

Taking a Closer Look At.....



Our Mission Statement

Grace Community Church is an outreach ministry dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of grace to a lost world and to the spiritual growth of believers in the family of God.

Our Name

Grace – Emphasizes our dependency on God and our freedom in expression.

Community – Speaks of our scope of involvement and concern

Church – Speaks of our identity as a people called out to worship and serve Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

Our Faith

We Believe...

- 1. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God,** without error in the original writings, a complete revelation of God's will for us to be saved from sin and judgment and the final authority for our faith and practice.
- 2. In one God, Creator of all things,** infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- 3. That Jesus Christ is both true God and true man** having been born of a virgin. He died on a cross according to the Scriptures, which satisfied God's wrath and provided for our redemption. Having been raised from the dead He ascended into heaven where He acts as our High Priest and Advocate.
- 4. That the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father seeks to glorify Jesus Christ.** During this age He convicts man of sin, regenerates the sinner, mediates the life of Christ, indwells, guides, instructs and empowers the believer for Godly living and service.
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- 6. That only through the shed blood of Jesus Christ can God forgive sin and justify the sinner.** Through the act of faith, man obtains salvation having been born again by the Holy Spirit and thus becomes a child of God.
- 7. That water baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances that are to be observed by the church to complement spiritual truths.** They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
- 8. That the true Church is composed by all persons who have saving faith in Jesus Christ**, being indwelt and united by One Spirit in the body of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 9. That the true church is composed of regenerated people through faith**, and only such as these are recognized as eligible for membership in the local church.
- 10. That we recognize as a church, Jesus Christ as our sovereign head** and therefore each local church is autonomous in the governing of its affairs.
- 11. In the pre-millennial and imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ** and that this "blessed hope" has a great influence on the personal life and service of each believer.
- 12. In the bodily resurrection of the dead**; of the believer unto everlasting bliss in the presence of Jesus Christ and the unbeliever to everlasting punishment in hell.

Our Distinctives

"In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, charity. In all things, Jesus Christ."

Chrysostom

1. Grace Community Church is inclusive. We encourage fellowship with all who claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of doctrinal or cultural distinctiveness. That is to say, we do not discourage relationships with those who do not agree on every fine point of doctrine. Membership to GCC does require a general agreement to the articles of faith as set forth in the constitution.

2. Grace Community Church believes in the preaching and teaching of God's word which is authoritative and absolutely necessary for the life of every believer, but we don't make issues over minor points. We seek to develop deep convictions over God's truths, but refuse to make minor issues a test of fellowship in the local church. We believe in living lives separated from sin but we are not separatistic.

3. Grace Community Church is non-denominational in spirit but not in our structure. Our church may join with other churches of like precious faith as long as for the sake of expediency we have the same objectives to accomplish. We also believe that while there is a necessity of unity there is also strength in diversity through an established articulated theology.

4. Grace Community Church recognizes the liberty of expression in the freedom of grace. God called us to freedom and that it is the living of that freedom that demonstrates the gospel to an unbelieving world. However, we also recognize that liberty can be abused.. For Paul tells us:

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only {do} not {turn} your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Gal 5:13 nasb

Grace Community Church is committed to a strong teaching ministry, which seeks to liberate the believer from dead works, and legalism to the Spirit controlled life and its liberty of expression. But we also believe that to live as such recognizes our obedience to God's revealed Word.

5. Grace Community Church recognizes the need for both faith and practice. We believe that it is first essential that one comes to know Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal, and to grow in grace and understanding of our Lord and Savior, but we also believe that having this bond demands a warmth and caring attitude toward others in the body of Christ, regardless of position, race, background etc. A vital relationship with God needs to be expressed in a dynamic relationship with others.

6. Grace Community Church is congregational in government. As a church we believe that Jesus Christ is the sovereign head of our body and that we are described in Scriptures as a body with many parts, whose mind, ministry, and direction depend upon the corporate structure and input of the whole. That in its learning of the mind of Christ and development of its mission, that we come to understand as a whole and that we mature as one body. Therefore all members have input into the decisions that are made.

Our Purpose

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matt 28:19,20

1. To Cultivate Excellence In Worship. We seek to cultivate a corporate expression of praise and thanksgiving. To worship together with one mind and heart provides the child of God with a powerful expression of God’s presence enabling one to rest from daily distractions and concerns while refocusing on the Shepherd of our souls, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. To Teach And Instruct Toward Growth In Grace – Grace Community Church has a strong commitment to the relevancy of God’s word as sufficient for all life and practice in today’s world. We believe that it is our responsibility to teach the whole counsel of God and to admonish each member towards the practicing of Biblical truth so as to develop a genuine faith and an effective ministry.

3. To Communicate The Gospel Throughout The Area – Essential to the furtherance of His kingdom is the communication of the good news of Jesus Christ. Grace Community Church is committed to the training and work of articulating clearly to our culture and our times the glorious hope of the gospel through Jesus Christ.

We Invite You to become a part of an exciting ministry...

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, we extend a warm welcome to you and an invitation to become a part of our church family. We believe that Grace Community is a place where you can grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a place where you will be challenged with God’s word, encouraged in your walk with Christ, and disciplined toward your own ministry of Christ. We recognize the uniqueness of each individual with differing gifts, talents, vocation and background, thereby acknowledging the freedom of expression and convictions that each believer may hold. We trust that Grace Community is a church where you can “feel” at home and enjoy the warmth of a family and a special sense of the presence of God in a lonely and hostile world.

If you are a seeker of Jesus Christ, we extend to you a warm welcome to participate in our services and fellowship. Grace Community Church is a place where you can ask questions about God and life and get real answers from God’s word without feeling embarrassed or pressured into decisions that you are not ready or desire to make.

You can find Peace and security with God

Let me take just a moment to share with you something that just may change your life forever. If you're like many, you may be skeptical in a world that covers its hopelessness with constant noise and restless activity, or that there is any place where one can find real rest and security. But fortunately there is...

Jesus, God's son said, "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.." Matt 11:28

God never intended for you nor anyone else to experience weariness, fear, uncontrollable destructive habits, divorce, or loneliness... but the facts are that man has sinned and fallen short of God's standard. Trouble and trauma are God's means to tell us that we have sinned and need Him. That is why God sent his son, Jesus Christ, into this troubled and noisy world. Scriptures tells us that Jesus suffered and died for our sins so that a Holy God could reach out to us.

Peter tells us "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just (Jesus) for the unjust, (that's us!) in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, (cross) but made alive in the spirit;" 1 Peter 3:18

This last phrase "made alive in the spirit" tells us the greatest fact ever to be proclaimed throughout the ages.. Jesus Christ has been raised and is in the Father's presence! God's Word, the Bible also tells us something else: That the death of Christ made peace with God and on.....

that basis alone, you can have peace with God also.

The bible tells us that God in Christ, was reconciling the world to Himself. This means that God desires to make us His friends again.. "Having made peace through the blood of His cross"

Col 1:20

We are by nature enemies of God and therefore we have no peace and security. But now through Jesus we can have the security and peace that comes from having sins forgiven and a relationship with Him.

Perhaps you're wondering, "What must I do to obtain this peace?" My friend, it is very simple.. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and You will be saved."

When you place your faith (trust) in Jesus, the Bible tells you that you have peace with God. Why? Because He, Jesus, is your peace!

"For He Himself is our peace.." Eph 1:14

When you place your trust in Jesus you also have security.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in 'Christ Jesus our Lord.'" Romans 8:35,38,39

Remember who is our peace; Jesus Christ, God's Son. If you are without this peace, put your trust in God's son, Jesus Christ, today! "For whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Rom 10:13

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