

# About Grace Baptist

Grace Baptist Church was founded in March of 1990 as a distinctively Evangelical, Reformed, and Baptist work. The church was established on the foundation that God's Word dictates what we are to believe and what we are to do.

As an Evangelical, Reformed, Baptist congregation, we hold substantially to the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Confession of Faith, sometimes known as the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith.

We are members of a like-minded fellowship of churches called F.I.R.E—the Fellowship of Independent Reformed Evangelicals.

<http://www.firefellowship.org/>

Our objective is to proclaim accurately and faithfully the whole counsel of God and to encourage and build up one another in the faith once delivered to the saints. We are mission-minded, concerned for the salvation of sinners in our own area, and we desire to pattern our lives after Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

<http://www.gracemadison-al.com>

Grace Baptist Church is located in Madison, Alabama, just off Highway 72 West, at 122 Walnut Street, behind Thomas Pit Barbecue. We are very near the intersection of Highway 72 and Wall Triana Highway, known as Madison Corners.

Church Phone: 256.837.8821

## Normal Sunday Services

Morning Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	11:00 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

## Wednesday Evening Service

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM
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## First Sunday Services

Morning Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	11:00 AM
Dinner	12:00 PM
Afternoon Service	1:30 PM
(no evening service on first Sunday of month)	

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“Preaching the free grace of God which brings a change of lifestyles, masters, and destinies.”

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# Distinctives

## Evangelical

That we are Evangelical means that we believe and preach that Jesus Christ alone is the way of salvation. There is salvation in none other (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). The *evangel*, the *gospel*, is the message that Jesus died for sinners and rose again the third day from the grave, to save from sin, death, and hell all who believe in Him.

Only those who believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ the Righteous, are saved and bound for heaven. Forgiveness of sin is not found in the work we do but in the work Jesus Christ did on the cross. It is by his dying and not by our doing that we receive eternal life.

Evangelicals also believe that the Bible is God's inerrant Word. Holy men of old were moved by the Holy Spirit as they spoke and wrote the Word of God. Scripture was breathed out by God (2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16). The final product of this process is a divinely authoritative book.

*Evangelical* is not a denominational tag. All Christians who believe the Bible is God's Word and that salvation is by grace through faith in Christ, are Evangelical.

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## Reformed

That we are Reformed means that we believe the essential doctrines of the New Testament that were recaptured at the time of the Protestant Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. God raised up men like Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Knox to proclaim once again the teachings of Christ and His apostles that had been lost by the professing Church.

The "reformers," as they were called, were brought powerfully and graciously to see that the Word of God alone was sufficient for the church. They began to preach and expound the Scriptures and a mighty awakening followed.

The primary doctrines of the Reformation that were recovered, which we hold dear, are expressed in five Latin slogans.

### ***Sola Scriptura***

Scripture alone is the final authority for faith and practice.

### ***Solus Christus***

Christ alone is the basis of our acceptance by God.

### ***Sola Gratia***

The grace of God alone is the way God saves sinners, and not by the works of the law or by human merit or effort.

### ***Sola Fide***

Faith alone is the means by which sinners receive or appropriate the grace of God in Christ.

### ***Soli Deo Gloria***

To God alone be the glory for saving sinners and for everything else in this life and in the life to come.

## Baptist

That we are Baptist means that we believe in a regenerate church. We practice baptism by immersion, but more important than the mode of baptism is the subject of baptism. Baptism is for believers only.

Following the reformers, we believe in salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone. However, unlike the reformers, who baptized infants by sprinkling or effusion, we practice only believer's baptism by immersion.

We also view baptism as a ceremonial ordinance rather than a sacrament. As important as baptism is, it is symbolic and does not convey saving grace. Salvation is in Christ, not in baptism.

We therefore require a credible profession of faith for church membership and a consistent life of holiness. We seek to admit into membership those who have been born again by the Holy Spirit, who have been brought to faith in Jesus Christ, and who have been baptized upon their profession of faith.

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