



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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*We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.*

Those Harpers Whom John Heard Harping with their Harps!

And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps... Revelation 14:2

Here's a small section of a Thanksgiving sermon preached by Jonathan Edwards on November 7, 1734. His text was Revelation 14:2. Listen to his description of the saints in Heaven:

Second, this doctrine may give us an idea of the glorious and happy state of the saints in heaven. It shows how joyfully and gloriously they spend their time. Joy is a great ingredient in praise. There is an exultation of spirit in fervent praise. Praise is the most joyful work in the world. And how joyful a society are they that join together, so many thousands and millions of them, with one heart and one soul, to sing a new song before the throne, that fill heaven with their glorious melody! How joyful they are in their work, appears in the text, by their fervency in it, so that their voices resounded as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder. What ineffable joy was there in those harpers whom John heard harping with their harps!...

We ought now to begin that work which we intend shall be the work of another world. For this life is given us on purpose that therein we might prepare for a future life. The present state is a state of probation and preparation, a state of preparation for the enjoyments and employment of another, future, and eternal state. And no one is ever admitted to those enjoyments and employments, but those who are prepared for them here. If ever we would go to heaven, we must be fitted for heaven in this world. We must here have our souls molded and fashioned for that work and that happiness... if we begin now to exercise ourselves in the work of heaven, it will be the way to have foretastes of the enjoyments of heaven. (From the sermon, "Praise, One of the Chief Enjoyments of Heaven")

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

**@ 9am & 10:30am
Livestream @ 9am**

**"When All You Hear
Is Crickets"**

Luke 1:1-25

<https://youtu.be/6TD6RyP4B2I>

Pastor Benji





Christmas Celebration

Join Us for
Business Meeting Vote
Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

December 5 | 6:00pm | Ed Building

Toy Drive
Benefiting families in the Santa Maria Valley
Unwrapped Toys
Ages 6 - 18 years | Valued between \$10 and \$30
All items due to the Mission by
December 15th

3 ways to drop off your gift

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CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION
A Church Ministry of the RESCUSSION

Women's Christmas Gathering

When: Friday, December 10,
6pm- 8:30pm

Who: For women only

Where: Grace Baptist Church
in Grace Hall

Cost: \$15 for Trattoria Ulivetto

*Join us for dinner, fellowship, carols,
and message by Kari Way*

*Sign Up at women's table in foyer
Deadline is December 5th*

*Please sign up and pay ASAP
to secure spot*

I know you're going to feast on some turkey this week . I know you're gonna taste some pie. As you enjoy God by enjoying His blessings this weekend (e.g. food, family, friends, football, a good turkey-induced nap), why not sample a little taste of Heaven too? Why not get a jumpstart on eternity and get a foretaste of the enjoyments of Heaven by praising and thanking God?

May it be said of us after the weekend, "What ineffable joy was there in those harpers harping with their harps as they sliced their turkeys, ate their pies, threw their footballs, napped their naps, and went back for seconds!"

I am thankful for all you,
-Pastor Benji

Announcements

COME AND MEET

Elder candidate *Matt Farris* and Children's Co - Director candidate *Farah Shaw* at our 6 P.M. evening service on Sunday November 28th. They will each share their testimonies and answer any questions you may have. We will vote on each candidate at our Annual Business Meeting on December 5th at 6 P.M.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP PROGRAM - Grace Family & Friends are invited to enjoy a *Soup & Bread Supper* @ 5pm on Sunday, December 12th. Everyone will gather in the Worship Center (6:00ish) to Celebrate Christ's Coming. Our *Children of Grace* will sing and many will have a part in the Nativity!



Thank you to everyone who participated in filling the OCC shoeboxes this month. We collected about **146** shoeboxes to bless children all over the world in the name of Jesus!



Junior High - February 11-13
@ Hartland Cost \$225

High School - January 14-17
@ Hume Cost \$325

Sign Up October - January
\$25 Deposit

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