

# SPIRIT OF GRACE

January 4th, 2024

## NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE

This week in our Wednesday night study in the book of Amos, we dealt with the five visions of God's warning of judgement on Israel. In Amos 3:7-9, God is standing by a vertical wall with a tool called a "plumb line". This Tool is the standard used to make sure a wall being built is vertically straight. God is plumbing His people, Israel, and they are found to be crooked and will face judgement. God still uses a "plumb line" today to examine the spiritual uprightness of our lives. We know this "plumb line" as the **WORD OF GOD**. The **BIBLE** is the standard God measures our life with. Our standard cannot be based on comparison with other people, or on the things we "do". Nor can it be based on what we think or how we feel. It cannot be based on the "influencers" (even spiritual) we allow to pour into our lives. There is only one standard and that is the **BIBLE**. It is the "plumb line" by which all things and all people must be measured against. I implore us all, in this new year, to take God's standard and measure our decisions, lifestyles, parenting, commitments, worship, choices, and those who we allow to influence our thinking. Like any good builder, you must not only have the tool, you must take the tool and use it. If you don't have your own copy of God's Word, let me know and I will give you one. Praying for you, please pray for me.

**GALATIANS** *No Other Gospel* **THIS SUNDAY'S MESSAGE:**  
"Mistaken Identity" - Galatians 3:7-14

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 6:30PM**  
Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
"Glorious Promises" - Amos 9:11-15



**MAN CHURCH** Meets Sundays, 5-6pm in the Worship Center. Join me as we look at what it means to be a man in God's Kingdom. No homework, no textbook except your Bible. This is a discussion-based meeting. **COME ON, BE A MAN... FOLLOW JESUS.**



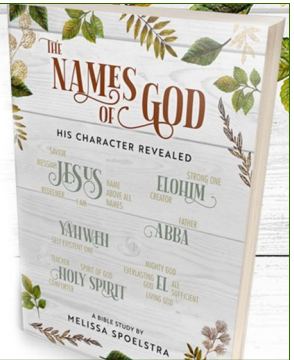
**FAMILY PROMISE** homeless ministry will be hosted here the week of January 21-27. If you can volunteer to provide a meal or stay overnight please contact us.

**PRAY FOR REVIVAL IN YOU, IN OUR CHURCH, AND IN OUR COUNTRY**

**READY TO JOIN A DLIFE GROUP?** Give me a call!  
Love Y'all  
Bro. Jerry

**GRACE U**  
**RESUMES THIS SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 7TH, 5PM**

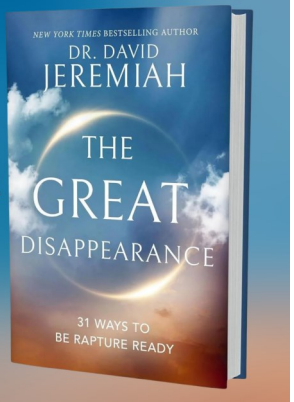
**LADIES' STUDY**  
LED BY TERRY HARMON  
STARTS BACK UP ON JANUARY 7TH  
SUNDAYS - 5PM



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW**  
**PEEPS**  
to join the GMBC Choir & Orchestra  
for our 2024 Easter Musical!

JOIN US WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR REHEARSALS  
CHOIR: 6:45PM; ORCHESTRA: 7:45PM

**Coming Soon!**  
New Women's Study  
Led by Elizabeth Hanna  
Begins Thursday,  
January 11th, 10am  
In the Fellowship Hall





### Text Service

For notifications about GMBC's awesome children's ministry, text "@gmbckids" to 81010.

For notifications about GMBC's super fun children's choir, text "@choirgmbc" to 81010.

### Kids' Choir AND Preschool Choir

Will start back up on Sunday, January 21st, at 5pm. Join us!



Sundays, at 4pm — for students 4th-12th grade. Come join us as we learn Scripture and how to apply it to your life.

### Ladies' Book Club

Meeting via Zoom, This is a one-time discussion, led by JoAnn Pilcher.

Tuesday January 9th, 7pm.



### WORSHIP TIMES

IN PERSON: Sundays, 10:30am

WEBSITE: www.discovergrace.us

FACEBOOK: Grace Memorial Baptist

TWITTER: @GraceSlidell

YOUTUBE: Grace Memorial Baptist

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

**Sunday, January 7th, 2024**

Charles Granger	985-237-5057
Danny Abney	985-774-6124
Andrew Pitman	985-768-7254
Robert DiRosa	985-869-0227

### WAYS TO GIVE TITHES & OFFERINGS:

In person, mail, or online at www.discovergrace.us, or the EasyTithe app.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH VOLUNTEER MEETING

Calling all youth volunteers! Join us this Sunday, January 7th, at noon for an important meeting. Whether you've been volunteering with us for years, or you're considering joining the team, your presence is key! See you there!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM

YOUTH TEXT SERVICE If you are a student, a parent of a student, or a youth Sunday School teacher, stay up-to-date with our text messaging service. To join, text @gmbcst to 81010.



### Sewing with Grace

Monday, January 8th

10am-2pm

Fellowship Hall

For more info, call:

Jan DeMeyere — 985-640-0136, or

Lener Carruth — 985-707-7748



We are hosting families January 21-27. If you would like to help by providing a meal, staying overnight, or just visiting during evening hours, please contact us.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

**1/10/2024**

- 5:45PM - DINNER:** Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- 6:30PM - ADULT BIBLE STUDY** in Fellowship Hall and on Facebook Live
- LADIES' BIBLE STUDY** in Room W101
- CHILDREN'S MISSIONS**
- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY**
- 6:45PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL**
- 7:45PM - ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL**

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