



Grace  
Evangelical  
Church  
S H A R J A H

“If one member suffers, all suffer together;  
if one member is honored,  
all rejoice together.”

1 Corinthians 12:26

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Friday, February 01, 2019

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

<p><b>Welcome to this gathering of <i>Grace Evangelical Church Sharjah.</i></b></p> <p>We exist to spread the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of God’s glory among all the nations (<i>2 Cor 4:6; Rom 1:5</i>)</p> <p>If you are a first time visitor we would love to get to know you, so please introduce yourself to us. There is a welcome team at the back of the hall who would be delighted to tell you more about our church.</p>	<p>Preparatory Music - <i>Amazing Grace</i></p> <p>Welcome and Announcements</p> <p>Call to Worship</p> <p>Prayer of Invocation</p> <p><i>Song: Come Praise and Glorify</i></p> <p><i>Song: How Sweet and Awesome Is The Place</i></p> <p>Scripture Reading</p> <p>Prayer of Praise</p> <p><i>Song: Never Cease To Praise</i></p> <p>Pastoral Prayer</p> <p><i>Song: Complete In Thee</i></p> <p><i>Song: Speak O Lord</i></p> <p><b>Sermon: “What Are You Looking For In A Church?”</b></p> <p><b>The Lord’s Supper</b></p> <p><i>Song: Behold The Lamb</i></p> <p><i>Song: Oh How Good It Is</i></p> <p>Benediction</p> <p>A Moment for Quiet Reflection</p>	<p>Ephesians 4:4-6</p> <p>Page 3</p> <p>Page 4</p> <p>Psalm 133</p> <p>Page 5</p> <p>Page 6</p> <p>Page 7</p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 12:12-26</b></p> <p>Page 12</p> <p>Page 13</p>
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## AFTER THE SERVICE

Please help us to vacate the hall after the service, because another church will be meeting after us.

We will be gathering for lunch in each other’s homes across Sharjah, and at the Ajman City Center.

Service Leader : Anand Samuel

Preacher: John Folmar

Next week’s sermon by Samson Thomas: *“True Greatness” - Mark 10:35-45*

Come praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through, His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us, the myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory ...*

Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope, until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise, to God, the Three in One

*To the praise of Your glory ...  
To the praise of Your glory ...*

How sweet and awesome is the place  
With Christ within the doors  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue  
“Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice  
And enter while there’s room  
When thousands make  
A wretched choice  
And rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in  
Else we had still refused to taste  
And perished in our sin

Pity the nations, O our God,  
Constrain the earth to come  
Send Your victorious Word abroad  
And bring the strangers home

We long to see Your churches full  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul  
Sing Your redeeming grace

# NEVER CEASE TO PRAISE

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May we run this race, may we keep the faith  
    May our eyes be fixed on Jesus  
That we'll not lose heart in our struggle with sin  
    And through suffering know endurance  
May we arm ourselves with the mind of Christ  
    To rejoice in trials and be not surprised  
May our hearts be so consumed by You, that we never cease to praise

May our company be the saints You've called  
    May we all stand firm in one spirit  
That the gospel's truth may resound on earth  
    That all living things may hear it  
May the fruits of faith mark the path we trod  
    Through the life of Christ, to the glory of God  
May our hearts be so consumed by You, that we never cease to praise

May the words we share be Your grace and peace  
    May our tongues speak Your proclamations  
    That the many parts of the body of Christ  
    Be affirmed in their right relation  
    As we long and wait for the groom to come  
    May we learn to love, and spur each other on  
May our hearts be so consumed by You, that we never cease to praise

When that day arrives, and the race is won  
    When our griefs give way to deliverance  
    We will fully know, as we're fully known  
    All our groans will end as new songs begin  
    And a multitude from every tribe and tongue  
Wearing robes of white, will stand before Your throne  
    And our hearts will be so consumed by You,  
    That we'll never cease to praise

# COMPLETE IN THEE



1. Com - plete in Thee! No work of mine may take, dear Lord, the place of Thine;  
2. Com - plete in Thee! No more shall sin, Thy grace hath con - quered, reign with - in;  
3. Dear Sav - ior! When be - fore Thy bar all tribes and tongues as - sem - bled are,



Thy blood hath par - don bought for me, and I am now com - plete in Thee.  
Thy voice shall bid the tempt - er flee, and I shall stand, com - plete in Thee.  
A - mong Thy cho - sen will I be, at Thy right hand, com - plete in Thee!



Yea, jus - ti - fied! O bles - sed thought! And sanc - ti - fied! Sal - va - tion wrought!



Thy blood hath par - don bought for me, and glo - ri - fied, I, too, shall be!



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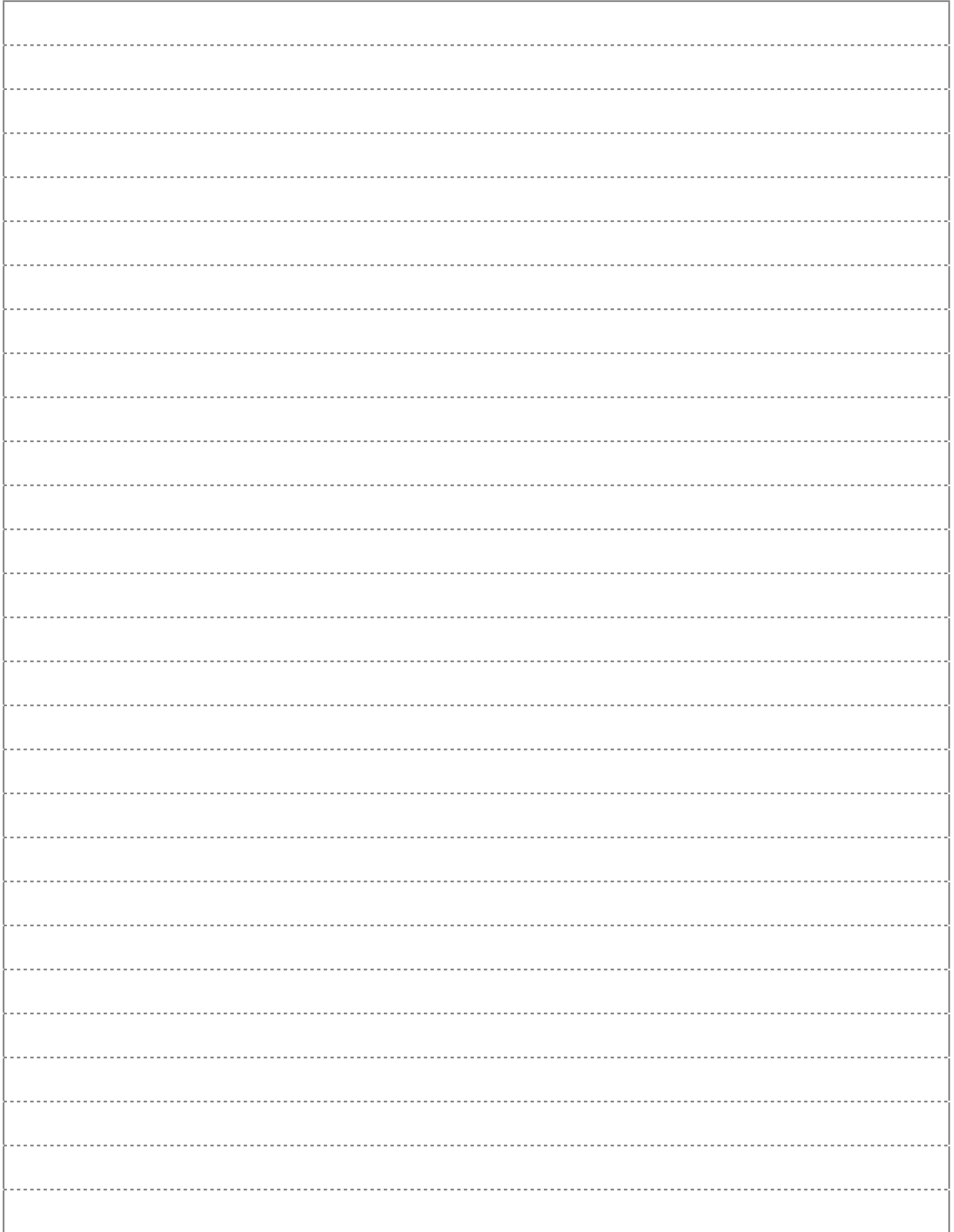
Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the height of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

# SERMON NOTES

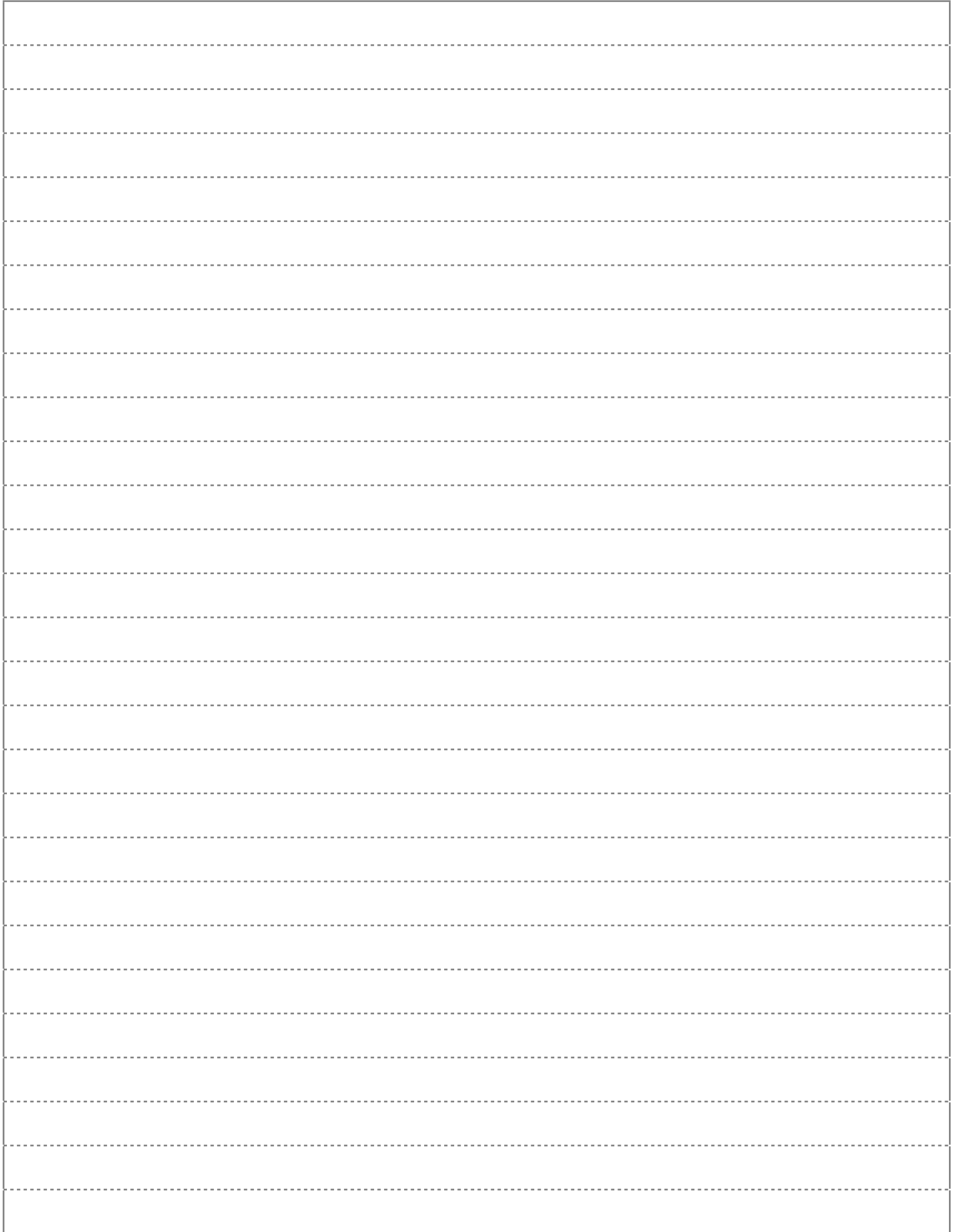
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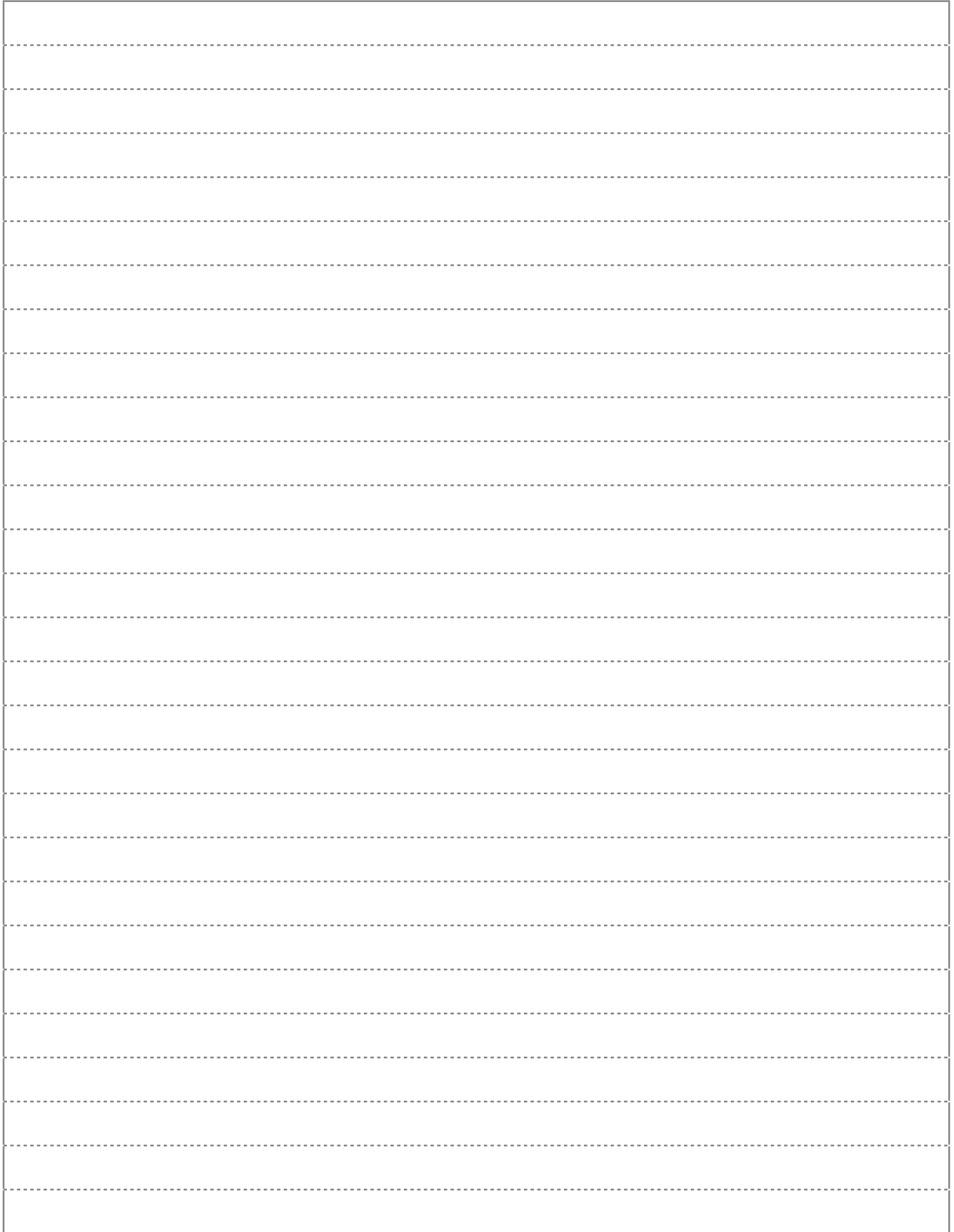
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# CHURCH COVENANT

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

1. We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph 4:3)
2. We will be devoted to one another in brotherly love. With humility and gentleness we will patiently bear with each other, forgiving, encouraging and building one another up, exercising watchfulness over each other and admonishing one another when necessary. (Luke 17:3; Col 3:13; 1 Thes 5:11; 1 Pet 1:22)
3. We will not neglect to gather together, or to pray for ourselves and others. (Col 4:2; Heb 10:25)
4. We promise to bring up our children and youth in the training and instruction of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends. (Eph 6:4; 1 Pet 3:1)
5. We will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, helping to carry each other's burdens. (Rom 12:15)
6. We will seek, by God's help, to live carefully in this world, denying ungodliness and worldly passions. We will strive to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:12; 1 Pet 1:14)
7. We will defend and maintain an evangelical ministry in this church by supporting and upholding:
  - The preaching of the Word of God (2 Tim 4:2)
  - The administration of the Gospel ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper) (Acts 2:38; 1 Cor 11:26)
  - The exercise of Church discipline (Matt 18:17; 1 Cor 5:13)
8. We will contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. (Matt 28:19; Luke 12:33; 2 Cor 9:7)
9. We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen. (2 Cor 13:14)

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## BEHOLD THE LAMB

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us  
And we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God

*So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth

*As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King*

Oh how good it is, when the family of God  
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.  
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love  
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord  
And with one heart we'll live out His word  
Till the whole earth sees  
The Redeemer has come  
For He dwells in the presence of His people.*

Oh how good it is, on this journey we share  
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn.  
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace  
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

*So with one voice ...*

Oh how good it is, to embrace His command  
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.  
When we live as one, we all share in the love  
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

*So with one voice ...  
So with one voice ...*

# Grace Church - History

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## **2013**

God opens a door for UCCD to plant a church in Sharjah just north of Dubai. The pastors of UCCD send Anand Samuel to plant and pastor Grace Evangelical Church in Sharjah, UAE with Vaughn Marles as Pastoral Assistant. Grace Church begins as a small bible study in Anand's living room.

## **2014**

Grace Evangelical Church holds her first inaugural service on January 17, 2014 with a core group of 20 people. On January 31, 2014 the church is officially constituted at their members meeting when they adopt a statement of faith, church covenant and constitution.

In February 2014, Grace Church baptizes two new members.

In September 2014, Samson Thomas moves to Grace Church to do his pastoral internship.

In October 2014, Grace Church installs their first Deacon of Ordinances, Alvo Dias

By the end of 2014 the membership is comprised of 31 members.

## **2015**

Vaughn Marles leaves Grace Church and Samson Thomas joins as Pastoral Assistant in May 2015.

In September 2015, Grace Church, with great sorrow removes one of its members under church discipline.

By the end of 2015 the membership is comprised of 51 members.

## **2016**

In June 2016, Alvo Dias, the Deacon of Ordinances relocates to India. In September 2016, Grace Church installs Binu Kuriakose as the new Deacon of Ordinances.

By the end of 2016 the membership is comprised of 53 members.

## **2017**

In April 2017, Kirk Montgomery is nominated and voted to serve as Grace Church's first lay elder.

In December 2017, Grace Church installs Ryan Kingston as the Deacon of Welcome and Ushering.

By the end of 2017 the membership is comprised of 62 members

## **2018**

In January 2018, Will Drake moves to Grace Church from Immanuel Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

In October 2018, Alex Cruz, Samson Thomas and Will Drake are nominated and appointed to serve as elders of Grace Church.

In October 2018, Grace Church bids farewell to Kirk Montgomery who relocates to the United States.

In Dec 2018, Grace Church installs Paul Ramos as the Deacon of Sound and Operations.

By the end of 2018 the membership is comprised of 69 members.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership Classes:** Please email [will@gracesharjah.com](mailto:will@gracesharjah.com) if you wish to become a member of Grace Church. The next membership classes will be held on **March 15th and 22nd**. Please register online at the earliest at <http://www.gracesharjah.com/membership>.

**Website:** Check out new content on our website [www.gracesharjah.com](http://www.gracesharjah.com) - Use this website for sermon downloads, blog posts, maps and directions, links to helpful resources, and more.

**Offerings by cheque** - If you would like to make your tithe or offering by cheque, please write cheques to "The Evangelical Church" and place it in the offering bags. This donation will be credited to Grace Church.



## RECOMMENDED READINGS FOR THE WINTER - 2018

### GRACE KIDS

Our Children's ministry is called **Grace Kids**, located in St. Mark's Chapel to your left, as you enter the main hall, across the welcome desk. We run activities in two age groups:



0 - 4 yrs.



5 - 11 yrs.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## REGULAR GATHERINGS

	Time	Venue
<b>Friday Service</b>	Friday @ 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	St. Luke's Hall (Ground Floor)
<b>Men's Study</b>	Saturday @ 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	The Varghese Residence
<b>Bible Study and Fellowship Meal</b>	Monday @ 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	The Samuel Residence
<b>Women's Study</b>	Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	The Quiambao Residence

## LEADERSHIP

### ELDERS

**Anand Samuel**  
Senior Pastor

**Alex Cruz**

**Samson Thomas**  
Assistant Pastor

**Will Drake**  
Assistant Pastor

### DEACONS

**Ryan Kingston**  
Welcome and Ushering

**Binu Kuriakose**  
Ordinances

**Paul Ramos**  
Sound and Operations

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