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The bi-monthly publication of Grace Bible Church What an exciting time the year-end was for GBC! From our youth ministry's first-ever experience at a youth conference, to heartwarming Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, we've witnessed God's faithfulness in countless ways.

Looking ahead to this new year, we pray this special issue will fill your hearts with hope and joy for the things to come at GBC. Read on to hear some encouraging youth testimonies and Pastor David's 2024 reflections!

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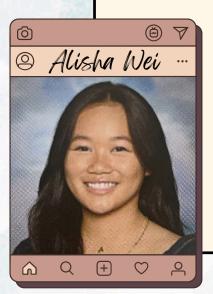
## Youth Retreat



2024 was an amazing year of growth for our youth! This past November, they attended a transformative student conference at Immanuel Baptist Church. Keep reading to hear their inspiring testimonies! A huge thank you to Pastor Prashant for his passion and dedication in leading our youth.



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T believe the youth conference experience was a very delightful one. I learned a lot about how we can live counter culturally and how we can implement the Lord into our lives.

As a teen it is hard to deal with worldly and spiritual things. This conference offered a fun weekend and eye opening experience. It was a great way for me to connect with others and learn more about myself. \*

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y experience at the conference was really good. I felt that I got closer to God and just felt spiritually better. I think this was a great idea to get to know God better and just to learn what He does for us.

For people wanting to know God better and wanting to get closer to him, I think this would be a great idea. Overall this was a great experience and would love to go again. \*





### BY PASTOR DAVID LEE

appy New Year GBC! My heart was filled with gratitude as I took some time to reflect upon all that God has done through our church this past year.

The faces of all our members who worked so hard to make GBC possible week after week flashed through my mind. My heart was deeply moved as I was reminded of the effort and the sacrifice that every member makes to put God first in their lives by wholeheartedly serving His church, even when it's not always easy to do SO.







Even though our church is small, we were able to accomplish a lot this past year because we have the best members any church can ask for. We are small, but we are special. We have an all-star team at GBC. I often find myself thanking God for bringing the most talented and gifted Christians all to GBC. GBC is a hidden gem in Orange County.

Another reason why our church was even more blessed was because of the wonderful partnership we enjoy with ISBC. We were able to accomplish more together than alone. My prayer is that it continues for many years to come. VOL. I





I certainly feel so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church like GBC. As great as 2024 was, I look forward to seeing God do even greater things and being more glorified through our beautiful church. Happy New Year, GBC! \*

**ISSUE I** 



Congratulations to Joe and Millie Chen for the birth of their new baby Caitlyn on December 28! Please lift up their family in prayers, as they've been navigating health challenges.

"Caitlyn was in the NICU for a couple days. They found a heart murmur. One of her valves is thicker and not fully formed. We have an appointment with the cardiologist tomorrow and we'll have to monitor her heart for a while. Pray for healing if it is in God's will."

Joe Chen

### LOOKING AHEAD

### LIFE GROUPS

Week of Jan 8 Please see Pr. David if seeking a group

### **BIBLE CLASS**

Jan 11 Sat 3 months Saturdays at 12:15pm 1 Peter

#### **MISSIONS TRIPS**

**Starting in Feb** Japan, Mexico, SF, Brazil Please see Pr. David if interested



"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

Psalm 100:4

