



Calling

Dave Workman, Pastor Emeritus

1. Historical overview of God’s redemptive plan (Rom. 8; 2 Thes. 2):

- God created us to be SAINTS!
- God chose us for SALVATION!
- God calls us to SANCTIFICATION!
- God commissions us for SERVICE!
- God will celebrate us as SONS!

2. Practical application of God’s redemptive plan:

- Peter’s call (Luke 5):
Interruptive—a transformative OPPORTUNITY, not a threatening OBSTACLE!
- Peter’s denial (Luke 22):
Irrevocable—based on divine GRACE, not human GOODNESS!
- Peter’s renewal (John 21):
Introspective—it has to be TESTED to be TRUSTED!

(Scripture references: Romans 8:28-30, 11:29; 1 Thess 1:2-4, 2 Thess 2:13-14; John 1:40-42, 21:15-17; Luke 5:5-11, 22:33, 60-62; Mark 14:29, 31)

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Grace Community Church

August 10 2025



Grace Groups Fall Session | Aug 25–Nov 3

Grace Groups are where real friendships form and faith deepens through honest conversation, prayer, and shared life. Don’t do life alone—find your group and learn why we are *Better Together*! Groups fill up fast; sign up today. More info in the lobby.

Annual Vision Meeting | August 31

Join us at 1pm as we share our five-year vision of where we believe God is calling us. We’ll hear from our leaders, vote for next year’s elder board, and explore what’s next for Grace. This is your opportunity to ask questions and be part of the conversation. We hope you’ll make time to join us—**lunch is provided!**



Baptism | September 7

Baptism is a powerful symbol of the new life we have in Jesus. It’s a public declaration of your faith, an act of obedience, and a moment of personal spiritual transformation. We’re excited to partner with you in taking this next step of faith! Please register on the app or email andy@gracechico.org for more info.

We are Hiring!

Ready to experience the joy of working with people who share your passion and love for Jesus? Join the team at Grace—where community, faith, and purpose go hand in hand. Check out current and future job opportunities at gracechico.org/careers.



Registration and information can be found on our [website](https://gracechico.org), on our [Church Center App](https://gracechico.org), or by scanning the [QR code](https://gracechico.org) here.





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2025–2026 ELDER CANDIDATES



Cory Trento

Cory came to faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 12. He has attended Grace and raised his family here since 2003. He has served faithfully in ministries such as the Prayer Team, Upward Basketball, and Student Ministry, and has been a Grace Group leader and shepherd. Cory has been on the Elder Board since 2013 and served as chair for the past two terms. He and his wife, Kristina, have been married for 28 years, and they have three adult sons.

Dennis Landers

Raised in a Christian home, Dennis accepted Jesus into his heart at the age of 12. Since coming to Grace in 2012, he has served in the Upward Basketball program, the Safety Team, the Welcome Team, as a Grace Group leader, and Elder. Together, Dennis and his wife, Bev, have five children and 16 grandchildren.



Mark Deome

Mark gave his life to Christ at 11, but turned away at 13 to fit into the world he was raised in. Four decades later, after failing to find peace in the desert, he returned to Jesus. Mark has attended Grace since 2011, serving on the Worship Team, Management Team, Prayer Team, Welcome Team, and in Grace Groups as a leader, coach, and shepherd. Mark and his wife, Gale, have been married 47 years, have two children, and three grandchildren.

Jim Richards

Jim came to faith in Jesus in 1974 and was active in Campus Crusade and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship ministries throughout his college years. He has been a member of Grace since 1995. Since then, Jim has served on the Prayer Team, Cup of Grace, and various leadership teams, including the elder board since 2023. Jim and his wife, Julie, have led small groups at Grace for over 25 years. They have two sons and three grandchildren.



Patrick Henson

Patrick became a follower of Christ at 8 years old. As an adult, he recommitted his life to God and began attending Grace in 1999. Since then, he has served in Upward Basketball, Cup of Grace, Student Ministry, Grace Groups, and Children's Ministry. He has been serving as an Elder since 2014. Patrick and Katie have been married for 18 years and have two beautiful daughters with whom they are instilling God's eternal promises and hopefully others along the way.



You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:1-2