



GRACE
THE
OF
GIVING

PART TWO



Membership Costs

- **\$119 per year, or**
- **\$12.99 per month**

Membership Benefits

- **Shipping specials**
- **Prime Video**
- **Prime Reading**
- **One free e-book**
- **Prime Music**
- **Unlimited Photo Storage**
- **Prime Pantry**



Membership Costs

- **\$465 per year**

Membership Benefits

- **Swimming pool**
- **Two large grills**
- **Access to all Special
Neighborhood Events**
- **Playground**
- **Tennis Courts**
- **Basketball Court**



Membership Costs

- **\$120 per year**

Membership Benefits

- **Discounts & Savings**
- **All locations**
- **Costco Pharmacy,
Optical, Hearing, Gas**
- **2% Cash Back Rewards**
- **100% Satisfaction
Guarantee**



The Walden Club

Membership Costs

- **\$1000 initiation fee**
- **\$110 per month**

Membership Benefits

- **Lunch & dinner**
- **Personalized & attentive service**
- **Monthly socials**
- **Spectacular views**
- **Special occasions**
- **Complimentary parking**
- **130+ reciprocal clubs**



Membership Costs

- **\$36,500 initiation fee**
- **\$680 per month**

Membership Benefits

- **Top notch golf course**
- **Multiple dining options**
- **Multiple swimming pools**
- **Fitness & Wellness Center**
- **Special events & banquets**
- **800 members**



Cost to Belong

Benefits of Belonging

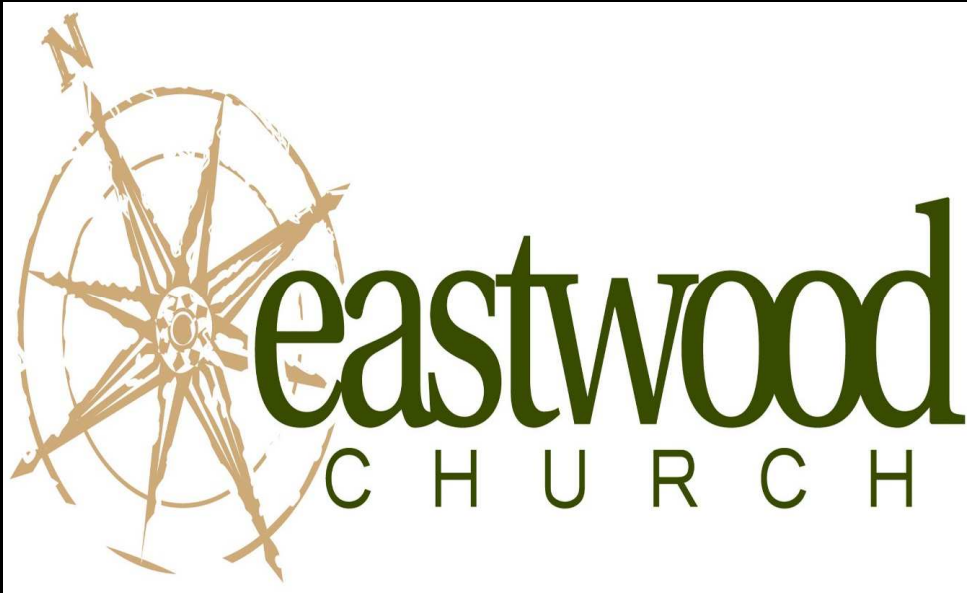
- **47,000 square feet bldg.**
- **46 classrooms / offices**
- **Large gym**
- **Full-service kitchen**
- **400-450 person sanctuary**
- **27.5-acre property**
- **Free venue to host events**
- **Place to practice driving**
- **Free & clear – no debt**



Cost to Belong

Benefits of Belonging

- **\$5 home cooked meals every Wednesday**
- **Free bible classes**
- **Free weekly worship**
- **Retreats & Mission trips**
- **Special events**
- **Sound biblical teaching**
- **Lots of fellowship**
- **Lots of love & grace**



Cost to Belong

God's grace

Benefits of Belonging

- **Countless opportunities to serve & minister**
- **Guidance & counsel for spiritual growth**
- **A place to learn about and carry out your purpose in Christ.**
- **Be an active part of the family of God & body of Christ.**

grace – charis (khar'-ece)

unmerited favor

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Thayer's Greek Lexicon

The merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

³His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

(2 Peter 1:3)

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⁸I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.
⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

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Verse 9

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⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

(2 Corinthians 9:7)



God is a giver.

- **Genesis / Exodus**

- *Genesis 1:1 – Heavens & the Earth*
- *Genesis 1:3-5 – Light & Darkness / Day & Night*
- *Genesis 1:8 – Sky*
- *Genesis 1:10 – Land & Seas*
- *Genesis 1:16 – Stars / Sun & Moon*
- *Genesis 1:20 – Birds & Fish*
- *Genesis 1:24 – Animals*
- *Genesis 1:28 – Dominion over living creatures*
- *Genesis 1:29-30 – plants for food*

- *Genesis 2:6 – watered the Earth*
- *Genesis 2:7 – breath & life*
- *Genesis 2:16-17 – boundaries / rules*
- *Genesis 2:18 – companionship*

- **Genesis / Exodus**

- *Genesis 3:16-19 – discipline / consequences*
- *Genesis 3:21 – clothing*
- *Genesis 3:23 – work*
- *Genesis 3:19 & 21 – death*

- *Genesis 4:1 – childbirth*

- *Genesis 6 - 9 – a second chance (Noah) / rain*

- *Genesis 9:3 – animals for food*
- *Genesis 9:13 – rainbows*

- *Exodus 31:18 – the law*

- **Jesus Christ / Eternal Life / Salvation**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

- **The Holy Spirit**

...the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. (1 Thess. 4:8)

- **Newness / New Creation / New life**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor. 5:17)

- **Wisdom**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. (James 1:5)

- **Peace**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. (2 Thess. 3:16)

- **Strength**

You armed me with strength for battle. (Psalm 18:39)

- **Victory**

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)

- **Freedom**

The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners. (Psalm 146:7)

- **Crown of Righteousness**

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day... (2 Tim. 4:8)

- **An inheritance**

In him we have obtained an inheritance... (Eph. 1:11)

- **Spiritual Growth**

...but only God who gives the growth . (1 Cor. 3:7)

- **Rest**

Come to me...and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

- **Relief from Suffering**

*...the Lord gives you relief from your suffering and
turmoil... (Isaiah 14:3)*

- **Everything Good & Perfect**

Every good and perfect gift is from above... (Eph. 1:11)

- **All Things**

*...how will he not also, along with him (Christ),
graciously give us all things. (Romans 8:32)*

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**⁵His unchanging plan has always been
to adopt us into his own family
by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.**

(Ephesians 1:5)

**²⁷Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.**

(1 Corinthians 12:27)

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

(Matthew 16:13)

**¹⁶Simon Peter answered,
“You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.”**

(Matthew 16:16)

18...and on this rock...

I will build my church

(Matthew 16:18)

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21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

(Ephesians 2:21-22)

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

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