Welcome

TO GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

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Welcome to Starting Point!
Together, we will walk through who we are as a church.
We hope Starting Point will give you a clear picture of who we are,
why we do what we do, and how we believe God has called us
to live and serve together as the body of Christ.
Whether you are simply looking to learn more about Grace Bible Church
or are considering making Grace your church home,
we are grateful that you are here. We look forward to getting to know you better
as we spend this time together!

Christian

Pastor Christian Clark

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Our Story

In 1978, several Georgetown families began hosting Bible studies in their homes. As time went by, it became clear God had something more planned. In 1979, Grace Bible Fellowship Church was formed under the guidance of another local pastor. The first Sunday service was held on January 6, 1980, at the Georgetown airport. Grace became known as the "church in the hangar," and the pastor occasionally had to pause his message due to the noise of the airplanes.

In 1989, the time had come for the church to relocate. They held their first service at their new home on March 5. The Serenada home served GBC well for many years, but as they were blessed by continuous growth, the church eventually outgrew the limited space.

In 2014, the church moved to its present location on Shell Road. From its humble beginnings in at-home Bible groups to the prayers and verses written on the framing boards of its current location, the story of Grace Bible Church is a story of God's guidance and faithfulness. That is the story we hope will continue to be told about GBC for years to come.

In July 2023, the Spanish Ministry became part of GBC.

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Our Heart for Mission

A minimum of 12% of all contributions received by Grace Bible Church is donated to the various organizations and missionaries listed in this booklet. In addition, several people attending Grace Bible volunteer in various capacities at some of the domestic organizations, and our church, as a whole, supports individual organization fundraisers throughout the year.

We also have a prayer team that prays specifically for each of these organizations and individuals. Each year, GBC sends teams on short-term mission trips to be able to build our partnerships with our missionaries and to develop a heart for world evangelism.

What we believe

Matthew 5:18; Luke 24:27, 44; John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21

1. The Holy Scriptures - We believe the Holy Scriptures to be the verbally inspired Word of God, authoritative, inerrant, infallible and God-breathed.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:18-19; John 10:30, 14:8-9, 15:26; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Colossians 2:9

2. The Trinity - We believe in one Triune God, existing in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – eternal in being, identical in essence, equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections.

Nehemiah 9:6; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:8

3. God, the Father - We believe in God the Father, of whom are all things. God is infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

Hebrews 1:3, 3:1, 7:23-25, 12:2; 1 John 2:1-2

4. God the Son, Jesus Christ - We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful man.

Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1, 14, 18, 6:50-58, 20:20; Romans 3:24-26, 4:25; 1 John 3:8

We believe that He accomplished our redemption through His death on the cross as a substitutionary sacrifice. We believe that our redemption and salvation are guaranteed to us by His literal physical resurrection from the dead.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is now in heaven, exalted to the right hand of God where, as His people's High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of intercession and advocacy.

5. God, the Holy Spirit - We believe the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. In the present age, He also regenerates believers in Christ, baptizes them into the Church (the body of Christ), indwells them permanently, seals them unto the day of redemption, bestows spiritual gifts upon each one, and fills those yielded to Him.

John 3:8, 14:16-17, 15:26-27, 16:7-15; 1 Corinthians 6:19, 12:4-13; Ephesians 2:22, 4:30, 5:18

6. The Alienated Condition of Man - We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God but that, in Adam's sin, the race fell, inherited a sinful nature, became alienated from God, and is totally unable, without God's grace, to regain its former position.

Genesis 1:26, 3:1-24; Jeremiah 17:9; Romans 3:23, 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-3, 12

7. Salvation - We believe that salvation is a gift of God in grace, and is received by man through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

John 1:12, 3:16, 5:24; Acts 3:19-20, 4:12; Romans 5:1, 10:9-10; Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-9; 1 John 5:11

8. The Eternal Security of the Believer - We believe that all true believers, once saved, are kept secure in Christ forever.

John 10:27-30, 17:11; Romans 8:1, 29-30, 38-39; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 5:13; Jude 24

9. The Church - We believe that the Church, the body and bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born again persons of this present age, irrespective of their affiliation with Christian organizations.

1 Corinthians 12:13-23; Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25-27; Colossians 3:14-15

10. The Second Coming of Christ - We believe in the personal, imminent coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own, the Church, and His subsequent premillennial return to earth to set up His Kingdom.

Zechariah 14:4-11; Matthew 24:15-25, 46; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, 4:13-18; Revelation 20:6, 21:1-4

11. The Eternal State - We believe that the souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation do, at death, immediately pass into His presence, and there remain in conscious bliss until the resurrection of the body at His coming for the Church, when soul and body reunited shall be associated with Him forever in glory; but souls of unbelievers remain after death in conscious misery until the final judgment of the Great White Throne at the close of the millennium, when soul and body reunited shall be cast into the lake of fire, not to be annihilated, but to be punished with everlasting separation from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His power.

Luke 16:19-26, 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15

12. The Responsibility of Believers - We believe that all believers should seek to walk by the Spirit, not bringing reproach upon their Lord and Savior, and that separation from sinful pleasures and practices is commanded of God.

Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 7:1; Galatians 5:16, 25; 1 Peter 2:11

We believe it is the obligation of every believer to demonstrate by life and testify by word to the truths of the Holy Scriptures and to seek to proclaim the gospel to all the world.

Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

We believe that it is the responsibility of all believers to remember the work of the Lord in prayer and to support it with their means as the Lord has prospered them.

Luke 18:1; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16

13. Church Ordinances - We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper to be observed by all believers until His return.

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 10:47-48; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30

Vision

Grace Bible Church is committed to accomplishing these three New Testament purposes for the church. We seek to develop a corporate heart for God and want to be a people passionate for Him.

WORSHIP - *COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN*
The purpose of worship is to bring glory to God and allow people to see Him in His power and majesty. This connection will produce corporate worship times where people are free to express their hearts of adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to a God who loves them. True worship requires humbleness on the part of the worshiper and is a lifestyle rather than an event. It brings a growing intimacy with God and results in an explosion of prayer with powerful results. This connection with God will serve as a witness to a lost world that God exists and that this is a people fully enveloped in His love.

CONNECT - *YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER*
The purpose of fellowship is to share the life of Christ through loving relationships with other Christians. We want people who encounter us to be amazed at the love we have for one another. We believe that through our one heart and one mind, we will show the world that Christ exists and that He is a God of love. At Grace Bible, we work to establish this unity through our Connect Groups, Sunday morning School of Christian Living, and Men's and Women's Ministries.

SERVE - *LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF*
Our vision is to see every person who is part of GBC in active need-meeting ministry. We believe that God's Word calls all believers to be expressing God's love and grace to others. It is a natural expression of the life of Christ for all believers and we desire everyone to experience the joy of serving. It is our goal for people to understand their unique shape and calling for service and actively participate in sharing the love of Christ through meaningful ministry so that a lost world can see the reality of Christ and be drawn to Him.

Section 3 : *Our Vision*

Core Values

1. PRAYER - *Urgent and Passionate*
The goal of our prayers is to know and do the will of God. We don't want to offer Him suggestions He might think about, but rather wait upon Him to reveal His will that we may pray in agreement with Him. Christ is the Head of the church and the One who makes the decisions. The role of leaders is to know Christ, hear His voice and lead the church in surrender and obedience to His will. Prayer is the pathway to seeing that accomplished.

Romans 8:26-27 *In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

Matthew 18:18-20
1 John 5:14-15
James 4:3
Ephesians 6:18
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

2. GRACE - *New Life in Christ*
God has called us to proclaim new life in Christ and that it is available to every person. This new life is in no way connected to the old life. When a person comes to faith in Christ, repents of sin and receives God's grace, they are immediately changed. This change is an actual exchange of who they used to be for who Christ is. The life of Jesus is placed within them through His Holy Spirit and the person has a brand new identity – Jesus. We do not strive hard to be like Jesus, but we surrender to Jesus who lives His very life in us.

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

John 15:5
Philippians 4:13
Colossians 1:26-27
Romans 6:5-7

Matthew 7:24-27
Hosea 4:6
John 8:31-33
Colossians 1:15-17
Romans 12:1-2
Philipppians 4:8

3. TRUTH - *Growing Through His Word*

God's Word gives a comprehensive view of life. It is the Creator's explanation to us about His existence, our existence and the meaning of the world and everything around us. It tells one continuous story about His redemptive plan for mankind. Studies have shown that only a very small percentage of American Christians know and live a truly Biblical Worldview. Sadly, there has been a great influence of culture on the theological development of modern American Christians. The Bible applies to all of life including the family, human sexuality, the role of government, human origins, absolute truth of right and wrong, economic systems and how we are to live in every area of life.

Colossians 2:6-8 *Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.*

Matthew 6:33
Ephesians 1:22-23
Colossians 3:3-4

4. IDENTITY - *Jesus Centered*

It is our intention and desire to place Jesus Christ at the center of everything we do. We believe for a church to be healthy, Jesus must be exalted, lifted up and central in every ministry, age group and event. Jesus is our source for all of life both as individuals and as a community. He defines our relationships as we are His body and He is our message to the community around us. We believe everything begins and ends in Jesus.

John 15:4–5 *Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.*

Ephesians 4:15–16 *But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*

Section 3 : *Our Vision*

5. INTERGENERATIONAL - *Connecting Generations*

God is at work in every generation and each generation reflects the nature of God in different ways. Cultivating relationships across generational lines sometimes requires us to push through uncomfortable situations but God's Word teaches us to be intentional about breaking down any barriers that might divide us. We want everyone from the youngest to the oldest to know they are part of a community greater than their peer group.
The Lord has shown us that He desires a Christian Community across generations because it is essential to following Christ; it is life-giving and it builds the church that God designed for us--one that leads to a legacy of faith that outlives us.

Acts 2:46-47 *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Ephesians 4:1–6 *Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all."*

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."
John 1:14

Genesis 17:7
Exodus 12.14
Hebrews 10:24-25
Deuteronomy 6:1-7

Your Story

And He said to him, "*YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.*" This is the great and foremost commandment. The second says, "*YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.*" Matthew 22:37–39

Now that you know about our story here at GBC, reflect on how God has written your story so far.

• Have you discovered your life's purpose?

• How can your story continue here at GBC?

This is called Starting Point because we recognize our walk with God is a journey. We follow where He leads, and if this is a new starting point for you in your faith walk we are excited to be on this journey with you.

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Leadership

CHRIST
The head of the church is Christ.

ELDERS
We currently have 7 elders. The Board of Elders is the executive leadership of the church. They oversee all church operations and transactions. Each elder serves a 3-year term. You may reach them directly at elders@gbcgt.org.

• There is not a certain number added per year
• They can be voted on anytime during the year but this is typically done at the beginning of the fiscal year
• Selection for eldership shall be made by the present Board of Elders
• 3 year term, 1 year rest (Senior Pastor does not roll off – is a perpetual Elder)
• Must be men of mature Christian experience who shall meet the requirements set forth in *1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9*

STAFF
We currently have 12 total (6 Full Time & 6 Part Time)

• Selected by the Board of Elders
• Shall remain in office for indefinite period of time, or until resignation or dismissed by elders

COORDINATORS, COMMITTEES, & MINISTRY LEADERS

GRACE COUNCIL
Participants – 5-12, Men and Women

This leadership team has been formed to broaden the base of overall leadership at Grace Bible Church. Members of this team will serve as both leaders of various ministries and provide valuable communication to the Elder Board.

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Section 5: *How We Operate*

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How to become a member

At Grace Bible Church, we require that someone desiring membership:

1. Be a confessed believer in Christ
2. Adhere to the following essential doctrinal truths of Scripture
3. Attend Starting Point (Welcome Class)
4. Agree with our Vision and Core Values (see pages 6-7)
5. Meet with our pastor or an elder. Call the office for an appointment.
6. Be introduced to the Congregation

Giving

When our church was started, they placed a basket in the back of the room and people gave as they felt they could. Today we offer:

- Collection Boxes on the walls
(Worship Center Entrance, Spanish/Youth Room, & KidsTown)
- Online through the website **https://gbcgt.org/give**
- GBC APP

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Section 6: *Making Disciples*

The Gospel

We have a problem we cannot fix. That problem is that all of us have sinned (Rom 3:23) and because of this sin we are separated from God with no ability to bridge the gap between Him and us. In the book of Romans, Paul explains not only the problem of all mankind, but the solution that lies in only Jesus.

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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Wages of Sin is Death
The **result (wages)**
of our **sin** is **death**,
not just physical death
but spiritual death as well.

Nothing we do
can bridge
the gap between
us and God.

God



Baptism

What is baptism?

• It is an act of obedience to Jesus; He tells us to be baptized after coming to faith in Him. *Matthew 28:19*

• It is an act of worship and praise to God.

• Baptism is also a public declaration of your faith. (Baptism is not necessary for salvation, nevertheless it is a very important part of a believer's life).

• We encourage any believer that has not been baptized to plan to do so. If you have not been baptized, we offer baptisms here at Grace Bible twice a year, in April and September.

Make Disciples

Jesus gave His church its mission at the Great Commission:

All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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.
Matthew 28:18–20

The mission of the church is to make disciples! The main verb in this passage is "make disciples" we make disciples by:

• **Going** – wherever you are and wherever you go

• **Baptizing** – this implies reaching the lost, sharing your faith

• **Teaching** – we are to teach others to observe all that He commanded us

What is a disciple?

When Jesus began calling the original disciples, He told them exactly what a disciple of His would be:

And He said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19,NASB95

So a disciple is:

• Someone who is committed to FOLLOWING Jesus

• Someone who is committed to BEING CHANGED by Jesus

• Someone who is committed to being on MISSION with Jesus

Here at GBC we live out this call to discipleship through our vision:

• **WORSHIP** - *Abiding in Christ*
Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.
John 15:4

• **CONNECT** - *We live in a relationship with each other.*
This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
John 15:12

• **SERVE** - *Everyone is called to minister to others and experience the joy of serving.*
For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10

Application

Psalm 29:2, 95:1-6, John 1:17, John 4:23-24, Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 13:15

John 1:12, 3:16, 5:24, Acts 3:19-20, 4:12, Romans 5:1, 10:9-10, Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-9, 1 John 5:11

Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 7:1; Galatians 5:16, 25; 1 Peter 2:11.

Matthew 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8

Luke 18:1; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16

Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 15:5; Philippians 4:13; Colossians 1:26-27; Romans 6:5-7

Worship

Our relationship with God.

What is worship?

- A personal relationship with Jesus
- Daily Lifestyle

How we approach Jesus

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Grace and Truth

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Section 7: *Living Out Our Vision*

Connect

Discipleship is lived out every day by two or more people intentionally building each other towards Jesus and growing to be more like Him.

- **Sharing** our faith
- **Building** up each other in the faith
- **Equipping** each other for ministry
- **Multiplying** by making disciples that can make disciples

- Grace Bible Church exists to make disciples and each of us, including you, plays a vital role in that mission
- We want to reach our community for Jesus and encourage each other in our walk with Him
- We see the early church living a daily life of discipleship with each other in the book of *Acts 2:42-47*
- Continually devoting themselves
  - to the apostles' teachings (which we have in the Bible)
  - to fellowship (being together regularly)
- Day by day continuing with one mind
- Breaking bread from house to house (spending time in other's homes)
- Taking their meals together (eating together is a great way to get to know each other)

We have many ways that you can connect to other believers to help you grow and where you can help others grow in their relationship with Jesus.

- **Connect Groups:** Our main path to discipleship and connection with each other

- **A Disciple's Journey:** To find out more about discipleship at GBC, take this class. Offered every other month

- **Rooted:** Adult Bible classes on Sunday morning during services, occasional weeknight classes

- **Men's Ministry:** Monthly breakfast, Annual ELEVATE steak dinner, Annual Retreat, and other fun activities throughout the year

- **Women's Ministry:** Bible Studies, Annual Retreat, Christmas Tea are some of the highlights to our ministry for women

To start a new group contact Michael Campbell at **michael@gbcgt.org**

"Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this.... Christian community is only this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ"
– Detrich Bonhoeffer

Refer to the Connect Group Directory

Class

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Biblical foundation for serving:
1 Peter 4:10-11
Matthew 23:11
Mark 9:35
John 15:12

When God reveals to you where He is already at work that becomes your invitation for you to join Him."
- From the book Experiencing God

Here at GBC, we want to come alongside everyone who is willing to participate in what God is doing. We are here to equip, train, resource, deploy and even serve you when you find your place of service, your sweet spot in ministry.

Serve

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 NASB

Our heart for service:

The Vision of Grace Bible Church is for every person attending Grace to be involved in ministry to others, meeting needs and to experience the joy of serving.

God's Word calls all believers to express His love and grace to others. There are no fewer than 87 Bible verses that call us to serve others as a natural expression of the life of Christ for all believers.

Our core values through the eyes of serving

Core Value: Prayer
The role of prayer to finding our calling.
God reveals our calling to us as we seek Him and his directions through prayers and our conversations with him. *Do not chase your calling, chase the caller (God) who calls you to himself first.*

Core Value: Identity - Jesus Centered It is our intention and desire to place Jesus Christ at the center of everything we do. We believe for a church to be healthy, Jesus must be exalted, lifted up and central in every ministry, age group and event. *Serving is an act of Worship.*

Core Value: Community Across Generational Lines
Excerpt: ...The Lord has shown us that He desires Christian Community across generations -one that leads to a legacy of faith that outlives us.
SERVING TOGETHER is one of the most effective (and fun) ways to live out our faith and pass it on to the next generation.

Section 8: *Serve Opportunities*

Ways we serve

In-House Ministries at Grace - serving in God's house

Domestic Missions
Supporting local ministries

International Missions
Supporting international missions and missionaries

Mission Trips

Grace in Action
Responding to needs beyond our walls

S.H.A.P.E. Workshop - equipping the saints.
Understanding our unique S.H.A.P.E. and calling for service
S - Spiritual Gifts
H - Heart or Passion
A - Abilities or Talents
P - Personality
E - Experiences

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"Don't let ministry overshadow your love for Christ."

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In-House Ministries

If you are ready to serve, contact the team leader.

- ***Children's Ministry/Grace kids***

Time Commitment: Varies by position
To serve, contact Lynn Goad at lynn@gbcgt.org or Colette Mayfield at colette@gbcgt.org
  - ***KIDServe*** - Time Commitment: As needed
    To serve, contact Lynn Goad at lynn@gbcgt.org or Colette Mayfield at colette@gbcgt.org
  - ***NEXTGEN Prayer Team*** - Time Commitment: As needed
    To serve, contact Lynn Goad at lynn@gbcgt.org
  - ***VBS Team*** - Time Commitment: As needed
    To serve, contact Lynn Goad at lynn@gbcgt.org or Colette Mayfield at colette@gbcgt.org

- ***Coffee Team***

Time Commitment: Once a month
To serve, contact Traci Foley at tracirfoley@yahoo.com

- ***Communion Team***

Time Commitment: Once a month
To serve, contact Maria & Rick Murphy at em.murphyrn@gmail.com

- ***Domestic Mission Team***

Time Commitment: Once every quarter
To serve, contact Rachel Elliott at rachel@gbcgt.org

- ***First Impressions Team***

Time Commitment: Once a month
To serve, contact Dave Bacerra at davedial@pacbell.net

- ***Food Ministry***

Time Commitment: Once a month
To serve, contact Andres Garcia at andres@gbcgt.org

- ***Grief Support Ministry***

Time Commitment: As Needed
To serve, contact Christine Poe at christinepoe@proton.me,
Julie Nelson at Julie.hometeam@gmail.com, Kent Thayer at kst3446@gmail.com

- ***Intercessory Prayer team***

Time Commitment: Depending on your availability
To serve, contact Janice Ross at janicefross@icloud.com

- ***International Mission Team***

Time Commitment: Once every quarter
To serve, contact Dave Roberts at dave@gbcgt.org

- ***Marriage Builders Ministry***

Time Commitment: Varies
To serve, contact questions@gbcgt.org - *Currently looking for Leaders*

- ***Meals Ministry***

Time Commitment: Varies
To serve, contact Teresa McGovern at teresalmcgovern@gmail.com

- ***Memorial Reception Ministry***

Time Commitment: Varies
To serve, contact Kathy Lattauzio at time2getliving@gmail.com

- ***Men's Ministry (Men of Grace)***

Time Commitment: Varies by position
To serve, contact Michael Campbell at michael@gbcgt.org

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- ***Parking Ministry***

Time Commitment: As needed
To serve, contact Kent Thayer at kst3446@gmail.com

- ***Quilt Ministry***

Time Commitment: Once a month
To serve, contact Linda Smith at nicetrp2@yahoo.com

- ***Safety Team***

Time Commitment: Once a month
To serve, contact Todd Cochell at Cochelltodd@yahoo.com

- ***Seasoned Saints Ministry***

For single women - age 50ish and older who are in a season of singlehood
To serve, contact Pat Efrid at maple9223@aol.com, Nelda Carpenter at neldac78628@yahoo.com

- ***S.H.A.P.E. Ministry***

Time Commitment: As needed
To serve, contact Tim Fournier at fourniertj@gmail.com

- ***Sing Ministry***

Time Commitment: Depending on your availability
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- ***S.O.S. Team - Servants On Standby***

Time Commitment: as the need is presented to us
To serve, contact Glenn & Julie Iltis at julie_iltis@outlook.com

- ***Spanish Ministry***

Time Commitment: As needed
To serve, contact Andres Garcia at andres@gbcgt.org

- ***Special Events Team***

Time Commitment: As needed
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- ***Student Ministry/Grace Students***

Time Commitment: Varies by position
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- ***Women's Ministry (Women of Grace)***

Time Commitment: Varies by position
To serve, contact Pam Dickerson at scottpam7@msn.com
  - ***Arise (Called to Motherhood)*** - Time Commitment: Varies
    To serve, contact Katie Ward at arise.gbc@gmail.com
  - ***Sweet Connections*** - Time Commitment: Varies
    To serve, contact Debby Bauer at dblap@me.com
  - ***WOW (Women of the Word)*** - Time Commitment: Varies
    To serve, contact Rhonda Anderson at anderson.rhonda@gmail.com

- ***Worship Arts Team***

Time Commitment: Varies by position
To serve, contact church office at questions@gbcgt.org

- ***Young Adults Ministry***

Time Commitment: Varies
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or Meagan McCarty at mccactrs123@gmail.com

For all other serve opportunities contact Me-An Bautista at me-an@gbcgt.org or questions@gbcgt.org

Section 8: *Missions*

Domestic Mission (9)

Austin Disaster Relief Network - ADRN ~ Austin, TX
Coaches Outreach ~ Dallas, TX
Faith in Action ~ Georgetown
Fellowship of Christian Athletes-FCA ~ Georgetown
Isaiah 117 House ~ Williamson County
Wilco Women's Center ~ Williamson County
Prison Ministry ~ Travis County
Reset Mentoring ~ Round Rock
Soldiers Hospitality House ~ Ft. Hood, Killeen, TXs

Other ministry partners

Education-connection www.education-connection.org
feed the Hunger Packathon www.feedthehunger.org
Operation Christmas Child www.samaritanspurse.org

International Mission (13)

Abricot Church - Abricots, Haiti - Reciprocal Ministries
Antiochia Teams - Germany
Frank and Terrae Liesen
Back2Back Ministries - Cancun, Mexico
Karlyn Fraser
Brewer Hannah & Morgan - South West Asia
Camp Good Hope - South Africa
Converge Worldwide - France
Ben and Joyce Benatti
Jana Longtin - Southwest Asia
Kishinev Bible Church Ministries - Kishinev, Moldova
Eugene and Irene Solugubenco
Prestige Learning Institute - Houston, ministering to Afghan population
Andy and Erica Christensen
Neema Village - Tanzania, Africa
Michael and Dorris Fortson
Rhynes family - Japan
Samuel's Sanctuary Ministries - Belize
Dino and Melissa Roseland
Vida Eterna, Iglesia Cristiana - Mexico City, Mexico
Marco and Brenda Garcia

Mission Trips

Belize - February
Africa - June
Moldova - May/June
Mexico - July/August
Haiti - TBD

Section 9: *Resources*

Connecting with us

Church website www.gbcgt.org

Live Stream www.gbcgt.org/live-stream

App Grace Bible Georgetown

Info Hub www.gbcgt.org/calendar

Giving www.gbcgt.org/give

Church Community Builder (CCB)
www.gbcgt.ccbchurch.com/goto/login

Facebook @gbcgt

Instagram @gracebiblechurchgtown

YouTube GBC Grace Bible Church, Georgetown TX

Podcast www.gbcgt.org/resources/podcast

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Appendix 1: *Who we are*

TIMELINE

1978-1979
Series of independent Bible studies held in Georgetown area.

FALL, 1979
Grace Bible Fellowship Church formed with Brian Christie agreeing to temporarily become the church's first part-time Pastor.

JANUARY 6, 1980
First Sunday Service was held. Church moves into leased facilities at 301 Toledo Trail and becomes known as the "church in the hangar."

1983
Tommy Maxwell becomes church's first full-time Pastor. A new building fund was established and a building committee was named.

SEPTEMBER 1987
Bill Ball is called as Pastor.

MARCH 5, 1989
Church moves into new building at 302 Serenada Drive.

1993
Dan Norwood becomes Pastor.

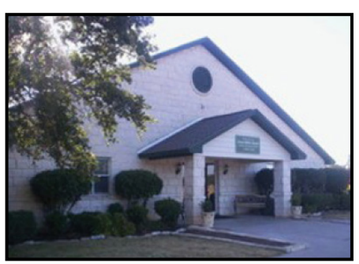
2003
Dave Roberts becomes Pastor.

JUNE 29, 2014
Church moved into new building at 2100 Shell Road.

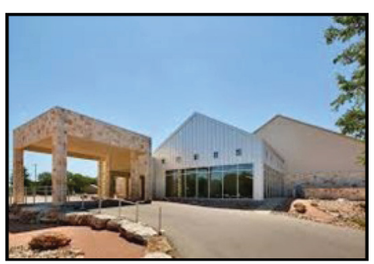
2020
Celebrated 40 year anniversary.

JULY 2023
Spanish Ministry held its first service.

OCTOBER 2026
Dave Roberts changed role to Missions and Counseling Pastor. Christian Clark becomes Pastor



40 YEARS ANNIVERSARY
1980-2020
GRACE BIBLE CHURCH



Appendix 5: *How we operate*

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1. The head of the church is Christ. We believe that He makes His headship and leadership known through men that He chooses and equips to carry on the spiritual oversight of His work. Therefore, the spiritual leadership and administrative government of Grace Bible Church is vested in the Board of Elders.

2. All Elders must be active members of the church showing evidence of established Christian character. They shall agree with the doctrinal statement of the church and its Covenant of Fellowship. They shall be men of mature Christian experience who shall meet the requirements set forth in *1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9*.

3. The Board of Elders is the executive board of the church and appoints all officers of the church. The board will elect a chairman from its members and may appoint other officers as necessary. The Board of Elders oversees all church operations and transactions with power to act, except that it shall not encumber the church with any loans, nor with the transfer, sale or purchase of any real estate except by authorization conveyed through a majority vote of the church membership present at a constitutionally called business meeting. The Boardof Elders shall handle and consider suggestions,recommendations and grievances from, or upon the part of any member or organization affiliated with the church.

4. A majority of Board of Elders shall constitute a quorum for their meetings and official action shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the members present. In issues of major importance, input from the congregation will be solicited. Input from the congregation on any issue is always welcomed. However, if the question being voted concerns an application or interpretation of Scripture, a unanimous vote of the members present shall be required.

5. Selection for eldership is made by the present Board of Elders. The candidate will be presented to the church for at least two consecutive weeks for the purpose of receiving input from the congregation. Terms shall be three years. After one year's absence from the board, an elder is again eligible to be selected for additional terms, provided that each term must be followed by a period of one year's absence from the Board. The length of these terms applies only to the elder's administrative duties. Once a man has served as an elder, he will continue to be considered an elder, even though not currently serving on the Board, so that he may continue to provide spiritual leadership for the church under the authority of the serving elders. Said elder must continue his membership without interruption and maintain the standards required of elders as stated above.
1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9

Business Meetings

The church shall hold the regular annual meeting and special meetings as necessary. The date of the annual meeting is set by the Board of Elders. Special meetings may be called by the Board of Elders following any regular meeting of the church or at any other convenient time. When the business at hand requires approval of the church congregation (e.g. the buying or selling of church property) announcement of such a meeting shall be made for two Sundays prior to the date of the meeting. Every attempt will also be made to announce special meetings two Sundays in advance with an agenda available. All congregational voting will be determined by secret ballot.

No business shall be conducted without a quorum consisting of twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting membership of the church. A majority vote of the members present shall be required to transact any business.

Appendix 5: ***How we operate***

Staff



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Grace Council
Is made up of church members who will serve as leaders to the various ministries and serve as a source of communication to the elder board. Currently with 8 members.

Coordinators, Committees & Ministry Leaders
To enable efficient handling of Board of Elder matters, the Board may appoint various coordinators, councils and committees from within its membership, the staff and from the church at large. These coordinators, councils and committees shall perform tasks solely in accordance with the duties and with powers specifically delegated by the Board.
The general functions of coordinators, councils and committees are:

1. To plan, organize and carry out the specific areas of responsibility assigned.
2. To bring considered recommendations to the Board concerning ministries.
3. To provide a wider base of counsel to the elders having the oversight of specific ministries.

All Coordinators, Councils and Committees shall exist for the period specified by the Board of Elders.

Appendix 5: *Membership*

1. Be a confessed believer in Christ
Christ is the head of the church. For this reason, it is imperative that only those who acknowledge Him as Savior are part of the membership.

2. Adhere to the following essential doctrinal truths of Scripture
That Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God; conceived of the Holy Spirit; that His death on the cross was a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins; that He bodily arose from the dead; that salvation is a gift of God in grace and is received by means of personal faith in Christ; and that the Scriptures are the sole authority for faith and practice.

3. Attend Starting Point (Welcome Class)
Welcome classes are held once a quarter and are announced in advance. Childcare is available for children during class time.

4. Agreement with our Vision and Core Values
These are a composite of who we are and want to be as a church. By agreeing to the values, mission and vision, you are saying that you want to make a difference in the church and in the community for Jesus Christ. Also read and assent to the commitments enumerated in the Covenant of Fellowship (located on Page 32).

5. Meet with our pastor or an elder
In order for you to share how God is at work in your life and ask any questions you may have.

6. Introduction to the Congregation
If possible, it is our preference that all new members will be introduced to the congregation during our Sunday worship services. This always proves to be a wonderful and fun experience for our entire church family.

We welcome anyone desiring to faithfully worship God, learn more about Christ, walk more in God's ways, and serve according to the gifts He has given us to consider membership at Grace Bible Church. We know there are many wonderful churches in Georgetown, and that Grace Bible is only one of them. If you feel God encouraging you and your family to join us, then please prayerfully consider membership into our family.

Appendix 8: *S.H.A.P.E. Workshop*

Finding God's Path ~ For me, In my life, Today

An Introduction to Our S.H.A.P.E. Workshop
God knew each of us before we were even formed, calling each of us by His grace to follow the path He set for us. But sometimes, being human might make it hard for us to be open to seeing the next step on God's path for us. This S.H.A.P.E. exercise is designed to help each of us—through analysis and prayer—recognize our unique combination of **spiritual gifts, heart and passions, abilities, personality, and experiences**, and prepare to take that next step in our faith journey.
Our S.H.A.P.E. may not be the same in every season of our life, so even if you've participated in S.H.A.P.E. before, join us as we grow together in God's grace at this time and in this place.

The Format for Our S.H.A.P.E. Workshop
Using two working sessions, some one-on-one discussion, available support from our Guides to help you think through your S.H.A.P.E., and our own time of reflection and prayer, this workshop will explore aspects of who God has formed you to be by helping you:

- Identify your spiritual gifts,
- Find your heart and passion for serving,
- Identify your abilities and talents that bring fulfillment,
- See how your personality guides your service, and
- Consider how God has prepared you through your life experiences

He has used all these parts of your life to bring you to where you are today. We created this workshop to help you see how He uses your Spiritual gifts, your Heart, your Abilities, your Personality, and your Experiences to position you uniquely to support His plan.

Our S.H.A.P.E. Workshop Goal
This workshop is not about Grace Bible Church: it isn't to make a list of people with the "right" characteristics that we can plug into the "right" slots in our ministries, although finding service opportunities in our ministries might be an outcome for you. And this workshop doesn't promise that when we finish you will know the precise role or function that you are called to fill, although we hope that you will use this exercise to seek God's guidance for where you can best serve Him. Instead, this workshop will help you see how you are uniquely positioned to walk a path that God has made for you so that you will be equipped to determine where and how He is leading you to serve.

S.H.A.P.E. classes are offered a few times a year.

Appendix 9: *Church Community Builder*

www.gbcgt.ccbchurch.com

We have provided this tool to help you get better connected with our church. You'll be able to find groups to get involved in, see events you might want to attend, participate in discussions, meet the needs of others in our church community, and find volunteer positions based on your passions and gifts.

Accessing CCB - Basic user guide

After requesting a login or being assigned one, you will receive an email containing your login information. Use the link in the email to access your online community. Everyone attending this welcome class should have already received an activation email. Please check your inbox. Or you may send an email to **questions@gbcgt.org** to request a login activation.

We offer one on one training on CCB throughout the year. Please contact the church office to schedule a tutorial. **questions@gbcgt.org**

After you login, here are a few things that you can do:

- See your personal homepage. Please take a moment to update your profile information to ensure our records are correct. Do this by clicking on your profile link in the upper right side of the page. Also, be sure to fill in some of the My Fit information, like your passions or abilities, so we can get to know you better. You may also set up your communication preferences and privacy settings.

- Browse the different Groups to get connected to. Groups are the backbone of our online community. Events, volunteer opportunities, message boards, and most emails all start through groups. You will see the groups you currently belong to on your personal homepage or by clicking the Groups link in the sidebar.

- See the list of online forms so you can sign up for events and activities. Most of our activities, events and classes use online registrations.

- View other people's profile. To view a profile for another person in our online community, first click the People link in the left menu bar. Type a name in the search box. You may type first name, last name, or a combination of both criteria. You will only be able to see listed profiles.

- Set up your online giving, view and print your online giving statement.
For a tutorial scan here.

Covenant of Fellowship

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we covenant to walk together in Christian love as follows:

1. Exercising Christian care and watchfulness over one another;
2. Praying with and for one another, sharing our burdens, sorrows, and joys;
3. Being thoughtful and courteous to one another, careful in correction, and quick to forgive and seek forgiveness;
4. Guarding the spiritual and Scriptural purity, peace, and prosperity of the Church and its growth in Scriptural knowledge and godliness;
5. Assisting, as the Lord enables, in the work of the Church, and promoting its usefulness as a witness to the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus;
6. Contributing, as the Lord directs, to the financial support of the Church, the relief of the needy, and the evangelization of all peoples;
7. Engaging regularly in personal Bible reading and prayer, and pursuing the establishment of family devotions;
8. Bringing up such children as may be entrusted to our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord;
9. Walking with discernment in the world, being honest in the sight of all people, being faithful in engagements, exemplary in conduct, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts;
10. Endeavoring by example, by word, and by prayer to encourage others to place their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.