

Our Mission

Faithfulness and Relationship

We believe that God's people should consistently gather and develop ever deepening relationships to mutually encourage one another in their love for God and daily activities.



Praise and Petition

We believe that God opens His heart to His children as they open their hearts to Him in prayer as individuals, in small groups, and as a church family.



Growth and Christlikeness

We believe that every believer should seek to be a disciple-making disciple in a life long process of helping each other grow in Christ-likeness through the prayerful ministry of God's Word and the development of loving relationships.



Grace Baptist has been in existence for over 50 years, an evidence of God's grace upon us. Our church has an emphasis on Bible-centered preaching and conservative/traditional music, but is also known for its friendliness and love of missions.

Our visitors find an inviting atmosphere that is punctuated by hearty handshakes and receptive smiles. It becomes quickly evident that the membership genuinely loves and cares for one another. Grace also considers missions to be an important part of God's plan. Our missionaries are viewed as "God's choice servants." We invite you to come worship with us and get to know us.

Youth Ministries

Nursery

Children's Church

Patch the Pirate Club

On Wednesday evenings, kids enjoy participating in Patch the Pirate Club. This is a unique children's choir program emphasizing godly character lessons through songs, stories, Bible lessons, Scripture memory, and daily devotions. Patch the Pirate Club provides opportunities for our kids to grow spiritually and build character, while also developing musically and having fun!



Spirit and Truth

We believe that true worship engages the heart with the truths of God's Word. We seek to balance these two inseparable aspects so that God is the focus and audience of our worship.

Hear and Do

We believe that all God's children regardless of age or experience, must be faithful hearers of God's Word and should be seeking to implement His truth in their everyday lives.



Go and Tell

We believe God demands that His people actively support efforts to reach the unsaved, but more importantly that they seek to personally reach lost individuals with the good news of Christ's love and forgiveness.



Our Ministries



Connections

Connections are small group Bible studies that welcome you to explore and understand God's Word for yourself.

Connections is designed to meet two needs:

- To help us **connect** with God through His Word and expand our understanding of Biblical truth.
- To help us **connect** with each other, desiring to grow as individuals and groups to be more like Christ.

Classes for children (Kidz Konnections) and teens are age specific. Adult groups are less age focused and vary in style and approach.

Some are more lecture oriented, while others have greater discussion. Some are gender related and some are not. Some have more of a classroom feel while others sit at tables. We even have a group for the deaf with facilitators that are trained in American Sign Language. You are invited to try several groups and see which one you **connect** with the best!

Groups start promptly at 9:30 am each Sunday unless otherwise announced. Check our web page for changes to the schedule. A delicious assortment of coffees and teas are available beginning at 9:00 am, so come a little early and make a friend. Following **Connections**, you are invited to worship with us at 10:30 am.



Deaf

Grace has been blessed with several interpreters for the deaf. Interpretation is available for all church services and events.

Music

Our worship is conservative and traditional in style, but fresh and vibrant in spirit. Those who play keyboard or orchestral instruments are invited to participate in our Church Orchestra or share their talents in special music and offertories. We also have a four octave Tone Chime Choir comprised of teens and adults. They, along with our Sanctuary Choir, practice diligently each week to prepare offerings of praise to the Lord.



Silver Saints

Silver Saints is an active ministry of members and visitors ages 55 and above. These busy folks have monthly meetings, day trips, occasional overnights, and varied outreach ministries. They are known for their concern for one another and the closeness of their fellowship.

Missions

One of Grace's greater emphases is our missions program. Our people have a special attachment to our missionaries and maintain close contact with many of them.





June 4th, 2013 was the last anyone ever heard from the Dyches. David and Rosemary Dyche, former residents of Panama City, set out with 5 other passengers on their 70-foot sailing yacht “Nina” for a trip to New Zealand. They left Newcastle, Australia on May 29 and encountered a storm with winds gusting to 68 miles per hour and waves of up to 26 feet. There has been no contact since.

The ocean is often used as a vacation spot for many who desire a moment’s relaxation, recreation, and even romance. But the ocean has powers that can easily turn joy into fear, as one man discovered on May 10, 1748. His name was John Newton. Newton lived most of his life on the sea and he was quite familiar with its fickle nature. It could turn from serene smoothness to life-threatening storm in a brief period of time. Many a seafarer had been lost to a tempest’s rage.

John Newton was born in London on July 24, 1725, son of the captain of a merchant ship which plied the shipping routes of the Mediterranean. When John was just eleven years old, he went to sea with his father. When John turned 19, he was pressed into service on a man-of-war, the H. M. S. Harwich. But he hated that life and deserted, only to be recaptured, publicly flogged and demoted. He eventually was transferred from the military to a slave ship. While the sentiments of that day allowed slavery, the slave trade was still considered a despicable vocation. In time, Newton became captain of his own ship and began crossing the Atlantic carrying many loathsome loads of slaves bound for the slave market.

On a homeward voyage, Newton’s ship was hit by one of the worst storms of his sailing career. His experience told him that this could very well be his last trip, and he would soon join the many who were lost at sea. His journal records that when all seemed lost, and the ship would surely sink, he exclaimed, “Lord, have mercy upon us.” The storm did pass, and John Newton had time to reflect on his desperate words. He believed that God heard his cry and saved his life. At that moment God’s grace changed his life. He would later leave the slave trade and embark on a new voyage: one that didn’t trade in human misery, but rather in men’s salvation. He became a minister and took the message of God’s amazing grace throughout England.

For the rest of his life he observed the anniversary of that day, May 10, 1748, as the day God saved not only his life, but his soul as well. Later he would write a poem that would become the most well known hymn of all time.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Like John Newton, Grace Baptist Church seeks to bring the hope of God’s grace and salvation to our community and the world. In this newsletter we would like to introduce you to the many ministries and programs that are available at Grace and hope you will come to visit us to see for yourself.

Services and Weekly Activities:

- Sunday
 - 9:00am Coffee Connections
 - 9:30 am Connections
 - 10:30 am Morning Worship
 - 6:00 pm Evening Service
- Wednesdays during the Summer (June 18 - Aug. 20)
 - 7:00 pm Family Bible Institute
- Wednesdays (School Year)
 - 6:30 pm Patch the Pirate Clubs
 - Teen NexGen
 - 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting



Grace is located between Baldwin Road and Kohl’s.