

OUR STORY

Proverbs 29:18

Loving you as you are;
Joining you in the journey;
Celebrating where
God is taking us.

FBCA Vision Statement (EST. 2020)

EXTENDING GOD'S GRACE

We are determined to reflect God's grace in all relationships because God so generously saved us by His grace

The Grace Initiative (5 Challenges)

1. Embracing the Power of Grace (2 Tim. 2:1)
Grace is not simply leniency when we have sinned. Grace is the enabling gift of God not to sin. Grace is power, not just pardon. - **John Piper**
2. Craving Knowledge of God (2 Peter 1:2-3)
3. Living with Tenacity (2 Thess. 1:1b-4,11-12)
4. Practicing Discernment (Titus 2:11-14)
5. Extending God's Grace (Hebrews 12:14-15)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read II Timothy 2:1. "In short, this is a command calling for believers to continually make ourselves 'ready receptacles' for the outpouring of God's grace" (Precept Austin). Are you a "ready receptacle" for God's grace? Discuss
2. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:3-4,11-12. The church at Thessalonica was full of people with tenacity - they stood together in the tough times. Who are the tenacious believers that stand by you in the tough times? Discuss. Take time to pray for them.
3. Read Titus 2:11-14. According to Paul how has the grace of God impacted our lives? (Find at least three ways.) Take some time to pray thanking God for His gift of grace in your life.

2 Timothy 2:1: You then, my child, be strengthened (power from an outside source) by the grace that is in Christ Jesus

2 Peter 1:2-3: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

2 Thessalonians 1:1b-4,11-12: To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-14: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Hebrews 12:14-15: Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;