

Better Together

HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT
IT IS WHEN GOD'S

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE
LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY

PSALM 133:1

DEAR GRACE AND REVIVE CHURCH FAMILIES,

It's an incredible thing to witness God's hand at work, weaving stories together in ways only He can. Today marks one of those moments, and we are filled with expectation as we share it with you!

Over many decades, Grace Church of Fredericksburg has faithfully carried the torch of the gospel, creating a place where people have encountered God, experienced family, extended Christ's Kingdom, and lived empowered by the Spirit.

In recent years, God has also been doing something remarkable through Revive Church—a house where people are revived by God's presence, rooted in family, and equipped for purpose.

We are excited to share that these two stories are becoming one.

After months of seeking God's direction together through prayer, conversation, and discernment, the leadership of Grace Church and Revive Church have unanimously agreed to merge and move forward as one church family.

Our official merger service will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2026, and we truly believe it will mark the beginning of a new and beautiful chapter in the life of our shared church family.

Throughout Scripture, we see God move through generations—one faithfully laying a foundation, the next building upon it. When those generations come together in unity, something powerful happens. We believe this is what God is doing among us.

Grace Church brings a rich legacy of faithfulness, generosity, and spiritual roots woven deeply into the fabric of our community. Revive Church brings fresh momentum, growing influence, and a passion to reach the next generation. Together, we believe God is creating something stronger, more vibrant, and more impactful than either church could build on its own.

As part of this transition, we are honored to share that Pastor Ernest Custalow—whose faithful leadership, love for people, and spiritual investment have impacted so many lives—will continue serving our church family as Pastor Emeritus. His voice, wisdom, and presence will remain a treasured gift to this church for years to come.

We are also excited to share that Pastors Jeremy and Erica Duggins will lead this newly united church family. Their love for God's presence, their commitment to Scripture, and their heart for people position us with great hope for all that God has ahead.

Together, we will continue pursuing the mission of Jesus through the power of His Spirit: to make disciples who know Him, follow Him, and share His love with the world. Our prayer is that this new season will open even more doors for people to encounter Him, find belonging, grow in faith, and serve our community with His love.

We know that news like this can bring a mix of emotions: expectancy, curiosity, and questions. Please know that we are walking through every step of this process with great care, prayer, and unity. We are committed to continuing to communicate clearly and to journey through this transition as one.

Most of all, we believe this is not simply a merger of churches, it is a testimony of God's faithfulness. Long before these conversations ever began, God was already preparing the way. He has been carefully weaving together two stories into one greater story: one that honors the past, strengthens the present, and opens the door for future generations to encounter Jesus.

To every leader, member, volunteer, and faithful servant at both Grace and Revive—thank you. Your prayers, your generosity, your sacrifice, and your love for people have helped shape this moment. We couldn't be more grateful.

As we look ahead to November 8th and beyond, we do so with expectant hearts and complete confidence in God's goodness. We believe the best days are not behind us, they are still ahead. And we are beyond excited to see all that God will do as we move forward together.

Thank you for walking with us, for trusting us, and for sharing in this beautiful journey.

With deep gratitude and expectation,

**THE GRACE CHURCH & REVIVE CHURCH
LEADERSHIP TEAMS**