

## Grace Baptist Church endeavors to be Bible driven through:

### Glorifying God

- By **Proclaiming Christ** to those who believe and those who do not believe.
  - Through **Utilizing Scripture**
    - ◇ Unto the **Maturing of the Members** of Christ's Body
      - Reflected in members who are characterized by **Loving Others**.
      - Reflected in members who are characterized by **Always Praying**.
      - Reflected in members who are characterized by **Maintaining Unity** in the Truth.
    - ◇ Until every member reflects the image of Christ.
      - Through members who do the work of the ministry because they have been equipped by **Shepherding Leaders**.

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### The Father

- ◇ Reliance on God Reliance on God/Grace
  - ◆ The church's missions can only be accomplished by the grace of God (Acts 14:26-27).
  - ◆ The church's must completely rely on the power of the Word of the Lord to change the city (Acts 19:19-20).
  - ◆ The church is best suited when entrusted to the Word which gives grace to be built up and persevere to the end of their faith (Acts 20:32).
  - ◆ The church planter's speech should demonstrate a reliance not on the power of persuasion but on the power of God (I Corinthians 2:5ff).
  - ◆ The church members rely on God to illumine their understanding (I Cor. 2:12-16).
  - ◆ The church should rely on God for growth (I Cor. 3:4-7).
  - ◆ The church planter should rely on the grace of God in his service in the church (I Cor 3:10).
  - ◆ The source of all ministry in the church is God (I Cor 12:4-6)
  - ◆ The church leadership relies on God's grace not fleshly wisdom (II Cor 1:12).
  - ◆ The church leaders are relying completely on God for their adequacy for ministry (II Cor 3:4-6).
  - ◆ The church members should look to the Lord to give grace to give liberally (2 Cor 9:8).
  - ◆ Christ is the source of the maturity/growth that the church is required to have (Eph 4:16).
  - ◆ The church's growth comes from God (Col 2:19).
  - ◆ The church's peace among it's members comes from Christ (Col 3:15).
  - ◆ The church is led by the Lord to understand more of the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ (II Thess 3:5).
  - ◆ The church leadership is strong by means of the grace of God (II Tim 2:1).
  - ◆ The church must be equipped by God through Jesus to do what is pleasing to God for the glory of His Son (Heb 13:20-21).
  - ◆ The church members use of their gifts is a stewardship of God's grace (I Pt. 4:10).
  - ◆ The church members goal of using their gifts by God's strength is to glorify God through Jesus Christ (I Pt. 4:11).
  - ◆ The church relies on the Lord to keep them from falling (Jude 24-25)
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- ◇ The church is Owned by God
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- ◇ The church's gathering together should be convicting to unbelievers that God is in their midst (I Cor 14:24-25)
- ◇ The church is God's family (Eph 2:19).
- ◇ The church is the dwelling of God (Eph 2:21-22).
- ◇ The church must glorify God forever (Eph 3:20-21).
- ◇ The church's unity is based in its common body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father (Eph 4:4-6).
- ◇ The church gives as an act of worship to please God (Phil 4:18).
- ◇ The leadership in the church is given as a stewardship by God for the purpose of serving the church (Col 1:25).
- ◇ Each church member is chosen by God (Col 3:12).
- ◇ Each church member is beloved of God (Col 3:12).
- ◇ The church must sing for God's hearing (Col 3:16).
- ◇ Every church member should do all things with a thankful spirit to God for what Christ has done (Col 3:17)
- ◇ The church must acknowledge that the source of the Gospel is God (I Thess. 2:2).
- ◇ The church planter's speech must not be motivated by a desire to please man but to please God (I Thess 2:4).
- ◇ The church members are called to the kingdom and glory of God (I Thess 2:12).
- ◇ The church members fulfill God's desire for moral purity (I Thess 4:4-8).
- ◇ The church members must strive to excel in their love toward others (A love taught by God) (I Thess 4:9-10).
- ◇ The church leadership must pray for God to make church members worthy of His calling (II Thess 1:11).
- ◇ The church is protected from evil men and from Satan by the Lord (II Thess 3:2-4).
- ◇ The church is led by the Lord to understand more of the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ (II Thess 3:5).
- ◇ The church should pray for all men because God desires all men to be saved through His one Mediator (I Tim 2:5-7).
- ◇ The church members should not follow their former lusts but live holy as God is holy (I Pet 1:14-16).
- ◇ The church members must be harmonious (I Pt. 3:8).
- ◇ The church members must be sympathetic (I Pt. 3:8).
- ◇ The church members must be brotherly (I Pt. 3:8).
- ◇ The church members must be kindhearted (I Pt. 3:8).
- ◇ The church members must be humble in spirit (I Pt. 3:8).
- ◇ The church members must not be vindictive but give blessings instead (I Pt. 3:9).
- ◇ The church members must set apart Christ as Lord in their hearts (I Pt. 3:15).
- ◇ The church members goal of using their gifts by God's strength is to glorify God through Jesus Christ (I Pt. 4:11).
- ◇ The church flock belongs to God (I Pt 5:2).
- ◇ The church members must keep themselves in the love of God by building themselves up in the faith and praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 19-20).
- ◇ The church can dwell in a wicked city and not deny God's name (Rev. 2:13).
- ◇ The church's opportunities are placed there by the Lord (Rev. 3:8).
- ◇ The Lord seeks to have fellowship with the church (Rev. 3:20).

## The Son

- ◇ The church should live in the reality of Christ's presence (Matthew 28:18-20).
- ◇ The church must seek God's direction in choosing leadership (Acts 1:21-26).
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- ◇ The church is best suited when commended to the care of the Lord (Acts 14:23).
- ◇ The church planter must be ready to obey God's leading in the face of certain persecution (Acts 20:21-22).
- ◇ The church planter's master is Jesus as he serves declaring the good news of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).
- ◇ The members of the church are the Lord's by rite that He has purchased them with His blood (Acts 20:28).
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- ◇ The church member should be more concerned that he is practicing his own opinions in areas of liberty in light of the fact that he will give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:10).
- ◇ The church member should measure his conduct by the conduct of Christ and the OT Scriptures (Romans 15:3-4).
- ◇ The church must be careful to build upon the foundation of Christ with pure doctrine that will survive the Lord's scrutiny (I Cor 3:11-15).
- ◇ The church leadership must not preach themselves but Jesus Christ as Lord (II Cor 4:5).
- ◇ Christ is the head of the church (Eph 1:22).
- ◇ The church's cornerstone is Jesus Christ (Eph 2:20).
- ◇ The church members must walk worthy of their high calling as members of His body (Eph 4:1).
- ◇ The church's unity is based in its common body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father (Eph 4:4-6).
- ◇ The church leadership is given by Christ as a gift to the church (Eph 4:11).
- ◇ Unity among the members of the body (Eph 4:13).
  - ◆ Based on "the faith"
  - ◆ Based on the knowledge of the Person and nature of the Son of God (Eph 4:13).
- ◇ Church members should speak the truth in love for the mutual growth of the other members into every aspect of Who Christ is (Eph 4:15).
- ◇ The church members should be like their head – Christ (Eph 4:15).
- ◇ Christ is the source of the maturity/growth that the church is required to have (Eph 4:16).
- ◇ The church members are being bound together in unity under their Head as they each supply their needed function (Eph 4:16).
- ◇ Christ is the head of the church (Eph 5:23).
- ◇ Christ is the Savior of the church (Eph 5:23).
- ◇ The church must be subject to Christ in everything (Eph 5:24).
- ◇ The church is set apart to Christ through being cleansed by the washing of God's Word (Eph 5:26).
- ◇ The goal of the church's cleansing is the ultimate pleasure of Christ (Eph 5:27).
- ◇ The church displays Christ's preeminence by accepting Christ's headship (Col 1:18).
- ◇ The church should hold fast to Christ as the Head so as to not be deceived by a merely moralistic mindset (Col 2:18-20).
- ◇ The church's peace among it's members comes from Christ (Col 3:15).
- ◇ Each church body must have the Word of Christ thoroughly residing in their hearts (Col 3:16).
- ◇ Every church member should act for Jesus and because of Jesus in all that they do and say (Col 3:17).
- ◇ Every church member should do all things with a thankful spirit to God for what Christ has done (Col 3:17).
- ◇ The church members should comfort one another with the truths of the return of Christ (I Thess 4:18).
- ◇ The church member must seek his glory in Jesus (II Thess 1:12).
- ◇ The church is led by the Lord to understand more of the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ (II Thess 3:5).
- ◇ The church should pray for all men because God desires all men to be saved through His one Mediator (I Tim 2:5-7).
- ◇ The church leadership should get its direction from Jesus (Rev 2:1).
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- ◇ The church is commended by Jesus for church members who's work in the church is characterized by steadfastness in intense labor (Rev. 2:2).
- ◇ The church's praise is through Jesus (Hebrews 13:15).
- ◇ Second Coming
  - ◆ The church members should fix their hope on the coming of Jesus (I Pet 1:13).
  - ◆ The church must be faithful until the coming of the Lord (Rev. 2:25)
- ◇ The church members must set apart Christ as Lord in their hearts (I Pt. 3:15).
- ◇ The church members goal of using their gifts by God's strength is to glorify God through Jesus Christ (I Pt. 4:11).
- ◇ The church leadership should see their role as the under shepherd to Christ who is the Chief Shepherd (I Pt 5:4).
- ◇ The church must wait anxiously for the coming of the Lord (Jude 21)
- ◇ The church that does not repent of failures will be removed (Rev. 2:5).
- ◇ The church should be known by the Lord for their love (Rev. 2:19).
- ◇ The church members should recognize that the Lord knows their hearts (Rev. 2:23).
- ◇ The church should keep the Lord's Word and not deny His name (Rev. 3:8).
- ◇ The church is kept from tribulation by the Lord (Rev. 3:10).
- ◇ The church should be wholehearted towards the Lord (Rev. 3:15).
- ◇ The church receives discipline and reproof from the Lord in order to make her repent (Rev. 3:19).
- ◇ The Lord seeks to have fellowship with the church (Rev. 3:20).
- ◇ The church should hear what the Lord is saying to the churches (Rev. 3:22).

## The Holy Spirit

- ◇ The result of the church member's filling of God's Spirit is the proclamation of the Word of God (Acts 4:31).
- ◇ The church is to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)
- ◇ The church recognizes those whom the Spirit chooses for mission work (Acts 13:1-3, 4).
- ◇ The church should be characterized by those who are continually filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52).
- ◇ The elder's role is given to them by the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28).
- ◇ The church should recognize that it is the dwelling of the Holy Spirit (I Cor 3:16-17).
- ◇ The church members are given enabling by the Spirit for the purpose of the common good of the body (I Cor 12:7).
- ◇ The church members have a variety of giftedness given by one Spirit (I Cor. 7-10).
- ◇ The church members must recognize the sovereign will of the Spirit in giving giftedness (I Cor. 12:11).
- ◇ The church leaders are relying completely on God for their adequacy for ministry (II Cor 3:4-6).
- ◇ The church members should live by the Spirit manifesting the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:19-25).
- ◇ The church's unity is produced by the Spirit (Eph 4:3).
- ◇ The church's unity is based in its common body, Spirit, hope, Lord, faith, baptism, God and Father (Eph 4:4-6).
- ◇ Each individual member must be controlled by the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18).
- ◇ Each member must manifest the Spirit's control by speaking to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Eph 5:19).
- ◇ Each member must manifest the Spirit's control by singing (Eph 5:18).
- ◇ Each member must manifest the Spirit's control by making melody in their hearts to the Lord (Eph 5:19).
- ◇ Each member must manifest the Spirit's control by giving thanks for all things (Eph 5:20).
- ◇ Each member must manifest the Spirit's control by subjecting one to another (Eph 5:21).
- ◇ The church members must not quench the Holy Spirit (I Thess 5:19).
- ◇ The church members must keep themselves in the love of God by building themselves up in the faith and praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 19-20).

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## worship- ing Him

- ◇ The church should be gathering together to praise God (Acts 2:44-46).
- ◇ The church must exist to the glory of God (Romans 11:36).
- ◇ The church must be unified in order to glorify God with one voice (Romans 15:6).
- ◇ The church should glorify God through reaching Jews and Gentiles with the gospel (Romans 15:8-9).
- ◇ The church should shine forth the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus (II Cor. 4:6).
- ◇ The church member should seek for the glory of God and the edifying of the body in his choice of using his liberty in neutral things (I Cor 10:15-33).
- ◇ The church should give to meet others needs so that thanksgiving would be made to God (2 Cor 9:12).
- ◇ The church must fulfill its role to glorify the wisdom of God through the unity of its members being examined by the heavenly beings (Eph 3:8-10).
- ◇ The church must glorify God forever (Eph 3:20-21).
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- ◇ The goal of the church's cleansing is the ultimate pleasure of Christ (Eph 5:26-27).
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- ◇ Every church member should act for Jesus and because of Jesus in all that they do and say (Col 3:17).
- ◇ The church must sing for God's hearing (Col 3:16).
- ◇ The church must walk worthy of it's calling to glorify the name of Jesus (II Thess 1:12).
- ◇ The church's praise is through Jesus (Hebrews 13:15).
- ◇ The church's sacrifice of praise is offering thanks to God with their lips (Hebrews 13:15).
- ◇ The church must be equipped by God through Jesus to do what is pleasing to God for the glory of His Son (Heb 13:20-21).
- ◇ The church members that are cheerful must sing praises (James 5:13).
- ◇ The church members goal of using their gifts by God's strength is to glorify God through Jesus Christ (I Pt. 4:11).
- ◇ The church gives all glory to God (Jude 25).