Who We Are:

* Our Beliefs
  + The Scripture:
  + The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.
  + **God**
  + There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.
  + **A. God the Father**
  + God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.
  + **B. God the Son**
  + Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.
  + **C. God the Holy Spirit**
  + The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.
  + **III. Man**
  + Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.
  + **IV. Salvation**
  + Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.
  + A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace.
  + Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.
  + B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.
  + C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.
  + D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.
* Our History
* Our Staff
  + Senior Pastor
    - Jack and Sarah Rager served with the International Mission Board from 1988 until 2005 in West Africa, South Asia and the Middle East. They have two daughters and four grandchildren all living in San Fernando Valley.
  + Music Director:
    - Ted Osborne
* Secretary
  + Jody Herd
* Governance

Worship

* What to Expect
  + We are a Southern Baptist Church (SBC) in Granada Hills made up of regular people that love Jesus and each other. We will greet you with a smile on our face and joy in our hearts.
* Current Sermon Series
  + Our current sermon series is from the Gospel of John. Jesus is our Good Shepherd. “I am the Good Shepherd ; the good shepherd lays down His life for the Sheep.” John 10:11 Come discover all that God has for you in the more abundant life that the Good Shepherd offers.

Fellowship

* Calendar
  + Our calendar is updated daily with new information and events, please check back often to see all that the First Baptist Church of Granada Hills is doing at the church as well as in the community.
* Small Groups
  + We invite you to join us Sunday morning at 9:45am to gather in a small group that studies the word in a group guided lesson. This month we are tackling the hard questions that believers are confronted with, as well as discuss the world situations that cause many to question their faith.
* Men
  + We invite you to our mens prayer breakfast every fourth Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Great home cooked breakfast as well as wonderful fellowship. We start with coffee and conversation as everyone gathers, then serve a delicious buffet style breakfast while our guest speaker shares how God is working in their life or the community. As we close each breakfast we take prayer requests and pray for each other.
* Women On Mission
  + Our women are focused on God’s mission to the world. They pray, learn, and are active in missions. God has a heart for the world and so do we. We invite you to stop by one of our meetings to find out what we are doing both in other countries and our community. We welcome new ideas and are excited to hear what needs you have seen that need filled. WMU meets every third Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.
* Senior Citizens
  + Our senior men and women inspire us with their God given wisdom and a lifetime of following Jesus. If you love Jesus and His mission this is a great group to be a part of.
* Children
  + We love children and are committed to teaching them the way of Christ and help them to build a life based on the word of God developing a spiritual foundation that will endure the storms of life. Matthew 7:24-25. Childrens Bible Study is held at 9:45 each Sunday morning, and we also have children’s church in the fellowship hall from 10:45 until 12:00 noon during the service.

Resources

* Monthly Devotions
  + Our walk with Christ starts with getting to know our savior. Each month we encourage you to check here for devotions that encourage, edify and teach how God works in our loves in our daily lives.
* Study Materials
  + Click here for study material that teaches how to pray, study the Bible and witness to our neighbors, co-workers, friend, family and acquaintances.

Contact Us

* General Info
  + For more information about our church please feel free to contact us however is most convenient to you:

email us at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Call us during the day at 818-831-3801

Or feel free to visit us Sunday mornings for service beginning at 11:00am

we are located at

11011 Hayvenhurst Ave

Granada Hills, CA 91344

* Prayer Requests
  + God works in mysterious ways and we would love to pray for your needs either in person or you may send an anonymous request to us at the following address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 107:28-30** *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven*