

2025

A RETROSPECTIVE



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A letter from

DR. MATT CASSIDY

Grace Covenant Family,

As we look back on 2025, my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude. This year has been a vivid reminder of God's unwavering faithfulness. Even in seasons of transition, most evident by the retirement of our beloved Executive Pastor of 30 years and my personal "friend of virtue," Ray Anderson, the Lord has carried us. What could have been a season of uncertainty became a testimony of trust. You, the flock of Grace Covenant, embraced the transition process with faith, patience, and unity, and we are already seeing the beautiful fruit of that obedience.

Throughout the year, the gospel has gone forward with the power of the Holy Spirit within our own walls, across Central Texas, and to the nations. When catastrophic flooding struck our state in July, you responded as the hands and feet of Jesus. Our church mobilized quickly, sacrificially, and generously by serving in person, giving financially, and offering hope to those devastated by loss. I could not be more grateful or more proud to be part of this church body.

As we set our eyes on 2026, we do so with expectation. Jesus Christ is the Lord over Grace Covenant Church, and we are committed to following wherever He leads. We remain a people devoted to becoming like Christ in all of life and surrendering ourselves as a living sacrifice. I stand with you, ready to do anything for anyone, anytime, to help advance His kingdom.

Thank you for being a faithful, joy-filled, and mission-minded family. I am honored to serve alongside you.

With gratitude,

Matt Cassidy



Senior Pastor

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SERVICES

480

MILES OF GOLF CART RIDES
THAT'S ALL THE WAY FROM
HERE TO AMARILLO!



98

HOURS OF
COURSES



55

MISSIONARIES
SUPPORTED

93

BATH TUBS

OVER 5000 GALLONS!



4 **FOOTBALL**
FIELDS OF
PIZZA



756

WORSHIP
SONGS



46

BAPTISMS





JANUARY

PRAYER

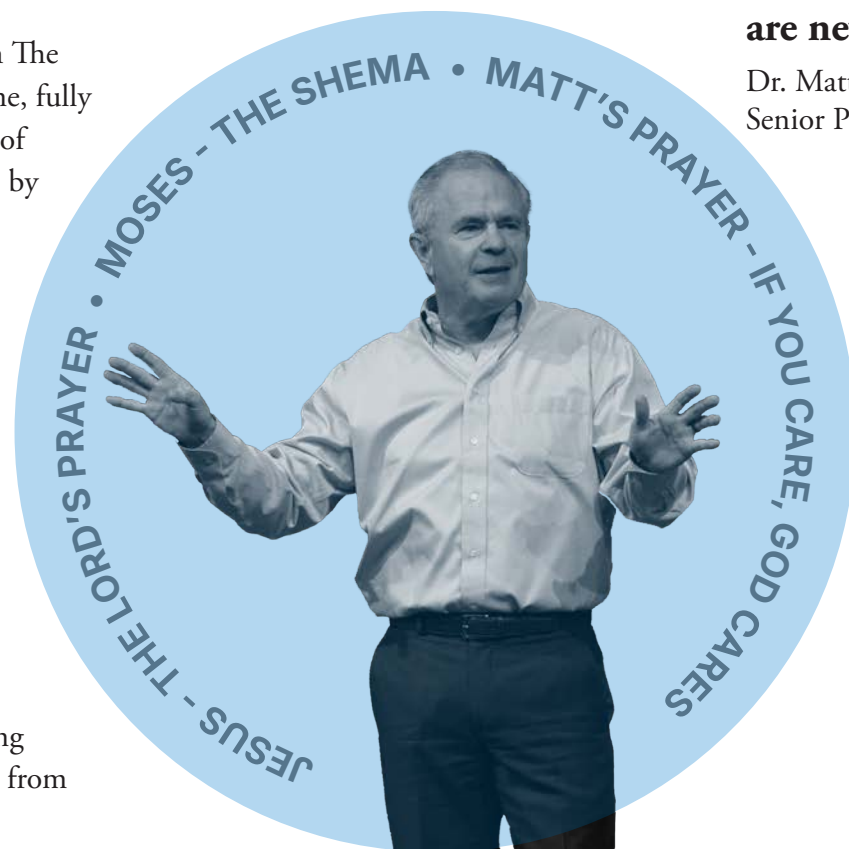
In January, Grace embarked on a Spiritual Rhythms Boot Camp sermon series to get us in the best shape for our walk with God. First up: our prayer lives. Are we living out the command to 'in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present our requests to God,' as directed in Philippians 4:6?

Pastor Matt Cassidy walked us through how a healthy prayer life cannot exist within a cynical soul, how unless by the power of the Holy Spirit we root out cynicism we will never enjoy intimacy with the Lord in our daily prayers.

Then, we went through The Lord's Prayer line by line, fully examining the majesty of this prayer taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. We are instructed in the first line to address God Almighty as our Father.

Moses' prayer, The Shema, reminds us that the commandments of God should be with us in our every waking moment, from our rising up to our laying down, from sunup to sundown.

Finally, "Matt's Prayer" reminded us that "If we care about something, God cares too" because He is a good, good Father and good fathers care about what their children care about.



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What makes
you think any of your
little things you pray
about are too little
or your big prayers
are too big?”

The nature of
God's greatness is that
He is so great that
the little things are
never overlooked,
and the big things
are never too big. ”

Dr. Matt Cassidy
Senior Pastor

spiritual
RHYTHMS

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

147 YOUTH
37 LEADERS
4 SESSIONS

The Return was an opportunity for students to step away from the normal rhythms of life and immerse themselves in their relationships with the Lord, their leaders, and Christian friends. The goal of this retreat was for students to look forward to their future with hope instead of fear. The future is unknown, and the unknown is scary, but God has revealed enough for us to be excited about our future with Him, even now.

Students walked away with a clearer understanding of the hope they have in being reunited with their Creator, resurrected to reign with Christ on a restored Earth. Our prayer was for the eager expectation of living with the Lord for eternity to shape students' goals and priorities in life, causing them to live with Jesus today.

JANUARY 17 - 19



A vibrant social event, likely a dance or party, with people dancing on a light-up floor. The floor is illuminated with small, bright lights in shades of purple and blue. In the center, a man in a white shirt and black vest is dancing. To his right, a woman in a blue and white patterned dress is dancing. In the foreground, a man in a black suit is dancing. In the background, a woman in a black dress is dancing. The overall atmosphere is festive and lively.

FEBRUARY

NIGHT TO SHINE | FEBRUARY 7



NIGHT TO SHINE

149 HONORED GUESTS

446 VOLUNTEERS

Night to Shine is a joy-filled celebration that shouts to the world that every person is wonderfully made in the image of God and worthy of honor. This year marks the third year in a row that Grace has had the privilege of hosting this meaningful event, deepening our joy and commitment to celebrating every honored guest. For one unforgettable night, we come together to rejoice in the truth that our value is not found in what we can do but in who God has created us to be.

With crowns, dancing, and laughter, we celebrate the King who reigns forever and invites us into His Kingdom as co-heirs with Christ. This night radiates the royalty of God's people, showing that each guest is cherished and beloved. As the church celebrates, serves, and dances with our honored guests, we proclaim God's goodness and love in tangible, joy-filled ways. Night to Shine becomes a glimpse of heaven on earth, where the glory of God shines brightly through His people.



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There's a spiritual chemistry that seems to be taking place when you combine fasting and prayer. There's some kind of supernatural power. I don't claim to understand it but over and over the Bible shows us, fasting is as though you have a megaphone when you're praying, even in your whispers, in times of desperation, something spiritual is happening there whether God answers with a 'Yes' or not.

Dr. Matt Cassidy
Senior Pastor

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spiritual
RHYTHMS

FASTING

MOSES

Moses fasted for forty days and nights on Mount Sinai as he received the Law from God. His fasting was an act of dependence, humbling himself before the holy presence of the Lord. Through that fast, God gave His covenant commands, shaping Israel's identity as His people.

Daniel fasted and prayed in repentance on behalf of his people, confessing their sins and pleading for mercy. His fasting was born out of grief for Israel's rebellion and longing for God's restoration. God gave Daniel a vision and promise that He would fulfill His word and bring redemption.

DANIEL

ESTHER

When her people faced annihilation, Esther called for a three-day fast before she approached the king. Her fasting was rooted in desperation and dependence, seeking courage and God's favor. Through her act of faith, God worked to preserve His people from destruction.

Before leading the exiles on their dangerous return journey to Jerusalem, Ezra proclaimed a fast. Their fasting showed their trust in God's protection rather than in military strength. God demonstrated His presence with His people by guarding them along the way and bringing them safely home. The practice became a powerful reminder that reliance on God brings both courage and peace.

EZRA

JESUS

Before beginning His public ministry, Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness. His fasting demonstrated perfect dependence on His Father and prepared Him to resist temptation. Out of that fast, Jesus stepped forward in Spirit-filled power to proclaim the kingdom of God.

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We went to a Thai church, and I got to watch everyone worship. We couldn't understand anything but just watching everyone worship the same God halfway around the world was incredible. It really put into perspective for me how big God is.

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Cat, Thailand Trip

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I met a homeless person named Mr. Thomas. He was full of the Lord, full of Christ even though he had lost many things, even though he was paralyzed, even though he was struggling through life, he loved Jesus. This just shows even in the darkest moments, we have can hope, everyone can have hope. Even when we find ourselves stuck, God will be with each of us.

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Logan, Waco Trip

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We met a guy named Bill while doing street ministry. We gave him food, a flyer for street church, and told him about Jesus. He didn't seem like he cared at all. All he was focused on was getting back to Austin to see his family. But then on Thursday night, we saw him at street church.... and after the gospel presentation we did an altar call, and he came forward and said 'I have been doing wrong. I want to get right with the Lord. I want to get my life back.' It was crazy to see how the Holy Spirit could change him in that way. We were able to pray with him and he accepted Christ!

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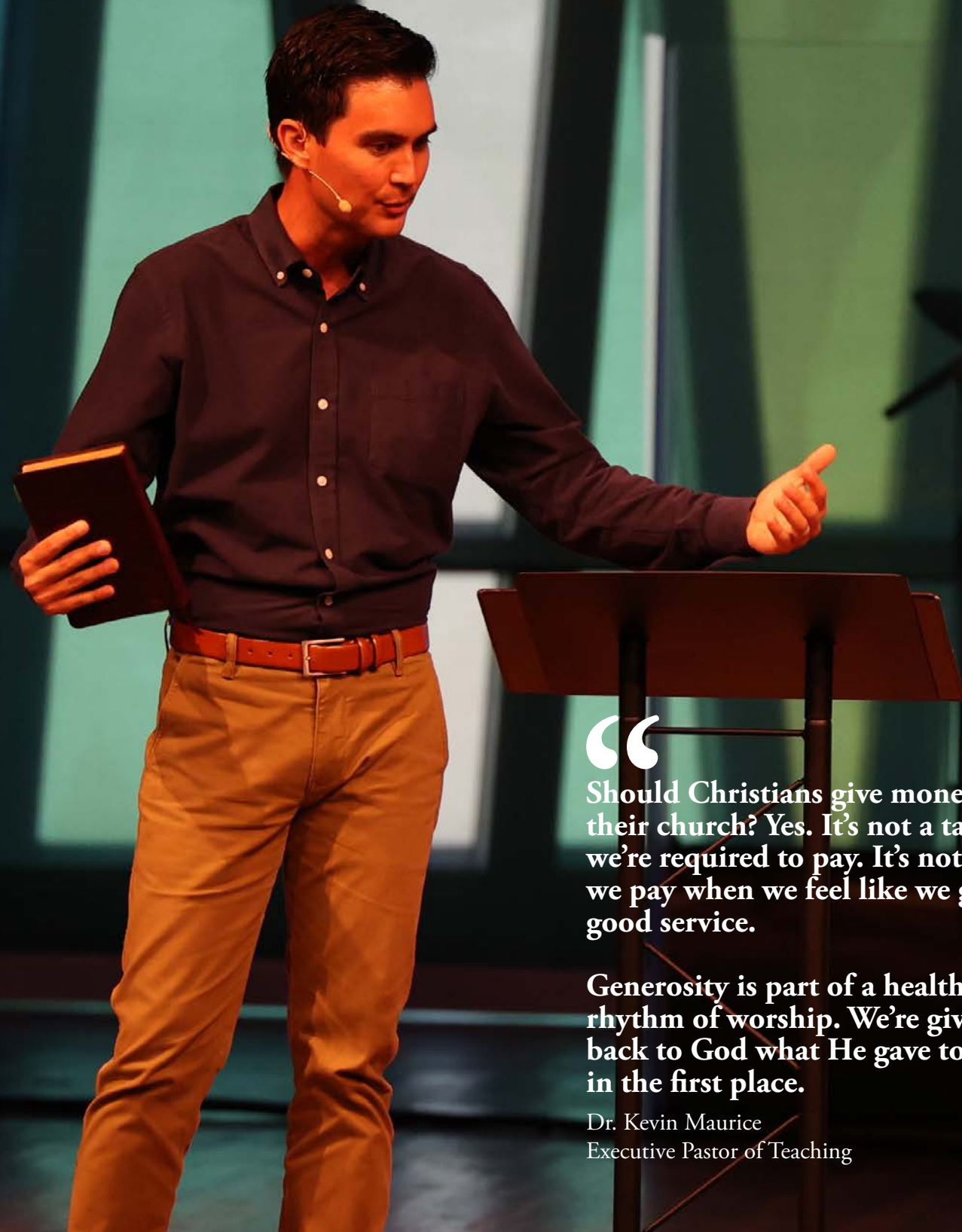
Caleb, Houston Trip



YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

WARRIOR

GENEROSITY



“Should Christians give money to their church? Yes. It’s not a tax we’re required to pay. It’s not a tip we pay when we feel like we got good service.”

Generosity is part of a healthy rhythm of worship. We’re giving back to God what He gave to us in the first place.”

Dr. Kevin Maurice
Executive Pastor of Teaching



FAMILY

WORSHIP NIGHT

Three times a year, Grace Kids families gather for Family Worship Nights in the Auditorium to worship the Lord. We often celebrate children who have made the life-changing decision to follow Christ by witnessing their baptisms. We sing praises led by our GK worship team and share a meal together. This is more than just an event; it’s a celebration of new life, community, and God’s love.

APRIL

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Resurrection Sunday is our adoption day. It's the day that proves we're not servants; we're not slaves. We are sons and daughters of God Almighty or "Daddy" as He tells us to call Him. We have the full rights of sonship. We are heirs to His kingdom. Resurrection Sunday is the day that proves that the Father sent the Son to pay our adoption fees so we can experience fullness of life, in this world and the next.

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Dr. Matt Cassidy
Senior Pastor
Easter Sunday



EASTER
at Grace



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I see a lot of openness in being able to share my faith. I find people are respectful and even curious. This should tone down our fear about sharing the gospel, that if we have the boldness to ask, people are generally willing to listen.

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Keaton Koch
Mobilization Pastor

spiritual
RHYTHMS

EVANGELISM

THE THREE CIRCLES METHOD



APRIL 11 - 13



Women's Retreat was a chance for women to step away from the distractions of regular life and connect with God and one another through rest, recreation, worship, and learning. The theme, "Pause and Trade Up," centered on Speaker Diana Anderson's teachings about women in the Bible who were part of God's story and who needed faith as they waited for God to fulfill their deepest longings. Women shared their own longings and discussed learning to live by faith — remembering that faith is not a feeling but taking God at His word. Women left the weekend with deeper confidence that trusting God is never a sacrifice — it's always a trade up.



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He says we are ‘complete in Christ.’ In Christ! Not completed by a husband, children, a certain job, or where we live or how much money we have. When doubt creeps in, we must take our thoughts and emotions captive. Replace them with truth. We want our truth to line up with His *true* truth. Where do you need to pause and trade up?”

Diana Anderson
Women's Retreat Teacher





MAY

CLASS OF 2025 | MAY 25



YOUTH SUNDAY

MAY 25

Youth Sunday was a celebration of our class of 2025 graduates and an exciting look at the summer ahead. Graduating seniors were uplifted in prayer by Senior Pastor Matt Cassidy and the congregation of Grace. During Youth Sunday, students of all grades and ages volunteered in worship and hospitality, by greeting at the doors, making coffee, and assisting as a crossing guard. Youth Pastor Austen Hornung taught from the main stage about “The Path of Grace” from Ephesians 2. At the end of the service, the theme of the summer was revealed, and so was the name of summer camp 2025, Camp: Karis!



Austen Hornung
Youth Pastor



In May, 79 people from Grace retraced the footsteps of the apostle Paul’s second missionary journey in a trip of a lifetime led by Pastors Matt Cassidy and Ray Anderson! They saw with their own eyes where and how Paul took the gospel to the nations, as directed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

They journeyed to Ephesus in Turkey, cruised through the Aegean Sea (Mykonos, Santorini, Crete and Patmos) and visited key landmarks in Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens and Corinth as described in Acts 16-19. Scripture came to life in a whole new way and understanding Paul’s doggedness in sharing the gospel became tangible.

GREECE

MAY 7 - 17





WE ARE GRACE

This year we taught a four-week series called We Are Grace. It wasn't just another set of sermons – it was a chance to pause, reflect, and remember who God has called us to be as His people at Grace Covenant Church. Each week we looked at a different anchor, a conviction that grounds us and keeps us tethered to the mission God has given us. And when you put them together, they tell a story of what it means to be the church in Austin, TX today.

We began with **Every Believer a Minister**. From 1 Peter 2 we saw that God calls every follower of Jesus a royal priest, entrusted with the privilege of ministry. That means ministry doesn't belong only to pastors, elders, or staff—it belongs to all of us. God delights to work through His people wherever He has placed them: in offices and classrooms, around kitchen tables, in neighborhoods and coffee shops. This truth challenges the consumer mentality that can creep into church life. Church isn't about a few doing ministry while the rest watch. No one sits on the sidelines. Every believer is invited to step into the joy of being used by God.

That naturally led to our second anchor: **Spirit + Truth + Relationship**. If every believer is called to minister, how do we actually see life change happen? We reflected on Josh McDowell's simple but profound insight: truth plus relationship equals life change. At Grace, we've seen that the missing element is the Spirit of God. Discipleship isn't about adding truth, relationships, and Spirit together—it's about multiplying them. God's truth grounds us. Christ-centered friendships carry us when we can't walk on our own. And the Spirit of God breathes supernatural power into both. This is what we mean when we talk about relational discipleship. To become like Christ in all of life requires all three working together.

If discipleship is about becoming like Christ, then we cannot forget that the fuel for that journey is grace. That's what we explored in week three: **Grace Transforms**. From Titus 2–3 we were reminded that grace doesn't just save us—it trains us, sustains us, and empowers us for godliness. Grace is not permission to coast; it is power for change. Grace rescues us from sin, but it also reshapes

us into people marked by holiness, generosity, and love. Many of us need to be reminded of that again and again—because it means none of us are stuck. God is in the business of transformation, and grace is His chosen tool.

Finally, we ended with **Opinion, Belief, and Conviction**. In a world swirling with uncertainty and shifting opinions, Jesus' words in Matthew 7 about building on the rock came alive. Opinions are easily swayed. Beliefs can be held loosely. But convictions—truths rooted deeply in Christ and His Word—give us stability when storms come. Convictions are not arrogance; they are settled confidence in the reality of God's kingdom. They allow us to stand firm, to endure, and to love others with clarity and compassion.

Together, these four anchors tell the story of our church:

- If ministry belongs to every believer (week one), then discipleship must be relational (week two).
- If discipleship is real, then grace is the power that makes it possible (week three).
- And if grace is transforming us, then conviction is what keeps us steady (week four).

This was more than a series. It was a reminder of who we are.

We are ministers. Each of us has a role in God's mission.
We are disciples. Truth, relationships, and the Spirit shape us into Christ's likeness.
We are transformed. Grace changes everything.
We are rooted. Conviction in Christ is our foundation.

As we look back on this year, we hope you can see ways God has already been working these truths into our life together. We've seen members step into ministry they never imagined. We've watched groups carry one another in love, like roof-diggers lowering a friend to Jesus. We've celebrated stories of transformation fueled by grace. And we've stood on the rock of conviction, trusting God's Word in a season when culture often pulls the other way.

As we close this year and look forward to the next, may these anchors continue to tether us to Christ and propel us into His mission. Because who we are shapes what we do. And by God's grace, We Are Grace.



A city on a hill cannot be hidden (Matthew 5:14)

JUNE



SUMMER KICKOFF | JUNE 1



TEN COMMANDMENTS



Before retiring on June 1, 2025, after 30 years at Grace, outgoing Executive Pastor Ray Anderson kicked off our summer series on the Ten Commandments with a sermon on “having no other gods before God Almighty.” These laws prescribed in the commandments are not just dusty old rules from the past; they are timelessly relevant, identity-forming truths for God’s people today. These are not just moral fences meant to keep us out of trouble — they are God’s good design for human flourishing. In Exodus 20, before God gives a single command, He reminds Israel, “I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” That order is crucial. The commandments are not conditions for salvation for the people of God; they are instructions for freed people, a way of life that reflects the heart and holiness of the One who rescued us.

Spending a week with each commandment allowed us to slow down and see both the depth and the beauty behind God’s design. “Do not murder” helps us to see the value and dignity of human life – the Imago Dei. “Do not commit adultery” isn’t merely about avoiding sin — it reveals the sacredness of covenant love and points us toward the better story of Christ’s love for His church. “Do not steal” isn’t only about burglars and bank robbers — it exposes our hearts and invites us to trust God as our provider.

Each commandment offers us a chance to see that God’s law is always meant to lead us to Jesus, the only One who perfectly fulfilled it, on our behalf. Ten weeks in the Ten Commandments reminded us together that we are a rescued people, called to live differently, not by our strength but by His grace.



Camp Babylon

better together



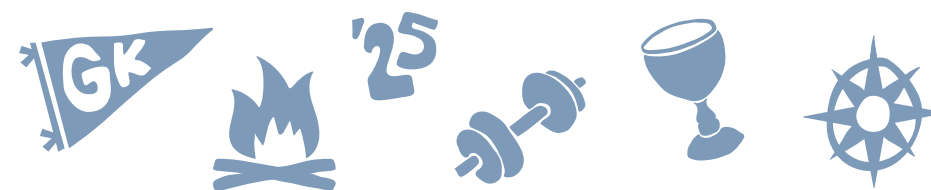
SUMMER KICKOFF

JUNE 1



In mid-June, Grace 3rd-5th graders attended Camp Babylon at beautiful Camp Tejas in Giddings for a four-night camp where they opened God's word, swam in the lake and pool, zipped on the zip line and so much more! They studied Daniel chapters 1-3, learning about Daniel and his friends; how they loved God and loved each other.

The takeaway: God wants us to stand out, stand firm, and stand together! If you have kids who are not quite yet old enough to go to Kids' Camp, this event is worth getting excited about! Thank you to all the parents who trusted us with their kiddos. It was an unforgettable week! We can't wait for Kids' Camp in June of 2026.



YEAR ROUND EVENTS YEAR R

Men's Quest

Morning and evening, Quest is a place where men from all walks of life come together every Thursday in small groups to walk alongside each other and help guide each other in becoming more like Christ in every aspect of their lives. Biblical manhood in today's culture is not easy, which is why the Lord calls us to community with one another. Quest is an intentional discipleship environment where like-minded godly men seek the Lord and meaningful friendship with each other.

Father Son First Fridays

Over the course of three Friday nights in the spring, we gathered fathers and sons of all ages and used a four-phrase definition of godly masculinity to give sons a vision for what it means to be a young man who is learning to become like Christ in his life. The night was designed around fun, fellowship, and a teaching time that all led and pointed to an intentional moment where a father could have a discussion with his son about the principle/phrase of the evening.

CareGivers Support Group

Caring for an aging or disabled loved one can be one of the most challenging journeys in a person's lifetime. GraceCares seeks to provide support and resources for those on this difficult path. The CareGivers Support Group provides monthly speakers from various agencies and organizations that include information, ideas, and resources for caregivers. There is also always a time of discussion and prayer.

DivorceCare

If you have experienced a divorce or separation, DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people ready to walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult seasons. You may be facing one of the most painful experiences of your life, and it's natural to need support, guidance, and understanding. DivorceCare provides a safe place to ask questions, share your story, and begin the healing process with others who truly understand what you're going through. If that is you, you're in the right place — DivorceCare was created with your needs in mind.



Men of Grace gather over BBQ at lunchtime

Man Night

Three times a year, men from all ages and demographics at Grace are invited to gather, connect, and spend time with one another. During the evening, men share a great meal and discuss a topic that is tailored to the unique needs and trappings of men attempting to become like Christ in all of their life.

In the late spring, we have a special Man Night where the men of Grace gather at the annual BBQ cookoff to sample the finest smoked meat offerings and crown a BBQ champion for the year. This year's first place champion was Kevin Maurice. In second place was Cody Barron.

Men's Meat Ups

Half a dozen times a year, Pastor Robert Morris gathers the men of Grace during the lunch hour to eat BBQ and enjoy one another's company. It's a wonderful way to make a big church feel small. These get-togethers allow men to meet and engage with other men who they might not normally interact with during their other involvements at Grace. It's a great way for men who are newer to Grace to meet some other guys in a low-pressure environment, and an easy opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to come and enjoy meat delicacies together! 2026 dates coming soon!

Prayer Shawl

Each week a group of deeply committed women meet at Grace to knit, crochet, and pray together over prayer shawls that are then distributed to whomever is in need. Whether it be someone suffering with an illness, a hospitalization, or grief, many have been blessed beyond measure by these lovingly crafted shawls. They are meant to serve as a reminder of God's love in turbulent times.



Prayer Shawl Gathering

CareMinisters

When difficult seasons or crises arise in our lives, it is vital to have support people available to come alongside, encourage and point us to the Lord and His grace. CareMinisters are trained care-helpers, whose role it is to provide support by committing to weekly, one-on-one connections with individuals in need. CareMinisters focus on offering Biblical guidance for believers dealing with issues that can disrupt and negatively impact their lives and relationships.

Celebrate Recovery

The hurts, habits, and hangups we develop to cope with this fallen world can alter and even destroy our lives and our relationships with God and others. Every Thursday evening, Grace sponsors Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step program where Jesus Christ is honored as the highest power. Learning to surrender our lives to Him becomes the launching place for healing and transformation. This powerful program addresses issues like substance abuse, codependency, perfectionism, and anxiety.

EVENTS YEAR ROUND EVENTS

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MomCo

Two Friday mornings a month, this ministry to moms of kids, from birth through 5th grade, meets for connection, fun activities, and to hear from speakers who teach from a biblical perspective on topics such as parenting, health and wellness, identity, boundaries, and marriage, to name a few. Smaller group discussions allow the moms to go deeper as they flush out these topics and forge more intimate friendships with one another during this busy season of life.



Girlfriends at Grace

Women's Bible Study

On Wednesday mornings and evenings, women gather to study God's Word, with both large group teaching and small group discussion times. This year, as we have studied the Attributes of God, how to build our relationship "With" God, and learned about God's providence and sovereignty through the books of Ruth and Esther, we have deepened our relationship with God and one another. We are intentionally building a community where we can be transformed by God's grace to become more like Christ in all of life.

Girlfriends at Grace

Three times a year, Women's ministry offers an evening for women to meet together, hear from speakers and discuss topics such as: "How to Live Out Our Faith at Work" and "Singleness in the Church." These events incorporate both time for fellowship, food and small group discussion as we grow in our faith and in our relationships with each other.



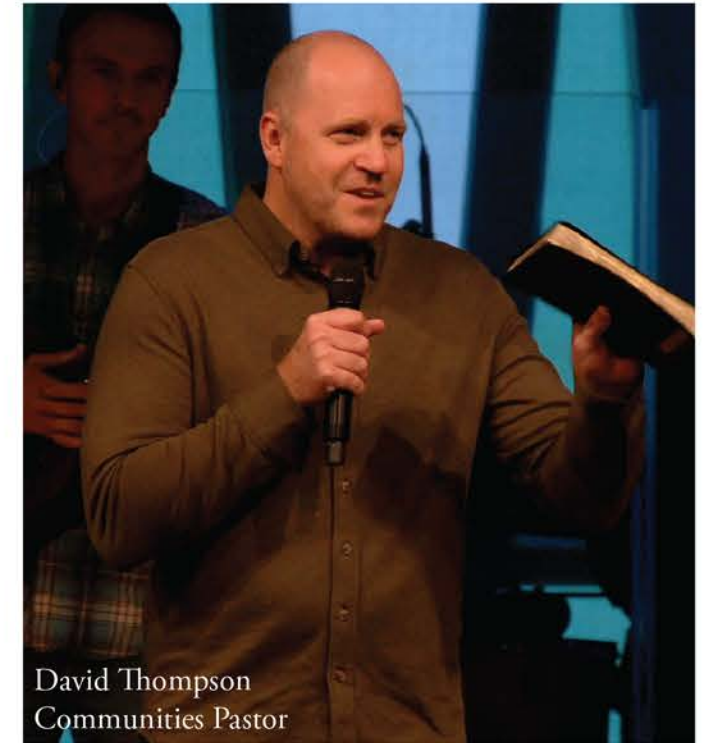
Melissa Eckel
Executive Pastor of Discipleship

Adult Discipleship Communities

Under the leadership of Communities Pastor David Thompson, Grace's Sunday communities meet during the fall and spring to encourage, equip, and connect adults. Each gathering includes Bible teaching, small-group discussion, and prayer. Some groups are organized by life stage, creating easy on-ramps for relationships. Some are for all ages, single gender, or co-ed. So, whether it be Couples and Families, Parenting Teens, Parenting Young Adults, Young Adults, Empty Nesters, The Word and the Way or Hearts of Grace, there is somewhere for everyone to plug in and make a big church feel small. Relational discipleship is a cornerstone principle of spiritual growth at Grace and is critical to guiding people to become like Christ in all of life.

Precept (Inductive Bible Study)

Precept is a weekly Bible study that uses the inductive method and Precept materials to help you dig deep into God's Word. Each week includes personal study, large-group discussion, and an optional video. This year they tackled Psalms, Ephesians, and Romans. Open to all ages and life stages, the focus is life transformation through Scripture. Come ready to learn and be grow in your faith.



David Thompson
Communities Pastor

Young Adults Ministry

In 2025, Grace started something new called Young Adult Nights! Created expressly for people ages 18–29 who want to study Scripture, build friendships, and serve together, these nights include teaching and worship. This year's topics included: "Evidence for the Resurrection" and "The Blueprint for Thankfulness." Young Adult Nights are a welcoming place to belong and be discipled.

Courses

We believe discipleship happens not just on Sunday but in real life. We aim to equip people to become more Christ-like through various courses offered throughout the year. Extremely practical and deeply biblical, in 2025 we offered "Building Your Finances God's Way," "God's Design for Sexuality," and "Real Marriage Made Simple." Through these courses, men and women learned to apply the gospel to money, sexuality, and marriage.

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Sent Sunday at the University of Texas

Gospel Conversations Training

Grace offers Gospel Conversations Training twice a year, a prayerfully curated three-hour seminar, designed to equip believers to confidently share their faith. During this training, participants learn the Three Circles Method — Grace’s key evangelism tool — and discover that while God could have chosen any number of ways to spread the good news of Jesus, He chose one primary method: you. As ambassadors for Christ to friends, neighbors, co-workers, and the nations, attendees are encouraged to step into the identity they were rescued to live out. This engaging and practical training equips individuals and families to live Gospel-centered lives, leaving them prepared with the skills and confidence to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with anyone far from God and to begin the journey of disciple-making.

Sent Sundays

A growing group of Grace Covenant Church members is quietly changing the atmosphere on the University of Texas campus. Once a month, more than two dozen participants — kids as young as seven alongside retirees in their seventies — gather at Littlefield Fountain, a landmark boasting UT’s bold motto: “What starts here changes the world.” After a brief time of prayer, they fan out across campus, striking up conversations and offering to pray for students they meet. According to volunteer Jerry Brush, the reception is “surprisingly warm,” with many students opening up about their struggles with stress, purpose, and faith. This fall, those conversations led to two students placing their faith in Jesus — one declaring afterward, “Following Jesus is just about the most punk-rock thing I could do.”

re|engage

re|engage is Grace’s marriage discipleship ministry. Our hope at re|engage is to make it normal for couples to set aside regular time to grow in their relationship with God and marriage in the context of Christian community. It is a weekly date night for couples who want to take their marriage from good to great, couples looking for a marriage tune-up, and couples looking for a miracle in their marriage. One participant couple said, “We didn’t know what it meant to extend grace to each other. Through re|engage, we learned to extend grace by overlooking minor offenses that would have caused an argument in the past. We understand that because Christ has forgiven us, He wants us to have a forgiving heart toward each other.”



re|engage leaders

Explore Grace

The first Sunday of each month, in between services, newcomers to Grace are invited to attend an Explore Grace session from 10:30 - 11 a.m. in The Cove in the Worship Center. There, you will meet pastors on staff who are eager to get to know you, tell you a little about Grace’s history and vision, and answer any questions you might have. No need to register – just come!

Texas Ramp Project

The Grace chapter of the Texas Ramp Project builds wheelchair ramps year-round for low-income older adults and people with disabilities identified by local healthcare providers. Ramps are built with volunteer labor, keeping costs to a minimum. This year the crew constructed ramps all over the Austin metro area and in 2025 proudly constructed its longest ramp to date — 60 feet long in six hours! Clients say they have relief at the newfound freedom to enter and exit their homes without stress or worry.

Action Ministry Team

The Action Ministry Team at Grace, led by Corey Jones, is dedicated to showing the love of God by investing their time, talent, and treasure to create a safe, secure, and peaceful environment for all who come to worship. Guided by 1 Peter 5:2–3, the team embraces its calling to watch over God’s flock with a willing heart—serving eagerly, compassionately, and with integrity. With a commitment to ministry, physical and spiritual protection, and medical service, they faithfully care for the people of Grace, reflecting the servant-hearted leadership entrusted to them by the Lord Jesus. Their mottos, “Minister & Protect” and “Pray for the best & plan for the worst,” shape their mission as they strive to be examples to the flock.



Action Team before church

EVENTS YEAR ROUND EVENTS

JULY



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP | JULY 12 - 18



YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

Camp: Karis was all about God’s grace, in both the Old Testament and the New. The camp speaker taught the book of Galatians and the New Covenant of grace. The camp drama taught the book of Jonah set in an outer space theme. In morning devotionals with summer staff, students studied both of these books together. Both Jonah and Galatians teach that everything we have is “only by grace.”

This summer, students were a part of the story as the crew of the Gamma Upsilon Karis space station, ultimately getting to decide if they wanted to show grace or judgement to the rebellious and lost “Apollumi.” Our hope was that they would see the destruction that withholding grace causes in our lives, instead choosing to extend the grace that they have received in the real world, where it really matters. In the words of High King Kyrio Theon and his Prophaetai: “Walk the path.”





FLOOD RELIEF

LEANDER, TX | JULY 12

When floodwaters from the San Gabriel River rose on July 4, Grace was on the ground as soon as the waters receded. Fred Bahrenburg quickly checked on Grace members whose homes back up to the river. Once they were safe, Fred and a team of ADRN-trained volunteers from Grace reached out to nearby neighbors affected by the flood. One homeowner, Jeff, said it best: “I didn’t reach out to a church, but the church reached out to me.”

That first weekend, 45 people from the Grace family showed up to help Jeff and his family clean up and begin rebuilding. In the weeks that followed, Grace ministers continued walking alongside them — offering practical help, prayer, and hope — leading them to the loving heart of the Good Shepherd.



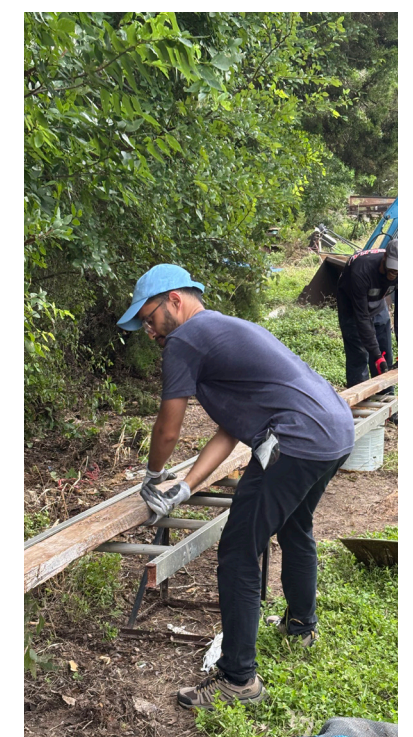
COLOMBIA MISSION TRIP

BOGOTÁ | JUNE 28 - JULY 5

This summer, a Grace team partnered with Convivencia in Bogotá, Colombia, to share the hope of Jesus. During a community Family Day, more than 20 families made first-time decisions to follow Christ! Throughout the

week, team members led a seminar for brave women leaving the Red Light District, hosted a three-day Bible school where every child learned they are God’s Great Idea, and visited families in crisis to offer prayer, encouragement, and the hope of Jesus. The

team also trained a local church in Gospel Conversations, empowering believers to confidently share their faith in their own community, and led business seminars at a local university, equipping future leaders with biblical principles. The beauty of this trip was coming alongside the local church to encourage and equip them to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Colombia.



LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF
LUK 10:27



ROMANS SERMON SERIES LAUNCH | AUGUST 17

AUGUST

ROMANS

In Fall 2025, Grace embarked on a nine-month journey through the book of Romans – verse by verse, chapter by chapter. We aren't rushing this – we're going to take all school year! Because we believe the book of Romans is one of the most impactful books in human history, with power to form the mind, convict the heart, and guide people to grow closer to God.

Romans is Paul's masterpiece. It's his fullest, clearest statement of the Gospel. In these pages, he takes us from the depths of human sin to the heights of God's grace; from the brokenness of the world to the glory of new creation.

God loves to use Romans to stir renewal and even revival. Augustine, Luther, Wesley – each of them was dramatically changed by its message. Luther called it “the chief part of the New Testament and the purest gospel.”

The theology is rich and the impact is deep. From Romans we learn that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (3:23). We also learn of the stunning gift of God's grace in Christ, that “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (5:8).

Romans doesn't just teach us what to believe; it teaches us how to believe – how to think, worship, and live as Christians in real time.

We've so enjoyed studying God's Word together. So many people have chosen to bring their Romans notebooks each week, taking notes, writing, and processing. We continue to hear stories of how the Holy Spirit is speaking to you through this book of the Bible. And when the series ends in May, that notebook will be your own keepsake, your notes on this incredible book, and a testimony to how God's Word has worked in you.

So why spend a year in Romans? Because we believe the same gospel that turned the world upside down in the 1st century – and sparked revival ever since – still shapes us today. Our prayer is this: that God would take His Word we've studied, the notes we've written, and the lives we've lived this year, and make us a people who don't just know the Gospel of Jesus but embody it – as we seek to become more like Christ in all of life, for the glory of God and the good of the world.



CONNECTION FAIR

Connection Fair, held each year on Fall Kickoff, is a time when people can get plugged into the body of Christ to be part of what God is doing at Grace. Whether it's joining a weekly Bible study, committing to improving your marriage by the power of God's Word and mentorship, attending Celebrate Recovery, or volunteering with Grace Kids, there is an opportunity for each person to go deeper and make our big church feel smaller. Relational discipleship leads to transformative change and Connection Fair makes the on-ramp accessible and smooth.



SEPTEMBER

Renew Girls Conference was an opportunity for girls to learn about finding their identity in Christ alone. At Renew, girls got to connect with one another, their adult leaders, and stay overnight for a lock-in! Girls spent the day learning why and how to recognize that their identity is found securely in Christ alone, with breakout sessions that allowed them to learn how to study scripture, discover unique and creative ways to pray, hear from a panel of adult leaders, and make bracelets to remind them of who they are in Christ. During the lock-in, girls watched movies, played games, and ate lots of sugary snacks! Renew is one of the highlights of the Fall semester in Grace Youth, which helps girls start their school year on the right foot by digging into scripture, strengthening friendships, and finding new ways to follow Jesus in their current season of life.



RENEW

Girls Conference



The Grace Youth Guys Conference this year chose the theme Rooted, which focused on spiritual disciplines that help our young men stay rooted in their faiths. At Rooted, the senior leader guys helped to lead and plan the event by running games, leading Bible studies, and teaching lessons. There was plenty of time for fun, as the guys got to enjoy a game of real-life Battleship, Bin Ball, and a quiz on various manly topics. We ended the night with pizza and college football and got to enjoy a long evening of fellowship and community building. We are looking forward to continuing making the conference a day where the guys of grace youth can hear relevant topics and enjoy the opportunity to have fun together!

Rooted

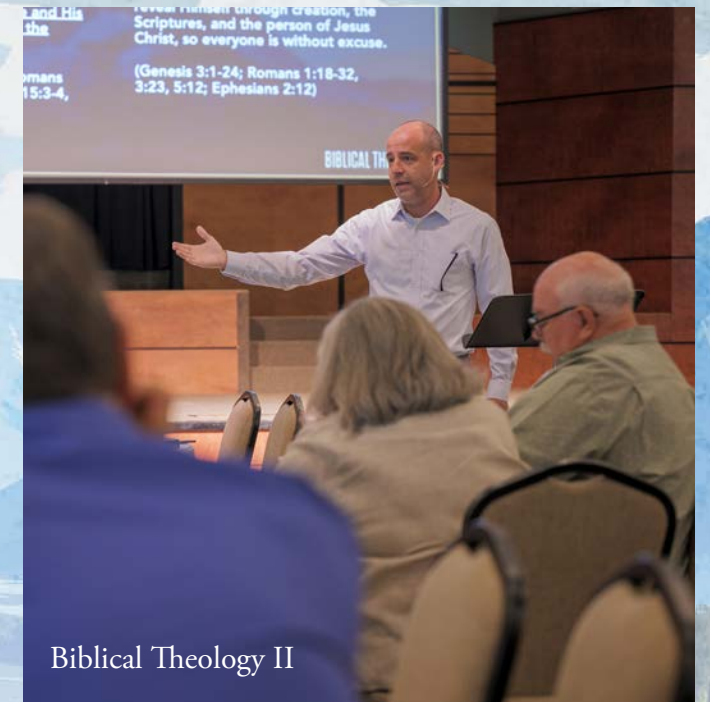
Guys Conference

SEPTEMBER 27



Our Discovery Courses are where we slow down and do the deeper work of learning to think and live biblically together. In 2025, men and women walked through Biblical Theology I & II and Exploring the New Testament (Letters), tracing the big story of Scripture and the core doctrines of the Christian faith.

We wrestled with rich themes like the Trinity, the work of the Holy Spirit, creation, salvation, and even the often-misunderstood realm of angels and demons—always asking how these truths shape worship and everyday life. In Exploring the New Testament Letters, we examined each book's author, audience, and central message, learning to read Scripture in context and listen carefully to what God is saying to his church today. Again and again, people left class saying, "I've never seen that before," as God deepened their confidence in his Word.



Biblical Theology II



DISCOVERY

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SEARCH

¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

Romans 4:18-19

Dr. Jeremiah Ebeling
Executive Pastor of Family Life

OCTOBER



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FALL FEST **OCT. 26**



NOVEMBER





MOBILIZATION FAIR

NOVEMBER 2





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