

*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.*

One Living the New Life in the New Year

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

I love New Year's. I'm a planner by nature. I enjoy schedules, goals, and seeing things checked off a to-do list. I like growth. I like progress. So when one year ends and another begins, I naturally see it as a fresh start. A chance to reset, to set some goals, and to think intentionally about how I want my life to move forward.

In 2 Corinthians 5, the apostle Paul challenges believers to live out the new life they have in Christ. He reminds us that because we belong to Jesus, we no longer see people from a merely human point of view. Instead, we see them through a spiritual lens. We see the world as God sees it. People for whom Christ died, just as He died for us before we were reconciled to God.

Paul goes even further and says that God has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God is making His appeal to the world through us. He invites others to be reconciled to Him by the way we live and love.

But living this way requires something from us. It means letting go of the old life and fully stepping into the new one. It means leaving the past behind and pressing on toward what lies ahead. As Paul says in Philippians 3:13, we forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead. We stop being driven by our old, fleshly desires and begin living by the Spirit of Christ who now lives in us.

So as we step into this New Year, why not make it your goal to take hold of the life for which Christ Jesus took hold of you? (Philippians 3:12). This is the new life Jesus died and rose again to give us (Romans 6:4).

Let's not just turn a calendar page. Let's live it out.

Gary

THE MONTH OF January

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 1 - Offices Closed
- 5 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 11 - ABF/Sunday School resumes
- 17 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 17 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 25 - Meet-N-Greet, 12pm
- 1/30-2/1 - Women's Retreat

- Please pray for Charlie Bing with GraceLife Ministries, as he travels to Trujillo, Peru, January 10-16, to teach at a Bible Conference.
- We praise God for David Emerson for faithfully serving as elder for the past four years. He will rotate off for a year. We welcome Bryan Davies as a new deacon, and Rob Matlack III as a new elder.

FAMILY UPDATE



*Youth
Christmas
Party!*

SUNDAY Night,
January 11, 6:30-9pm
at the church!



All Activities Resume January 11



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Birthdays				1 	2	3 *Eddie Rich
4 *Quinn Beth 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship	5 	6	7	8	9	10
11 *Naiya Melendres Micheal Thompson 9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group	12 	13	14	15	16 *Hudson Ridlen Legacy Ridlen	17 *Glen Summers  
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