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**GRACE**

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**WHO  
ARE WE?**

## MISSION STATEMENT

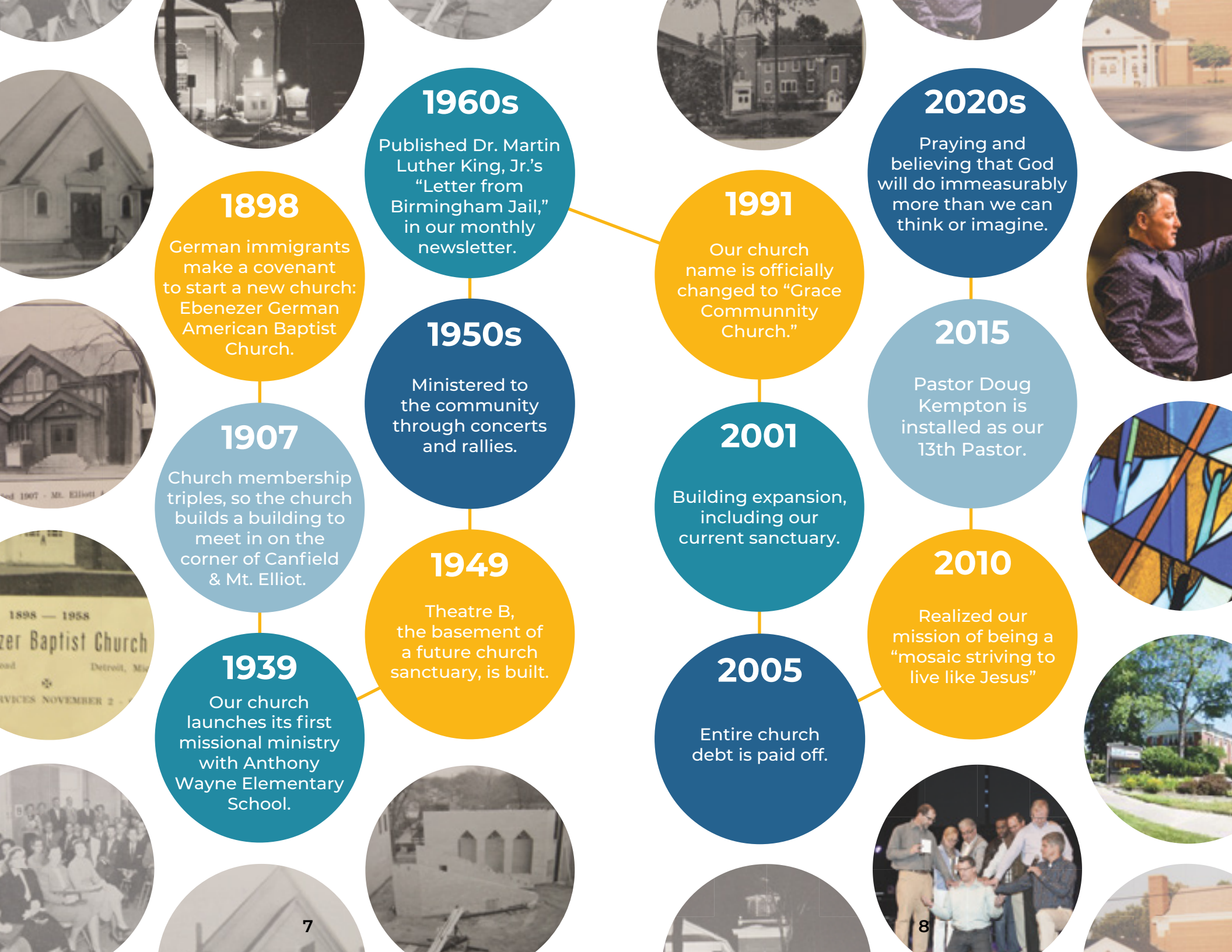
# WE ARE A MOSAIC STRIVING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.  
Galatians 3:28*

*Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.  
Philippians 1:27*

*See also: 2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 2:6*





**1898**

German immigrants make a covenant to start a new church: Ebenezer German American Baptist Church.

**1907**

Church membership triples, so the church builds a building to meet in on the corner of Canfield & Mt. Elliot.

**1939**

Our church launches its first missional ministry with Anthony Wayne Elementary School.

**1960s**

Published Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham Jail," in our monthly newsletter.

**1950s**

Ministered to the community through concerts and rallies.

**1949**

Theatre B, the basement of a future church sanctuary, is built.

**1991**

Our church name is officially changed to "Grace Community Church."

**2001**

Building expansion, including our current sanctuary.

**2005**

Entire church debt is paid off.

**2020s**

Praying and believing that God will do immeasurably more than we can think or imagine.

**2015**

Pastor Doug Kempton is installed as our 13th Pastor.

**2010**

Realized our mission of being a "mosaic striving to live like Jesus"

## HISTORY

Our church story began in 1898 when a group of 60 German immigrants made a covenant to form a new church.

They were motivated by their desire to hold some of their services in English in order to reach their neighbors, and the church of which they were a part refused the opportunity. So these immigrants rented a hall in the heart of Detroit along Gratiot, and they named themselves Ebenezer German American Baptist Church. ("Ebenezer" is from 1 Samuel 7, describing a place in Israel where the people of God celebrated the new land that the Lord was giving them.)



After gathering for several weeks in a rented hall, the new congregation raised just enough money to build a white frame structure just a few blocks away on the corner of Moran and Leland. That building is still standing today, just behind the Faygo plant on Gratiot. In its first 10 years, the church membership tripled.

During the Great Depression, there were massive population shifts all over the world. The east side of Detroit became much more ethnically diverse during this time, and our church launched its first ministry to positively influence youth in the community. They served at Anthony Wayne Elementary School, located on the far northeast edge of the city, where forests and wetlands surrounded a small road aptly named "Moross."

In the 1940s, the surrounding neighborhoods became even more diverse, and we hired our first non-German

pastor. As the community continued to grow steadily, we again needed a larger building. In 1949, we pooled our resources and built the basement of a future church sanctuary, the environment we now call Theatre B.



We settled into our new neighborhood during the 1950s. We hosted outdoor concerts and a series of rallies featuring an unknown preacher named Billy Graham. We continued ministering to families in our community by sending buses into the new subdivisions every weekend, bringing hundreds of children into our church.

The 1960s were a turbulent time in America and a time of change for our congregation. We gained national recognition and attendance grew when our services were featured on radio broadcasts. We began partnering with the Detroit African American Mission and took some heat from other local churches for publishing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s now famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in our monthly newsletter.

In 1991, we officially changed our name to Grace Community Church to reflect that we were no longer serving just "Baptists." We introduced more contemporary worship services with praise music being added to traditional hymns.



What followed was a season of tremendous growth and blessing in ministry and members. People from many church backgrounds began to join us and we were

bursting at the seams. It became clear that we had to build a new place to meet and worship if we were to remain a place that welcomed everyone. Plans were made for an expansion, including a beautiful new Sanctuary. In 2001, this expansion was completed into what it is now. A good sum of money was raised for the construction; however, a significant debt remained.

Around this time the church underwent some significant changes in leadership, as well as fluctuations in attendance. We were blessed to have Al Kuhnle, a passionate and devoted interim pastor, who felt called by God to eliminate the outstanding debt, stabilize the staff, and prepare our church for our twelfth pastor, Rev. Bryan Hochhalter. In November 2005, Grace celebrated the culmination of the “Journey of Faith” capital campaign with the building debt completely paid in full and a total of more than 5.8 million dollars given!

Bryan brought a sense of stability to the congregation and cohesiveness to the staff. During Bryan’s tenure at Grace we were blessed to welcome a very significant



diversity in race, economics, and spiritual experience. We’ve realized that God is forming a very special “mosaic” on this corner of Detroit. Our mission is to be a mosaic striving to live like Jesus. We

live out our mission in all of the ministries of Grace, and in ministry partnerships locally and around the globe.

In May 2015, Doug Kempton was installed as our thirteenth pastor. A native Michigander, Doug came to Detroit over 25 years ago as one of the founding partners of Kinko’s and discovered his heart for

Detroit and desire to see change. He is passionate about the need for the church to be relevant in the way it serves the community and communicates the life-changing message of Jesus.



Doug has shown an unwavering commitment to seeing real change on Detroit’s East Side. He is the founding director of Eagle Sports Club, now known as Soar Detroit, an organization that serves nearly 2,000 children in Detroit through sports, camps, and tutoring. Doug’s

passion for diversity and authentic life changing faith is reflected in the way he preaches and leads the church.

As we envision the next hundred years, we are excited about what the Lord is doing in us and through us as a church community. We believe He has greater things in store, and we want you to come alongside us as we journey toward His Kingdom. We are praying and believing God will do immeasurably more than we can think or imagine.

*“Now to him who is able to do  
immeasurably more than all we ask  
or imagine, according to his power  
that is at work within us,”  
Ephesians 3:20*



## FOUNDATIONAL BELIEFS

We align our foundational beliefs with the Bible, which is the Word of God. It is the supreme witness to truth for Christianity. It was written and compiled by human authors, but they participated in this work through the all-knowing and all-powerful Holy Spirit. The Bible is the self-revelation of God himself. He cannot misrepresent himself, so He has made no errors.

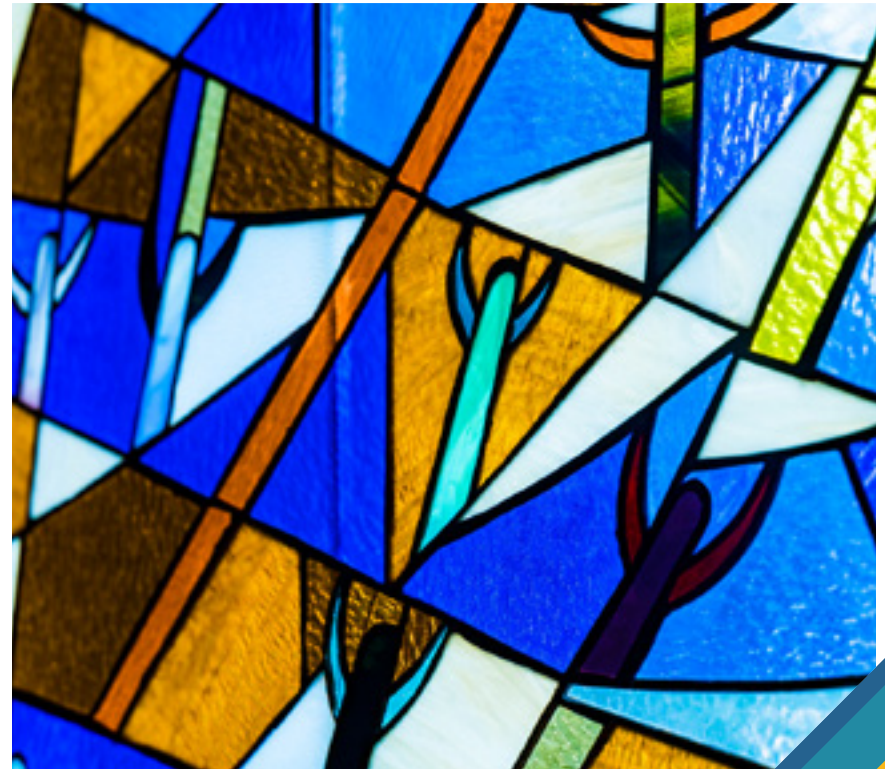
We are an innovative church that loves the Lord and our city. We align our core beliefs with historic Christianity, standing together with most Christians throughout the world and throughout all time. In doing so, we practice the unity that characterized the early Church from the very beginning.

*"We are all one body, we have the same Spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future. There is only one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one God and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all."*  
Ephesians 4:4-6

*"My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me."*  
John 17: 20-21

## WORD AND SPIRIT

We are committed to the absolute authority and accuracy of scripture and to experiencing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts lays out for us what the Church should look like. All the gifts of the Holy Spirit are vital for the mission of the church and are to be earnestly desired and practiced. While all genuine believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit at conversion, the New Testament indicates the importance of an ongoing, empowering work of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit desires to fill each believer continually with power for Christian life and witness and imparts his supernatural gifts for the edification of the Body and for various works of ministry in the world. Please refer to our brochure Ministry of the Holy Spirit for more information.





## THE APOSTLES CREED

The following statement of faith (*in bold*) is the Apostle's Creed. The Apostle's Creed has been used as the rule of common Christian belief since the 3rd century.

***We Believe in God,  
the Father almighty  
creator of heaven and earth.***

He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—three rays from the same light, three musical notes in the same chord, three uncreated energies from the same source. These three are co-equal, sharing the same common nature. The shared leadership of the Godhead is a picture of the Church. Everyone and everything everywhere has been created by God. (Genesis 1, Psalms 90, Romans 1:20)

***We Believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.***

The Son is co-equal with the Father. Jesus was fully human and fully divine. He embodied the perfect and sinless form of humanity, so he became the perfect atonement for the sin of all people. His death on the cross buried the sin and death that separated us from God. Jesus has made union with God possible once more. (Matthew 1, John 14, Hebrews 4, Romans 1:1-6)

***On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come [again]  
to judge the living and the dead.***

Christ arose from the dead after three days to announce His complete power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven, and he continues his work through his Spirit who is with us always. He will come again someday to govern his fully realized Kingdom. (Acts 1:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15) Salvation is a free gift from God. It is an invitation into deep relationship and union with God himself. We must accept Christ's invitation into relationship and become like Him—one with God. We can never be free from sin and death through our own self-effort or good works. Salvation is a free gift from God. (Ephesians 2, Romans 6).

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,***

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son. He is always present everywhere, inviting us to abide in communion with Him and everyone being redeemed, which is the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit infuses every Christian from the beginning of their salvation with special power for holy living and discernment. The Spirit is building his Church and proclaiming the goodness of God everywhere. As Christians, we are learning to participate with the Holy Spirit, and yield to Him without ceasing. (Galatians 5, Romans 8, John 16:7-15)

***[We believe in] the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.***

All humans will either live forever with God, or remain forever separated from Him. We trust in Jesus Christ for forgiveness and deliverance from sin and death. We turn away from our self-governed lives and we turn to Jesus Christ for salvation. His life and death speak on our behalf and become our righteousness. Eternal life begins the moment anyone invites Jesus Christ into his or her own life with faith. Eternal life (salvation) is only possible through forgiveness and justification, through Jesus Christ. (John 3, Romans 5, Galatians 3).

## LEADERSHIP

Grace Community Church is Christ-ruled, elder-led, staff-run and lay-empowered. We believe that each person in our body lives with a mandate—to serve in the community around them with the unique gift God has given. Because we believe in the priesthood of all believers, we trust that each one of us has been endowed by God to fulfill a particular purpose in His Kingdom. Each person in our body is a minister of the life-giving message of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit of the living God.



## ELDERS

The Elder Board is comprised of the lead pastor and other leaders from within our congregation. They provide spiritual oversight, direction, and leadership for the overall church, entrusting the implementation of that direction to our core team and support team, under the leadership of Pastor Doug. The Core Leadership Team is held accountable for fulfilling the Elder Board's direction.

## CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM

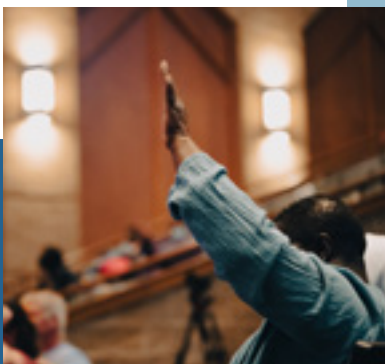
This team is made up of pastors, directors, and on occasion an elder, who meet regularly to discuss mission, vision and values. They execute the strategic direction for the church annually and lead our ministry teams.

## SUPPORT TEAM

The passion and commitment of this diverse group of outstanding individuals ensures our office is a model of efficiency, our campus is well maintained, and our ministries run smoothly on Sundays and throughout the week.

## FULL STAFF DIRECTORY:





# OUR PRACTICES

PRAYER  
GIVING  
BAPTISM  
COMMUNION



## PRAYER

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”  
Philippians 4:6*



### Culture of Prayer

Our desire is to foster a culture of Prayer at Grace. That means everything we do is birthed in prayer, planned in prayer, executed in prayer and celebrated in prayer. Just one of the ways we foster this dependence on prayer is stopping every weekday at 9:30AM to pray together for the leadership and the direction of the church. We invite you to set your daily alarm and join us by praying wherever you are. There is no power without prayer.



### Prayer Initiatives

- ▶ **Daily:** Set your alarm for 9:30AM (MON–FRI) to stop and pray wherever you are.
  - ▶ (Text 930PRAYER to 313.777.8270 to receive periodic prayer focal points.)
- ▶ **Weekends:** SUN 8:30AM | 10:30AM in the Chapel.
- ▶ **Wednesdays:** Grace Family Room, 7PM.  
Covering Grace with powerful, effective prayer—praying for our leaders, staff and the individual needs of our Grace family.

### Restorative Prayer

If you're feeling burdened or stalled in your spiritual walk, Restorative Prayer may help you recognize and release those things that have kept you from a deeper relationship (with the Lord) and your true identity in Christ/the Lord. (Discover your value and true identity in Christ) The purpose of these sessions is to identify and break strongholds of wounds, lies and unholy soul attachments through confession, repentance, forgiveness and deliverance. To schedule an appointment, contact Madeline at 313.449.8078 or [mchabot@gracewired.com](mailto:mchabot@gracewired.com).



## GIVING

*“Honor the LORD with  
your wealth, with the first  
fruits of all your crops...”  
Proverbs 3:9*

### Why do we give?

True generosity is from the heart, with the intention of blessing and loving others. This generosity should be apparent in every area of our lives, including our financial giving to Grace and our ministry partners. We believe that when Jesus is moving in our hearts, it is only natural that we would be a body cultivating a spirit of generosity.

Jesus taught that our money is an indicator of our **hearts** and Paul taught that if we are loved by God and love Him in return we would give **cheerfully, sacrificially, and regularly**. The Bible teaches that God is the owner of everything, including our money and possessions. When we give, we give back to God what He already owns. **Our giving is an indication of trust, discipleship, and commitment...and trust, discipleship, and commitment do not “skip steps.”** At Grace, we believe and teach that God wants us to give because it shows that we recognize He is truly the Lord of our lives.

### How does my giving support the church?

Grace prepares and adopts an annual ministry plan which is the tool that guides our church in ministry, missions, and operations.

### What’s an appropriate amount for members to give?

We teach tithing at Grace, the belief that the Old Testament measure of 10% is a very appropriate and heart securing amount that reflects submission to God. Occasionally, people point out that tithing is not taught in the New Testament and they’re right. In the New Testament, “generous giving” is the measure. The understanding we have is that New Testament writers were informing people who previously practiced legalistic tithing. Christ followers are taught to move beyond legalism to generosity. Tithing ought to be the starting point of our giving; a minimum that demonstrates our belief that everything we have belongs to God.

If you’re not currently giving to the Lord, we encourage you to start by making a commitment. Give something faithfully and regularly. We believe God will honor and bless your commitment. If a tenth seems overwhelming, consider making it a goal. Giving may feel like a huge sacrifice at first, but we’re confident you’ll eventually discover its rewards.

Since giving is a measure of our hearts, and we want those who protect the mission and values of Grace to be people fully committed to Jesus. We ask members to make a commitment to give at a biblical level of generosity. We don’t expect perfection in this or any other area, but we want our members to honor the Lord in a way that allows His work to go forward.

Giving is not God’s way of raising money—it’s His way of raising children.

### How do I give?

We offer many ways to give at Grace. To view the options, visit [gracewired.com/giving](https://gracewired.com/giving).

**The following passages support  
this view in God's Word:**

*"Every good and perfect gift is from  
above, coming down from the Father  
of the heavenly lights, who does not  
change like shifting shadows."  
James 1:17*

*"On the first day of every week,  
each one of you should set aside a  
sum of money in keeping with his income,  
saving it up, so that when I come  
no collections will have to be made."  
1 Corinthians 16:2*

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good  
measure, pressed down, shaken together  
and running over, will be poured into your lap.  
For with the measure you use,  
it will be measured to you."  
Luke 6:38*

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.  
But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'  
In tithes and offerings."  
Malachi 3:8*



# BAPTISM

## Who Should Be Baptized?

Christians believe that the blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sin. Therefore, salvation occurs only when a person places his or her faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as the sufficient payment for his or her sin.

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you are ready to be baptized. Just like a bride and groom show others their love for one another by wearing wedding bands, your baptism is your opportunity to show others that you have accepted Christ and are now walking with Him.

## What Does Baptism Symbolize?

Baptism is a way of showing others that you have entered into a relationship with Jesus Christ. It symbolizes what took place in your heart at the time of salvation. You...

- ▶ Accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- ▶ Shared in His death and resurrection, illustrated by going under the water (dead to your old life), then rising again (new life).
- ▶ Were symbolically washed clean and sins were forgiven by His death on the cross.

Because Jesus instructed us to be baptized, baptism is an act of obedience. While it is not necessary for salvation, it demonstrates submission to God. We immerse at Grace because we believe Scripture shows that Jesus modeled that for us as the way to publicly acknowledge our faith in Him.

## Baptism Process

- ▶ Complete the Baptism Registration Form, either online at [gracewired.com/baptism](http://gracewired.com/baptism) or pick one up at the Information Counter.
- ▶ Once we receive this form, we will contact you to answer any questions or concerns, assist you in writing a short testimony, and schedule you for a baptism date.





## COMMUNION

Jesus never asked His disciples to remember His birth. But He did instruct them to remember His death and resurrection. He gave the church two visible symbols (called “ordinances”) as reminders of His death. These two ordinances are: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper. The Lord’s Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.



*For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”*

*In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

*For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.*

*So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.*

*Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

## Preparing your heart for communion:

*“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.”*

*1 Corinthians 11:27-28*

Communion is a time of reflection and thanksgiving. Prepare your heart for communion through:

### Self-Examination

*“So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.”*

*1 Corinthians 11:27*

### Confession of Sins

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

*1 John 1:9*

### Recommitment

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”*

*Romans 12:1*

### Restoring Relationships

*“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”*

*Matthew 5:23-24*



## OUR VALUES

The Bible clearly explains Jesus as the One we can place our hope in and what a life committed to him looks like. As a church, we adhere to Biblical values, below are five that we especially emphasize.

### **AUTHENTICITY**

Being honest about who we are.  
*Ephesians 4:25a*

### **OUTREACH**

Helping others meet Jesus.  
*Matthew 28:19*

### **LIFE-CHANGE**

A commitment to spiritual growth.  
*2 Corinthians 3:18*

### **BELONGING**

A place where a diverse group of people feel at home.  
*Galatians 3:28*

### **OTHERS-FOCUSED**

Sacrificing self in order to prefer others.  
*Philippians 2:4*

## MISSIONS + MOBILIZATION

We need to reach the world with the life-changing message of Jesus, but we can't do it alone. God has provided us with ground-breaking, world-class Ministry Partners whose critical work is impacting the world one life at a time. Missions + Mobilization aims to help each person at Grace understand God's passion for All People to know the Good News of Jesus, and to put that knowledge to good use in their neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities. Our church family also participates by giving to the M+M campaign, going on Mission trips, and taking part in "Serve Days" at local ministries. For a complete listing of our Ministry Partners around the world, please visit [gracewired.com/missions](http://gracewired.com/missions).



# 6 ESSENTIALS OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



In order to grow and develop on your journey with God, we believe you need to actively participate in six personal development activities on a regular basis. We refer to these activities as “Essentials of Spiritual Development.”

An essential is defined as “something of the utmost importance.” In other words, your spiritual development is an important element of your growth. The inside and outside represent the irreducible components of your whole spiritual growth. Focused together, they will encourage you to continue to grow and become more like Jesus.

## OUTER ESSENTIALS

These three essentials represent what you can do, in and through Grace Community Church, to foster spiritual growth in your life.



### GATHER

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*...worshipping with others is an important part of your journey.*

*Hebrews 10:25*

Regardless of where you are on the journey, Sunday morning worship services are an important part of the journey. By gathering together you will learn to praise God, follow the leading and teaching of the pastors, and foster a greater sense of community and belonging. Sunday morning worship reminds you that you are part of something far bigger than yourself.

### CONNECT

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*...connecting with God and with others in community.*

*Proverbs 27:17*

It is essential for you to connect with God and others in community. Having people on the journey with you as peers and mentors is paramount. Participating in a c-group or a d-group, accountability relationship, and/or men's/women's Bible studies all work together to foster connection with God and others around His Word. Get connected by texting cgroups to 313.395.0377 or visit [cgrouppsatgrace.com](http://cgrouppsatgrace.com).

### SERVE

#### SERVE

*...living with purpose.*

*Ephesians 2:10*

You are designed as a work of art, by God, for a specific purpose. Part of your spiritual development is learning to live more and more in the purpose God has for you. You will learn this through making a meaningful contribution through serving. Jesus said He came to serve – we are called to do the same.

## INNER ESSENTIALS

These three essentials represent the more personal attributes we need to engage and develop as followers of Jesus.



### INFLUENCE

*...inviting others.*

*Matthew 28:19*

Invite others to do life with you. Let them naturally see how your relationship with Jesus influences and impacts your life. Your Christian influence should reflect good, not evil, be exercised through your example of words and actions, be seen through your associations, and be obvious to all.



### DEVOTION

*...pausing to listen to God.*

*2 Chronicles 16:9*

Pausing to listen to God is essential. This happens through quality time in the Word – taking time to read, listen and apply scripture to your life. These elements are used by God to shape you and teach you – preparing you to obey and stretch as you grow in your relationship with Him. We provide multiple opportunities to go deeper with God online.



### GENEROSITY

*...spending time,  
money or labor for someone else.*

*Matthew 6:19-20a*

Generosity is not just individual actions; it's a wholehearted way of living. Everything you have is a gift from God and giving back to Him prayerfully and willingly helps you live in this understanding. As a grateful recipient of God's blessings, you are called to share everything with others... a life overflowing with love for God and for one another.



# MEMBERSHIP AT GRACE

## Membership Covenant

By God's grace, I desire membership in the body of believers at Grace Community Church. While I recognize that I may sometimes fall short, I am committed to being on the journey with this mosaic of believers striving to live like Jesus. Toward that end, and to the best of my ability, I will:

- ▶ **Gather** faithfully for Sunday worship services.
- ▶ **Connect** with God and others in loving community.
- ▶ Advance our ministry by discovering my unique gift and talents and using them to **serve** the body at Grace and the surrounding community.
- ▶ **Influence** those who don't know Jesus by developing authentic relationships with them, inviting them to attend and, by stretching beyond my comfort zone, to welcome those who visit.
- ▶ Invest myself in spiritual disciplines that advance my **devotion** to Jesus, learning to hear and obey His voice in my daily life.
- ▶ Contribute to the ministry of Grace with biblical **generosity**. I will seek to use my giving in a way that reflects a holistic understanding of generosity; which includes giving of my time, resources, and finances to help further the work of Christ in Grace Community Church.

I will serve and follow Jesus with a sincere love for Him and the people He loves, contributing to a spirit of unity under the authority He has ordained in the leadership at Grace.

## Membership Reaffirmation

The Grace Constitution reads:

"Every year, in January, the members of this fellowship enjoy the opportunity to renew their commitment to the Lord, to this church, and to one another by acknowledging their desire to continue in unity with the work here."

**MORE INFORMATION ON  
MEMBERSHIP CAN BE  
FOUND ONLINE.**



## NEXT STEPS

### Get Connected – Join a Group

A c-group is a “Community Group,” where casual connection happens and friendships can develop. It’s a place where we have the opportunity to inspire one another to grow and follow Jesus by making an intentional investment in each other.

### Consider Baptism

We believe that baptism is an important step of obedience for every person who has accepted Christ as his or her Savior. Your baptism is an opportunity to show others that you have accepted Christ and are now walking with Him.

### Serve With Us

We invite everyone who calls Grace their church home to serve at least one service a month. Since we offer two services on Sundays, many people choose to “attend one, serve one.” There are so many opportunities. We need volunteers in various areas ranging from the worship team, to the parking lot, to the youth ministry.

ALL NEXT STEP  
INFORMATION CAN BE  
FOUND **ONLINE.**



## Complete the Membership Process

Contact Paula Smith at  
[psmith@gracewired.com](mailto:psmith@gracewired.com).

- ▶ Complete and return your “New Member Information Sheet”
- ▶ Participate in Believer’s Baptism (baptism by immersion) *If you have been baptized as a believer in another church, that will be accepted.*
- ▶ Meet with one of our Elders

## Join Our Online Community

Visit [gracewired.com](http://gracewired.com) and click on “My CCC Login” to complete your profile — including social media settings and privacy preferences. If you have any questions about our online community, please contact Paula Smith at 313.936.1513 or [psmith@gracewired.com](mailto:psmith@gracewired.com).



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**WE ARE A MOSAIC STRIVING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS.  
WE ARE NOT AN ISLAND. WE ARE A COMMUNITY.  
WE COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. DIFFERENT  
BACKGROUNDS. DIFFERENT UPBRINGINGS.  
DIFFERENT CULTURES. YET, WE COME TOGETHER,  
BRINGING TOGETHER OUR DIFFERENT PIECES TO  
FORM A BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC. WE ARE THE CULTURE  
MOVERS. WE ARE THE SHAPE SHIFTERS.**

**WE ARE**

**WE WANT THE WORLD TO LIVE LIKE JESUS AND WE  
KNOW THAT IT STARTS WITH US. WE ARE  
PASSIONATE. WE ARE THE MOVED AND THE  
MOVERS. WE ARE PART OF SOMETHING FAR, FAR  
BIGGER THAN OURSELVES. WE ARE CITY  
INFLUENCERS AND WORLD CHANGERS.  
WE ARE GRACE.**