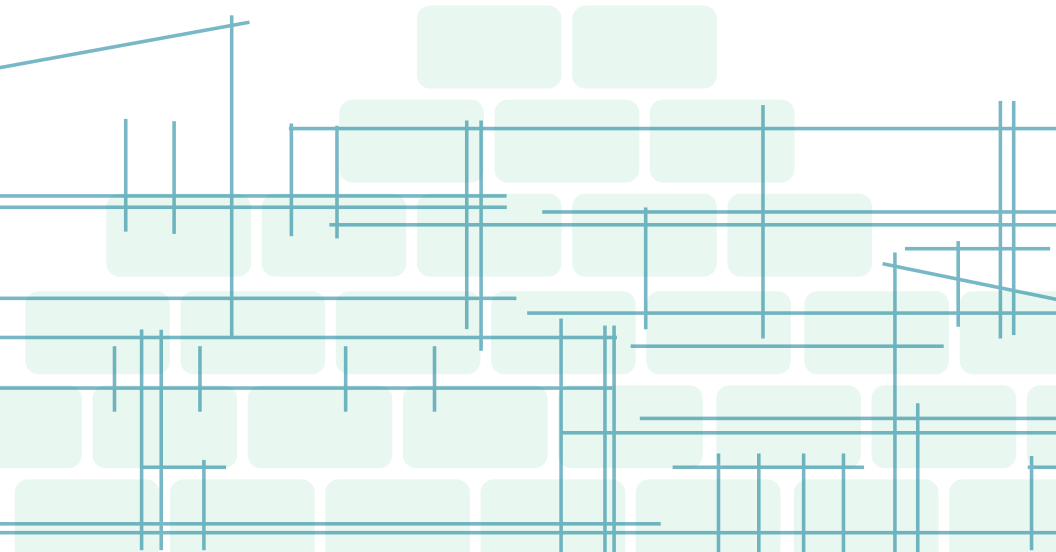


# GROWING GRACE

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.*

*2 Peter 3:18*



# A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Christ has promised to build his church! The gospel is being proclaimed all around the globe, and our desire is to shine the light of truth in our corner of the world – where God has called us to live out our faith for the glory of his name.


When we planted the church in 2006, we resolved to keep asking and answering the question, “What does the Bible say?” For sixteen years, we have labored to make disciples who believe God’s words, love God’s people, and serve God’s kingdom. From a few rooms at a Community Center, to a rented church building, to our present church home on Bly Road, God has faithfully provided a place for this congregation. We have so much for which to be thankful.

As we press on, our goal is to utilize our resources and our property in the service of our mission – to make disciples. Whether serving our congregation or reaching out to our community, two significant needs call for our attention. First, we need more parking spaces for those who gather to worship; there have been times when every space is full! Second, we need to transform our metal building into an activity center that will provide space for activities, for fellowship meals, for classrooms, for childcare needs, for outreach events, for small groups, for receptions, and for any other tool that might serve us in sharing the good news of Christ and shaping lives to become more like Him.

To meet these needs and to accomplish all those ministries, we need your help. The Growing Grace campaign invites you to share this vision for the stewardship of property and people. Growing Grace means growing the properties of Grace Bible Church – its parking lot and activity center, and Growing Grace means making disciples – sharing the gospel and helping people grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please join us in prayer, in cheerful giving, in serving, and in shaping the future edification and outreach ministries of our church.

Serving with you,

Adam



*For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

Romans 12:4-5





# OUR HISTORY | A Journey through Grace

- **January, 2006** – Eight families met to plan for a church that would be committed to answering one question, “What does the Bible say?”
- **May 7, 2006** – First meeting in a community center conference room
- **October 22, 2006** – Charter was signed
- **March, 2007** – We relocated to a different rented building and started a Sunday School hour with classes
- **January, 2009** – Began supporting our first missionary family
- **November, 2011** – Expanded the doctrinal statement and revised the constitution to better reflect the doctrine and practice of the New Testament church
- **March, 2015** – Purchased and moved to the current property in Independence, MO
- **August 28, 2018** – Completed the renovations and current sanctuary
- **June, 2022** – 180 regularly attend; the elders decide to move forward with property development to grow ministries

*“By God’s Grace, through the study of the Bible, as Christ’s Church, we will continue to pursue the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the advancement of His kingdom.”*



This is an approximate rendering and is subject to change.



# CURRENT MINISTRIES

Equip (Adult classes)

Missions

Music

Children

Youth

Men's Group

Women's Groups

Small Groups

## OUR PRESENT CHALLENGES

- Insufficient classroom space for children and additional youth and adult ministries.
- The gym, or activity center lacks safe and appropriate fellowship space for events and activities– this limits our ability to gather as a body and conduct outreach activities.
- There is no kitchen to allow for fellowship events, newcomer lunches, or other events
- There is no storage space to transition the activity center for various events.
- The facilities aren't connected in way that allows for easy, safe transit.
- The parking lots are in very poor conditions and lack sufficient space for the current attendance and are poorly lit in evenings.
- The church is not easily identifiable for newcomers.

# OUR FUTURE | Growing Ministries to Fulfill Our Purpose

**This campaign involves multiple projects which will cost an estimated \$500,000:**

- Complete renovation and remodeling of the gym into an activity center with classrooms, restrooms, kitchen, storage and fellowship hall/gym spaces
- Parking lot expansion and repair
- Church sign
- Connecting the facilities with walkways
- An outdoor patio for small groups and youth gatherings

**The vision is that the new facilities will:**

- Facilitate continued church growth.
- Provide the appropriate space for equipping adults, youth and children in age-appropriate facilities as we continue to grow.
- Provide the ability to gather regularly with meals for fellowship lunches, dinners, banquets and more.
- Provide the ability to hold outreach activities such as Vacation Bible School, sports clinics and other events where neighbors and friends are more likely to attend.
- Allow attendees safer parking with better access and safer conditions.



# HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

| Pray • Commit • Engage

## PRAY

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- Join with others in prayer for God to inspire each of us to grow and reach the lost
- Join together in daily prayer for the capital campaign

## COMMIT


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- Commit yourself to be involved with congregational and outreach events
- Give joyfully to the capital campaign in response to God's sacrificial generosity to us in Christ

## ENGAGE

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- Explore and use your abilities to serve in the ministries of Grace Bible Church
- Join a small group
- Become a member
- Participate in fellowship events and workdays
- Invite others to Grace Bible Church to hear and grow in the gospel



*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

# GIVING

God is the first and foremost generous giver which is revealed through all creation and realized fully in the sacrifice of his only son, Jesus Christ, so that we may be saved and know him fully. Reflecting on this understanding is what inspires us to give in response to his love.

Sacrificial gifting is giving up something of value to invest in something of greater value. The projects involved in this capital campaign will require sacrifice. We hope your hearts will be knitted to the vision for Grace Bible Church to grow all its ministries through the development of an activity center and the supporting footprint so that you will joyfully commit your prayers and resources on its behalf.

Your financial commitment should be the result of a meaningful spiritual journey. We pray that your faith will grow as you pray and contemplate what your role is in the church and how you might fulfill that now and in the future. The following information is a guide to help you consider how you might participate financially. More than anything, we hope you grow in your faith and commitment to God through your participation and that the kingdom of God will grow as a result.

## STEPS TO TAKE

### **DELIBERATE** with God

- Prayerfully see God's guidance
- Ask God to shape your decisions
- Follow the direction he has for you

### **DISCOVER** God's Purpose for Grace Bible Church and You

- What is God calling this church to do and be?
- How is God working through this church to impact people's lives?
- How will God work through you to make a difference in ministry?

### **DEFINE** What Sacrificial Giving Means in Your Hearts and in Practice

- What decisions and priorities could you make in your life to further invest in our church?
- How can you give in ways that make a difference to you?

### **DETERMINE** Your Potential for Giving

- Inventory your blessings and potential for increased giving beyond your normal tithing.

### **DECIDE** on and **DEDICATE** Yourself to a Personal Giving Plan

- Prayerfully determine a three-year plan of giving that goes beyond your regular giving.

*Remember that we're really constructing a platform for ministry and the transformative work of Christ in this community and beyond; our facilities projects are a tool to help us achieve that.*

# OPPORTUNITIES | How You Can Give

## INCOME

- Income-stream or giving as you receive income – regular income, bonuses
- Income producing assets such as investment interests, income from rental properties or other income-producing assets
- Sacrifice by changing your lifestyle and priorities to create additional resources for giving
- Delaying expenditures or postponing anticipated purchases that can wait longer can free up resources for giving

## TIME AND TALENT

- Generating unplanned income by using skills and talents to take on additional work or delaying retirement to generate more income.
- Gifts in kind may include professional services and/or materials, either personally or through your business, providing a unique opportunity for giving

The following are examples of how you might commit and contribute to this campaign.

| 3-YEAR TOTAL |       | ANNUALLY |       | MONTHLY |
|--------------|-------|----------|-------|---------|
| \$150,000    | <<<<< | \$50,000 | <<<<< | \$4,166 |
| \$100,000    |       | \$33,333 |       | \$2,666 |
| \$50,000     | <<<<< | \$16,666 | <<<<< | \$1,388 |
| \$30,000     |       | \$10,000 |       | \$833   |
| \$20,000     | <<<<< | \$6,666  | <<<<< | \$555   |
| \$10,000     |       | \$3,333  |       | \$266   |
| \$8,000      | <<<<< | \$2,666  | <<<<< | \$222   |
| \$6,000      |       | \$2,000  |       | \$166   |
| \$4,500      | <<<<< | \$1,500  | <<<<< | \$125   |
| \$1,500      |       | \$500    |       | \$41    |

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7



# GIVING FAQs

## **How do I decide how much to give?**

We only desire that you give out of joy from how God leads you.

## **How long will I have to fulfill my campaign commitment?**

We are asking that you commit to fulfill your pledge within three years so that we can pay for construction and any short-term debt that allowed construction to start as soon as possible.

## **What if my circumstances change after I have made a commitment?**

This is a pledge of intent, not a contract. Your giving may need to change if your financial situation changes significantly. Simply contact the church and adjust your giving to fulfill what you are able.

## **Is my commitment confidential?**

Yes. Only the treasurer and finance committee will have knowledge of giving records.

## **Is it more important that I give to this campaign or my regular giving?**

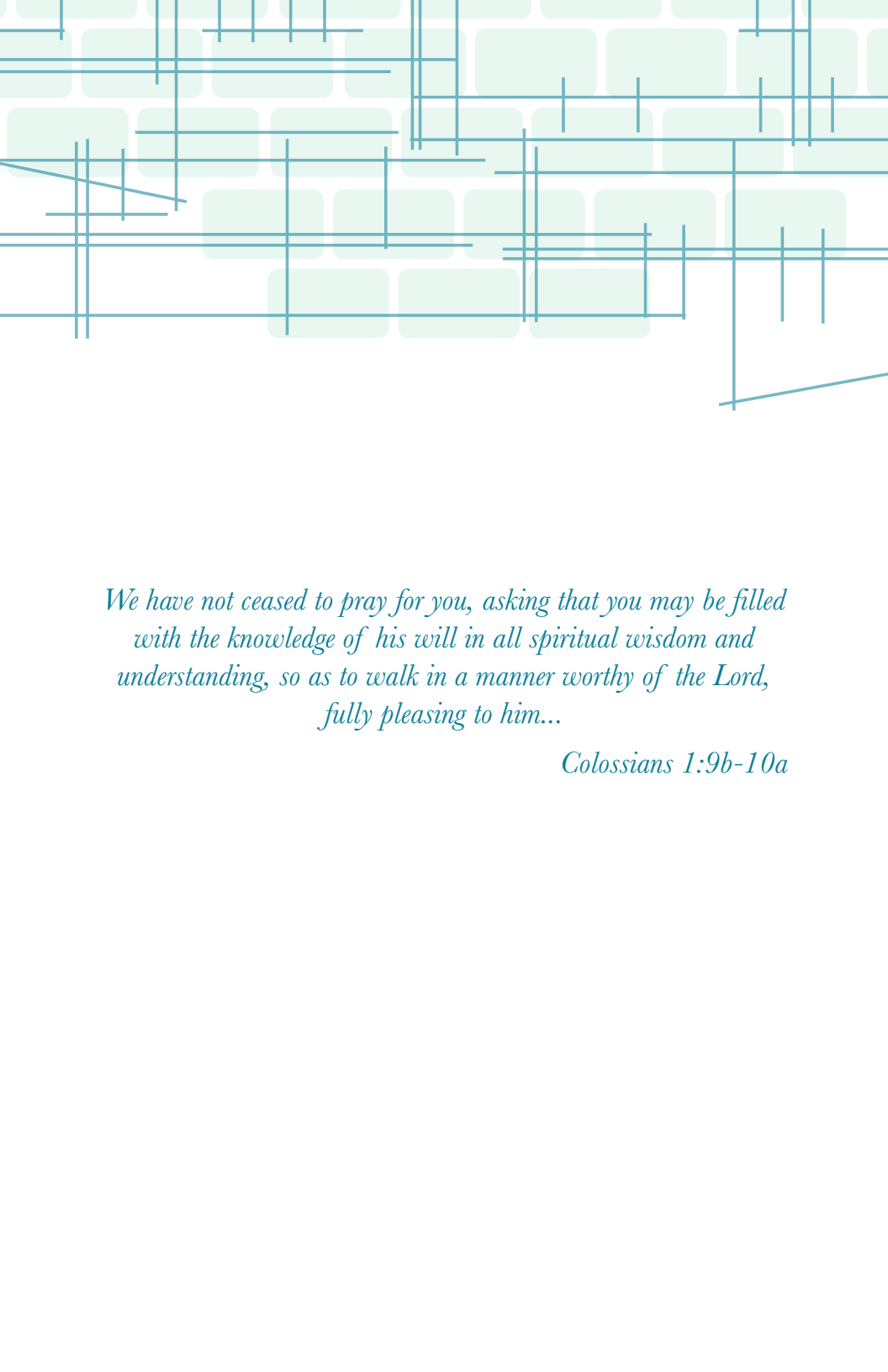
Both are important. Your regular giving is necessary to sustain the operational expenses of the weekly ministries. The campaign giving should be above and beyond your regular giving.

## **What happens if we don't raise enough money?**

We fully trust that God is leading this effort and therefore, we trust him to provide. We are committed to avoiding long-term debt and we are also able to phase projects to position ourselves for future work, if needed.

## **To whom should I speak if I have further giving questions?**

Please contact our church treasurer, Allan Heney, at [ahene501@gmail.com](mailto:ahene501@gmail.com) or (816) 548-6484.

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*We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled  
with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and  
understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord,  
fully pleasing to him...*

*Colossians 1:9b-10a*