

Our vision is to be a community of grace,
telling the unsaved of salvation by grace,
encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace,
and extending grace to others.

Embracing the New Year with Purpose: Living for Jesus

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, it's an opportune moment to reflect on our journey with Christ and prepare our hearts for the adventures that lie ahead. Living for Jesus in the coming year is not just a resolution but a commitment to walk in His light, guided by His love and grace.

The Apostle Paul encourages us in Philippians 3:13-14, saying, *"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* As we enter the new year, let us release the burdens and mistakes of the past, embracing the forgiveness and redemption found in Jesus.

Preparation begins with intentional spiritual practices. Dedicate time each day to prayer, reading God's Word, and seeking His presence. Through this, we cultivate a deeper relationship with Christ, allowing His Word to shape our thoughts and actions.

Living for Jesus involves a commitment to love and serve others. Galatians 5:13 reminds us, *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."* In the new year, let us actively look for opportunities to extend grace, show kindness, and share the love of Christ with those around us.

Consider setting specific spiritual goals for the upcoming year. Whether it's memorizing scripture, joining a small group, or getting more involved in the ministry of our church, these goals help us grow in faith and impact others for God. Proverbs 16:3 assures us that as we commit our plans to the Lord, He will establish them.

Lastly, living for Jesus requires a willingness to step out of our comfort zones. God often calls us to places beyond our familiarity, challenging us to trust Him fully. As we venture into the new year, let us embrace the unknown with confidence, knowing that God goes before us and equips us for the journey.

Preparing to live for Jesus in the new year involves intentional spiritual practices, a commitment to love and serve others, setting specific spiritual goals, and stepping out in faith. May this coming year be marked by a deepening relationship with Christ and a fervent dedication to His purpose for our lives.

Gary

THE MONTH OF January

Calendar of Events

- Join us for these upcoming events.
- 8 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
 - 10 - Youth Christmas Party, 6pm
 - 15 - Women's Kick-Off, 6:30pm
 - 19-21 - Men's Retreat
 - 20 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am

- Praise the Lord for our GraceKidz Christmas play performance. Thank you to Barbara and Kati for leading, and all the kids for sharing the beautiful message of Christ's birth.
- We extend our deepest sympathies to Marc Charpentier and his family in the passing of his mother. Pray for God's comfort and grace during this time of mourning.

FAMILY UPDATE

WOMEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Monday, January 15, 6:30PM
Child Care Available
Contact Sherry Roth for
more information



SPEEDFRIENDING



MEN'S RETREAT






SKY RANCH • JAN 19-21
register at [skyranch.org](https://www.skyranch.org) »

When registering, please select
"Burleson Bible Church."
For more information,
please contact Phillip Ridlen



"Too Little, Too Late"
Heinous
Christmas Attire
Youth Party!
and White Elephant
Gift Exchange
January 10,
6-9pm at the Ridlen's home
Contact Phillip Ridlen for
more information.

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>1</i> 	<i>2</i> <i>7:00AM Grounds of Grace</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 * Quinn Beth</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> <i>7:00AM Men's Alliance</i>
<i>7</i> <i>9:15AM Bible Classes</i> <i>10:30AM Worship</i> <i>4:00PM AWANA Club</i>	<i>8</i> 	<i>9</i> <i>7:00AM Grounds of Grace</i>	<i>10</i>  <i>6:00PM Youth Ministry</i>	<i>11 * Naiya Melendres</i> <i>Mike Thompson</i> <i>9:45AM Ladies Bible Study</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> <i>7:00AM Men's Alliance</i>
<i>14</i> <i>9:15AM Bible Classes</i> <i>10:30AM Worship</i> <i>4:00PM AWANA Club</i>	<i>15</i> 	<i>16 * Hudson Ridlen</i> <i>Legacy Hudson</i> <i>7:00AM Grounds of Grace</i>	<i>17</i> <i>6:00PM Youth Ministry</i>	<i>18</i> <i>9:45AM Ladies Bible Study</i>	<i>19</i> 	<i>20</i> 
<i>21</i> <i>9:15AM Bible Classes</i> <i>10:30AM Worship</i> <i>4:00PM AWANA Club</i>	<i>22 *Mike Lothes</i>	<i>23</i> <i>7:00AM Grounds of Grace</i>	<i>24</i> <i>6:00PM Youth Ministry</i>	<i>25</i> <i>9:45AM Ladies Bible Study</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> <i>7:00AM Men's Alliance</i>
<i>28</i> <i>9:15AM Bible Classes</i> <i>10:30AM Worship</i> <i>4:00PM AWANA Club</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> <i>7:00AM Grounds of Grace</i>	<i>31 * Emma Matlack</i> <i>Merle Ridlen</i>			<i>*Birthdays</i>