Zoo. If you have children that want to join us on that day, please reach out to Rebecka or the church office for more information.

On the 23rd, we will have a joint service and our Thanksgiving meal after. It will be a time to gather, give thanks, and share a meal as one family. Make time to join us and don't miss out on the great meal that Elena Linsheid and our volunteers will prepare for us.

Let's keep moving forward with joy, generosity, and faith. God is doing something beautiful in our church as we walk this journey together.

Pastor Marco

Come to a Place of Grace

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ Youth "Pumpkin Pocalypse"
²	³	⁴	⁵ No Dinner	⁶	⁷	⁸ Youth SLT @ Congreso Experience
			Staff @ Right Now Conference			
⁹ Veteran Recognition	¹⁰	¹¹ Tuesday @ the Tower	¹²	¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵ Women's Ministry
Kid's Zoo Day Boxes Due	¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹ Youth Flannel Fest	²⁰	²¹	²²
Texas Baptist Annual Meeting						
²³ Joint Svc Thanksgiving Fellowship	²⁴	²⁵	²⁶ No Evening Activities	²⁷	²⁸	²⁹
³⁰ Joint Svc				OFFICE CLOSED		

Wednesday's Schedule

5:30 - 6:15 PM Fellowship Meal
 6:30 PM Bible Studies for Adults (English & Spanish), Young Adults, and Students

Sunday's Schedule

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

Happy Birthday



- 5 Judy Oyarvide
- 7 Nicole Guerrero
Aria Griffin
Damien Ruiz
- 8 Cindy Cannon
- 15 Arturo Gonzalez
- 16 Don Kennedy
- 19 Michael Ruiz
- 21 Karen Hogan
Claudia Castillo
- 29 Eliza Villanueva
- 30 Ivan Cenicerros

Give thanks

in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

September 2025 Financial

Budget Income \$19,187.72
Budget Expenses \$51,680.83
Designated Giving \$ 4,738.80
Designated Spending \$ 5,107.23
Thank you for your faithful giving!



TREE OF
gratitude
AND
thanksgiving

TUESDAY AT THE TOWER
NOVEMBER 11, 2025 AT 6 PM

Carta del Pastor

*Cada uno dé como propuso en su corazón: no con tristeza,
ni por necesidad, porque Dios ama al dador alegre.*

2 Corintios 9:7

Querida Familia de la Iglesia,

Al entrar en esta temporada de acción de gracias, me siento lleno de gratitud por las maneras en que Dios ha estado obrando en nuestra iglesia. Este mes pasado ha sido un hermoso testimonio del poder de la oración, la unidad y la generosidad alegre.

Terminamos el mes con una increíble Semana de Oración, donde nuestros corazones fueron conmovidos y nuestra fe fortalecida. Ese impulso nos llevó al Concierto de Oración; un servicio de adoración centrado en el tema de la Renovación y el Reenvío. Buscamos a Dios juntos, pidiéndole que refrescara nuestros espíritus y nos enviara nuevamente a Su misión con valentía y gozo. Fue un tiempo de adoración, entrega y compromiso renovado.

También celebramos algo que trajo gran alegría a mi corazón. Mi nieto Eli Torres fue bautizado durante nuestro servicio, haciendo una declaración pública de la nueva vida en Cristo.

Al reflexionar sobre estas bendiciones, recuerdo las palabras de Pablo en 2 Corintios 9:7, dar no se trata solo de finanzas, sino de ofrecer nuestro tiempo, nuestras oraciones y nuestros corazones a la obra del Reino.

Este noviembre, comenzaremos una nueva serie de sermones titulada "Dar como Adoración", un viaje al corazón de la generosidad. Veremos cómo el dar no se trata solo de obligación, sino de gratitud, libertad y confianza en la provisión de Dios. Cada mensaje se centrará en ejemplos bíblicos de dar con alegría y cómo nuestra generosidad refleja el carácter de Cristo.

Ya sea nuestro tiempo, nuestros recursos o nuestros talentos, el dar se convierte en un acto de adoración cuando fluye de un corazón rendido a Dios. Te invito a venir con corazones abiertos mientras descubrimos cómo la generosidad transforma tanto al que da como a la comunidad.

Este próximo mes, el 16 de noviembre, nuestros niños tendrán una salida divertida y significativa al zoológico. Si tienes niños que desean acompañarnos ese día, por favor comunícate con Rebecka o con la oficina de la iglesia para más información.

El día 23 tendremos un servicio unido y nuestra comida de Acción de Gracias después. Será un tiempo para reunirnos, dar gracias y compartir una comida como una sola familia. Haz tiempo para acompañarnos y no te pierdas la excelente comida que Elena Linsheid y nuestros voluntarios prepararán para nosotros.

Sigamos avanzando con alegría, generosidad y fe. Dios está haciendo algo hermoso en nuestra iglesia mientras caminamos juntos en este viaje.

Bendiciones, Pastor Marco

FALL FESTIVAL

Join us at
Bishop Arts STEAM
Friday, November 7
or at
Garcia Middle School
Thursday, November 13
for their community Fall Festivals
Call the office for more info.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY
November 15 at 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Bible Study
on Acts 17:24
"Because He is King Over Us"



Thanksgiving

Fellowship Meal Sunday, November 23

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the
Joint Worship Service for our annual
Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child uses
gift-filled shoe boxes to demonstrate
God's love in a tangible way to
children around the world.

Fill a box and return it by Nov. 16th
along with \$10.00 for shipping

or

Donate to "Operation Christmas Child"
by November 9th and we will purchase
items needed to fill the box.

Grace Kids will pack the boxes November 19.



FLANNEL

Fest

YOUTH EVENT

NOV
WEDNESDAY 19 5:00 PM
2025

Wear your favorite
Flannel and join us as
we celebrate fall with
s'mores and a campfire

THANK YOU, VETERANS

We honor you and are so thankful for your service

VETERAN RECOGNITION Sunday, November 9

We are thankful for your service

Caroline Daley, Michael Gaglione,
Frank Holman, Don Kennedy,
and Royce Larsen

GRACE KIDS ZOO DAY



Sunday, November 16

Grace Kids will enjoy the afternoon
at the Dallas Zoo

Free for kids in K-6 grade, but please register
on Realm by November 15

Details in the Realm Event or call the church office.

Staff will attend the Right Now Media Conference

November 5-7

Office Closed

No Wednesday Dinner Nov. 5

and the

Texas Baptists Annual Meeting November 17-18

Office will be open these days

No Evening Activities

Wednesday, November 26

Office Closed November 27-28