

Grace Baptist Compared to our Current Location

Here is a summary that compares Grace Baptist Church with our current location, based on a 2008 survey of what characteristics we should look for when considering a new facility for our church.

The characteristics are listed from most important to least important:

Characteristic	% of Respondents who Reported this as Important	Current Location	Grace Baptist
Parking	67%	3-4 Parking Spots	17 Church & Visitor Parking Spots that we can use anytime. 12 Community Center parking spots that we can use nights and weekends.
Religious Freedom	59%	We have complete religious freedom	We would have complete religious freedom
Affordable	59%	We spend \$1000 on rent, and about \$200 per month on cleaning. Utilities are included	We would spend \$1,000 per month on rent. We would not need to spend any money on cleaning. Utilities would be included.
Transit Access	52%	Excellent	Excellent
Accessibility	41%	Terrible. Our sanctuary, office space, and bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible. On our congregational survey, this got a rating of 2.26 on a scale of 10.	Good. The sanctuary, classrooms, meeting rooms, social hall, bathrooms and kitchen are wheelchair accessible. Our office would be up a flight of stairs. We would be able to use accessible rooms for counseling or meetings when needed.
Bathrooms	41%	Poor. Our space got a rating of 3.5 on a scale of 10 in our congregational survey.	Good. They have multiple bathrooms. They are accessible, professionally maintained, and indoors.
Neighborhood	22%	Good. Next to SJSU.	Good. Next to SJSU.
Weeknight Availability	22%	Fair. We have space for one activity a night, with limited parking.	Good. Offers possibility of multiple activities, much more parking.
Office Space	15%	Good. We have a large office space.	Excellent. We would have an office space more than twice as large as our current office.
Social Hall	15%	Terrible. We have no social hall.	Good. We would have access to a nice social hall.

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Exclusive Use	15%	Fair. We have exclusive use of the sanctuary and office/classroom space. We share the driveway with the back building neighbors and their dog.	Fair. We would have exclusive use of the building on Sunday nights. During the other times of the week, we would be sharing the space with another church. This might still give us more usable space overall than we currently have. We would probably need to change the nights on which some of our activities meet.
Kitchen	11%	Terrible. We have no kitchen.	Excellent. We would have access to a large kitchen with stoves, an oven, and hot water.
Acoustics	11%	Mixed. Our sanctuary is a very nice place in which to sing. However, the acoustic qualities that make it a good place to sing also make it difficult for people with hearing impairments to understand worship leaders when they speak. On our congregational survey, this item was rated 7.63 on a scale of 10.	Mixed. The space is not as acoustically live as our current space, which means that it is not as resonant for singing, but it also means that it should be easier for people with hearing impairments to understand worship leaders when they speak.
Heating	11%	Our furnace is now working, but sometimes has difficulty heating our building on cold days. This item was rated 5.4 on a scale of 10 on our congregational survey.	Unknown. Presumably good.
Sunday 10:30am Availability	11%	Excellent.	This is not an option at Grace Baptist. If we wanted to to move here, we would need to switch our service time. Note: only 11% of our respondents rated this as one of the five most important characteristics for a new facility.
Downtown San Jose Location	11%	Excellent.	Excellent.

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Quiet Environment	7%	Poor. We get a fair amount of noise from the loading dock next door and our neighbor's barking dog.	Good. In our limited experience there, seems excellent. We would no longer be next to a loading dock / trash compactor.
Classroom Space	7%	Fair. Our classroom space is shared with our office space. It is small, and often cluttered.	Good. Multiple classrooms are available.
Counseling Space	7%	Poor. There is little privacy in our current facility.	Good. We would have access to rooms, such as the Grace Baptist Library, in which we could have private discussions with people seeing spiritual guidance.
Air Conditioning	7%	Fair. The office has air conditioning, but the sanctuary does not.	Fair. Our office could have air conditioning, but the sanctuary does not.
Aesthetics	4%	Rated at 6.58 on a scale of 10 in our congregational survey.	In the eye of the beholder...
Supports Multiple Activities	4%	Poor. We cannot easily have two activities going on at the same time.	Excellent. With many more rooms and much more parking, it is much more likely that we could have two activities going on at the same time.
Storage	0%	Fair. We have limited, but not abundant storage.	We are exploring this with Grace Baptist. It looks like we would have a limited amount of storage outside of our office to support our activities.
Non-Sectarian	0%	Rated at 7.38 on a scale of 10 in our congregational survey.	There is not a lot of religious imagery in the building's architecture.