

GRACE HARVEST CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

You Have Found Your Place

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Grace Harvest Roots

Navigating Local and Regional Church Governance

Grace International Inc., a registered non-profit religious corporation based in California, has its headquarters situated in Houston, Texas. With a proud legacy of over eighty years, Grace International Inc. serves a vast community of more than 498,000 members and extends its presence to over 4,900 churches located in nearly 122 countries worldwide. The organization's multifaceted endeavors include the operation of educational institutions, orphanages, feeding centers, Bible colleges, training facilities, and a world-class seminary. These efforts are underpinned by a visionary commitment to continued expansion and growth on both national and global scales.

The leadership team at Grace International is composed of key figures such as the President, Vice President, Executive Administrator, Board of Directors, and the Foreign Missions' Director. Oversight of local Grace International churches is entrusted to ten District Superintendents who play a pivotal role in the organization.

Here is a list of the current location leaders within Grace International and our local District Superintendent:

- 1. Steve Riggle, President, Grace Community Church, Houston, TX
- 2. Larry Irig, Vice President, Celebration Christian Center, Livermore, California
- 3. Stu Johnson, Executive Administrator, Grace International, Houston, TX
- 4. George Chavanikamannil, Foreign Missions President, Houston, TX
- 5. Randy Woolstrum, District Superintendent, Southern California, Anaheim, California
- 6. Darrin Green, Committee Member, Panorama City, CA

Grace International and Grace Harvest Church

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, eternal Word of God.

II Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; II Peter 1:21; Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:89,160

We believe that there is one true God, eternally existent as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 5:18,23; 10:29,30; Psalm 139:7; I Corinthians 2:10,11; Hebrews 1:5-12 Hebrews 9:14; II Corinthians 13:14

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

John1:1-5, 20-28; Colossians 1:15-17; Matthew 1:22,23; 3:16,17; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:25; Matthew 28:5-7; I Corinthians 15:3-8; Acts 1:9-11; 2:32-33; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 4:8-10; Hebrews 1:2-3; I Thessalonians 4:16-18

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential. Salvation is by faith alone through grace alone. Both justification and sanctification are the works of the Holy Spirit in those who trust in Jesus.

John 3:5,6; Titus 3:5,6; Ephesians 2:8; Galatians 3:2-3; I Peter 1:2

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Romans 8:9-11, 13-15; 15:18-19; II Corinthians 1:21, 22; Ephesians 3:14-19; 5:18-20

We believe in the personal baptism with the Holy Spirit as received by believers "at the beginning." We believe in the present-day manifestations of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

John1:33; 20:21-23; Acts 1:8; 2:4; 4:31; 8:17; 10:44-46; 19:3-6; Romans 12:6-8; I Corinthians 12:13, 27-31; 14:1-40; Ephesians 5:18

We believe in obeying the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment

Matthew 22:37, 38; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost – of they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and of they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28, 29; I Corinthians 15:20-23; Revelation 20:11-15

We believe in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the time of death. All human life is precious in the sight of God.

Luke 1:15; Galatians 1:15; Psalm 22:10; 71:6; 139:13-14; Mark 8:26; Psalm 72:14; Isaiah 43:4

We believe that marriage and family are institution ordained by the Lord God Himself from the very beginning of human history and these are sacred institutions. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to the clear teachings of the Holy Bible and hence against the expressed will of God.

Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20-24; I Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4

We believe that God created men and women as sexual beings. Sexuality is integral and beautiful part of creation. The Bible clearly teaches that any sexual act outside of marriage whether in thought, word, or deed is sin.

Genesis 1:27-28; Matthew 5:27-28; Proverbs 6:25-26; I Corinthians 6:9-10, 18; I Thessalonians 4:3-8

We believe that the unity regarding the foundational doctrines clearly taught in the Holy Bible is absolutely essential. At the same time, we also affirm that we must accept one another in the love of Jesus recognizing that there are different styles and expressions of worship. All the members of the Body do not look alike. Together, we are the Body of Christ, called to build the Kingdom in harmony and agape love.

John 17:11; Romans 12:1-13; 14:1-23; I Corinthians 12:4-6; 27-28; Ephesians 4:1-6

Grace Beginnings

The History of Grace Harvest Church

The year 1952 marked the beginning of Pastor Lee W. Robinson's tenure as the head of the Panorama City Full Gospel Tabernacle. Because of his leadership, the congregation enjoyed a substantial increase in membership which resulted in the building of an auditorium in 1960. This expansion made it evident that God was favoring the growth of His church. The congregation decided in 1970 to adopt the name Christian Faith Center in order to reflect the developing character of the neighborhood in which the church was located.

After Pastor Robinson passed away in 1985, the church was led by Pastor Darrell Green, who was his son-in-law. Pastor Green shepherded the flock in a devoted manner for three decades until his retirement in 2015. In August of that year, Pastor Darrin, who was Pastor Darrell's son, took over as the Senior Pastor of the church.

When Pastor Darrin assumed leadership of the church, he immediately sensed a leading from the Holy Spirit for yet another name change. This time the church would be called Grace Harvest Church. The profound message of grace and its global relevance, which communicates that everyone who visits the church has the opportunity to experience God's grace, was the driving force behind his shift. The purpose of this endeavor was not only to obtain Grace for oneself but also to harvest and sow seeds for the Kingdom of God.

With great anticipation, the church looks forward to the future, eager to witness the transformative work of God's grace as we extend our outreach to a lost world, sharing the boundless love and grace of God.

Our Identity

Our Motto

"You Have Found Your Place"

Vision Statement

Grace is a Loving Family with a Passion for Christ

Mission Statement

We embrace people where they are and, together, we pursue a deeper relationship with Him Because of the Love we experience from God.

Core Values

Family

At Grace, we are a devoted family committed to following Jesus. We love, forgive, pray and use our spiritual gifts in strengthening one another while we "do life" together.

Worship

We believe every person was created to worship and express their love for God. It is deeply important that we create a corporate space that encourages every individual to express their passionate and heartfelt devotion to Him.

Prayer

We believe that prayer is essential to life. Individually, we encourage it as a way to build a relationship with God. Collectively, we are committed to pray for and believe with every person and family that has a need.

Biography of Lead Pastor

Pastor Darrin and Wendy Green

In August 2015, Pastor Darrin and Wendy began their full-time ministry as Lead Pastors at Grace Harvest Church. Their journey to this pivotal position began when they served as Associate Pastors under the esteemed leadership of Pastor Darrell and Joie Green – Pastor Darrin's parents.

Pastor Darrin's deep-seated commitment to ministry has its roots in 1991 when he was licensed through Grace International. Over the years, he has showcased his talents and dedication in a variety of essential roles within the church. These roles have included Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, Youth Director, Children's Pastor, Praise and Worship Director, and Sunday School Teacher. In addition, he actively participates on the Southern California District Board of Grace International.

Furthermore, Pastor Darrin's pioneering spirit led to the establishment of an annual Youth Event know as Praise Stock. Running successfully from 1999 to 2013, this event has left an enduring legacy. Through Praise Stock, nearly 1000 young individuals found their faith and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Wendy has played an integral part in advancing the church's ministry endeavors throughout her tenure at Grace. Her diverse contributions encompass Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Media and Drama Ministries, and her role as Nursery Director.

Looking ahead, Pastor Darrin and Wendy are poised to provide ongoing support and leadership within Grace Harvest Church. Their unwavering passion for ministry, coupled with their steadfast faith, will undoubtedly inspire our church community to achieve greater spiritual growth and make a more significant impact through service.

As they continue their journey with Grace Harvest Church, we eagerly anticipate the profound and lasting impact that Pastor Darrin and Wendy will have on our church and the lives of those we serve. Their dedication, vision, and love for the Lord will undoubtedly shape the future of Grace Harvest Church in remarkable ways.

Welcome Letter

Dear New Members



Welcome to Grace Harvest Church!

Nestled in the heart of San Fernando Valley, Grace Harvest Church is a diverse and welcoming community that embraces people of all generations, ethnicities, and cultures. We are thrilled to have you join our family, and we believe there's a special place here just for you. At Grace, we hold a fundamental belief: "You can't do anything about your past, but you can definitely change your future." We are committed to walking alongside you on this journey of transformation and growth. Our doors are wide open, and our hearts are ready to receive you with warmth and love.

If you're searching for a place to learn, and be loved, then look no further – you have truly found your place here. Grace Harvest Church is not just your physical location; it's a spiritual home where you can connect with God and discover your purpose in His kingdom.

Our central mission is to help you experience God's grace in every aspect of your life. We are here to support you, pray with you, and celebrate your victories, both big and small. We want you to know that you matter deeply to us. Every individual at Grace Harvest Church is unique and brings something special to the Body of Christ. Whether your family is large or you're a family of one, we wholeheartedly invite you to become part of our church family today.

Spiritual Growth: We are committed to fostering your spiritual growth. Our church offers a range of opportunities for you to deepen your relationship with God, including Bible studies, discipleship programs for all ages, specialty ministries, and regular worship services. We encourage you to actively participate to strengthen your faith. Scripture Reference: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." – 2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

Opportunities to Serve: Everyone has unique gifts and talents, and we believe that God has equipped you for specific ministries within our church. Whether it's in music, teaching, outreach, or any other area, we encourage you to explore and use your talents for the glory of God and the benefit of our church family. Scripture Reference: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." – 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

Support and Connect: You are not alone on this journey. Our church community is here to support and connect with you. We encourage you to seek guidance and wisdom from experienced members and leaders as you navigate your ministry path. Scripture Reference: "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." –Proverbs 27:17 (ESV)

Prayer and Fellowship: Prayer is the foundation of our ministry. We invite you to join us in heartfelt prayer for our church, our community, and the world. Fellowship with Grace Harvest family is a vital part of your spiritual growth and encouragement. Scripture Reference: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6 (ESV)

As you embark on the exciting new chapter with us, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if there's anything we can do to assist you in your spiritual journey. Once again, welcome to Grace Harvest Church – a place where we believe Jesus will transform your life, and together, we will discover the abundant grace of God.

You Have Found Your Place

In Him,

Pastor Darrin Green

Pastor Darrin Green

Lead Pastor

Grace Harvest Church

Gracegreement

As a member of Grace Harvest Church, I profess that I have believed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, the gift of eternal life, and the gift of the Holy Spirit who empowers us to believe and to live for the glory of God. I gladly agree to walk together with the members of this church by making the following commitments:

Foundational Beliefs:

I agree with Grace Harvest Church's Statement of Faith and will uphold its values, understanding it is the foundation of unity within the church.

Grace Unity:

I will seek to live together with my brothers and sisters in love as God has loved us and I will, as God enables me, care for my brothers and sisters in Christ in distress, sickness, and poverty. I will pursue conciliation when offense occurs between myself and another member, and I will reject all opportunities to speak or to hear gossip or slander.

I will not neglect to meet together regularly for corporate worship with this body in its Sunday services.

Biblical World View:

I believe in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to the time of death. All human life is precious in the sight of God reflected by Grace Harvest Church.

(Luke 1:15; Galatians 1:15; Psalm 22:10; 71:6; 139:13-14; Mark 8:36; Psalm 72:14; Isaiah 43:4)

Marriage and Family:

We believe that marriage and family are institutions ordained by the Lord God Himself from the very beginning of human history and these are sacred institutions. Marriage is between one man and one woman. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to the clear teachings of the Holy Bible and hence against the expressed will of God.

(Genesis 1:27-28; 2:20b-24; Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4)

My Pastor:

will tell my pastor how cool he is often and occasionally purchase a Mountain Dew for him.
Signature:
Print Name:
Contact #:
Email: