# **WAYS TO GIVE**

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## **NEED TO KNOW**

### THIS IS US

JAN 7 / 9 & 10:30 Services
With the new year brings a new message series called This is Us.
We will explore who we are and what life looks like when we are on mission together. Grace Kids is starting a series on prayer called Pirates that Pray, and Grace Youth is getting ready for their Winter Retreat.

### **SMALL GROUPS**

### **JANUARY**

Men and Women's Small Groups are kicking off their Bible Studies the first week of January. We also have a 4th & 5th grade group, youth groups that meet weekly, and we offer groups for young adults. More details are on the website.

# **BAPTISM SUNDAY**

JAN 7 / 9 & 10:30 AM Baptism is a public declaration of your faith once you have decided to follow Jesus with all your heart. If you are ready to get baptized, let us know. You can sign up online.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

STARTING JAN 21 / 1-3 PM
This 9 week class will change your financial future. You will take control of your finances, pay off debt, and build stability and freedom. You can learn more and sign up on the website.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# DEC 31 // NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE // PASTOR JOE BOYD

### Look Back, Look Forward, and Look Up

I observed everything going on **under the sun**, and really, it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind. What is wrong cannot be made right. What is missing cannot be recovered. **Ecclesiastes 1:14-15** 

### What's wrong can't be fixed and what's missing can't be found.

So I came to hate life because everything done here under the sun is so troubling. Ecclesiastes 1:17

### We need a new view for this year.

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

"Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" **Joshua 5:13-14** 

"Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people... into the land I am giving them." **Joshua 1:2** 

#### What struggles do we have looking forward?

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"Neither one," he replied. "I am the commander of the Lord's army." Joshua 5:14

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right. - Abraham Lincoln

# God's not here to take sides. He is here to take Charge.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Joshua fell with his face to the ground in reverence. "I am at your command," Joshua said. "What do you want your servant to do?" Joshua 5:14

The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did as he was told. **Joshua 5:15** 

Come near to God and He will come near to you. James 4:8

Moses called Hoshea... by another name. Moses called him Joshua. Numbers 13:16