



Ministry Investment Campaign



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Grounded in Faith — Growing to Serve

Our Ministry Investment Campaign

Almost 30 years ago, Grace Bible Church was started by six families who saw the need for a church with a specific outreach to families with kids. And through the years that vision has been fulfilled, as many kids have found a true and lasting relationship with God on the campus of GBC. Those first kids have all grown up, and some are still a part of our congregation.

But there is a new group of kids now, with many more to come in future years.

Can you see them? Do you hear the laughter? Do you sense the heartfelt connections being made as our kids play, learn, and grow together?

Like a farmer visualizing the harvest to come, take a moment to imagine the joyful experiences of the children who will not only grow and play, but meet Jesus and learn to love him in our new facilities.

Imagine the lives that will be forever changed because we had this vision now, and took the steps to make it happen. Just as our founding families can look around today and see their vision fulfilled, one day you'll be able to look back and know you were a part of making sure their vision will live far into the future.

Like farmers who prepare the soil and nurture their young shoots in order to one day harvest the fruits of their labor, we at Grace Bible Church are ready to expand our field of service. The harvest is bigger than any of us can handle on our own, but by combining our resources we can make a huge difference in our community.

*“Not to us, O
Lord, not to us, but
to your name goes
all the glory for
your unfailing love
and faithfulness.”*

(PSALM 115:1 NLT)



“Remember this — a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. ‘For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.’ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”
(2 COR. 9: 6-8 NLT)

Grace Bible Church is grounded in faith, and growing to serve: to serve our community in a new and exciting way. For that reason, we’re launching a Ministry Investment Campaign.

- **Ministry:** because that’s the call God places on his Church – to make disciples, teaching people about the love and grace of God.
- **Investment:** because God’s call requires us to give sacrificially of our time, talent, and treasure, to accomplish the task he lays before us – building the Kingdom of God – and that’s one investment that guarantees an amazing return.
- **Campaign:** because this requires not a one-time effort, but an ongoing mission to accomplish something that will forever change the lives of people in this community.

Our community is growing and changing.

As we have seen from our MOPS group (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers), there are many more families with children of all ages in our community.

The Elementary school enrollment hits a new high every year. A few years ago, a new high school was built to accommodate the rapidly growing teen population. As a result, our Sunday school and youth facilities are no longer adequate to meet the demands of ministry in our community. We need to grow to meet those challenges.

We are undertaking our Ministry Investment Campaign, titled “Grounded in Faith – Growing to Serve,” to raise funds to construct a new classroom building on our campus, which will help us keep pace with the growth in our community.

The goal is to raise \$350,000 over the next three years. The construction will be on a pay-as-you-go basis without incurring any additional debt.

While the Ministry Investment Campaign is designed to accomplish a building goal, the deeper value is about spiritual growth and outreach to our community. The leadership of GBC strongly believes that as we come together with a common goal, our congregation will grow in unity, faith, and spiritual maturity.

To meet this goal we will have to increase our dependency on God. We believe this campaign will draw us deeper into prayer, and make us bolder in our faith, and more confident in God’s sufficiency.

Our congregation will raise these funds based upon each person’s level of resources, which means that some will give small amounts while others will give more. We believe God desires equal faith, resulting in equal devotion and equal sacrifice.

Equal sacrifice does not mean equal gifts. We do not have equal resources, so we should not think in terms of equal gifts. But we are all equal in our ability to sacrifice. Sacrifice means we must allow our giving to affect our lifestyle.

This concept is not new to Grace Bible Church. Through two different Ministry Investment Campaigns (1996 and 2003) our current facilities rose from the sacrificial giving of God’s people. Some of those who were here from the beginning, and were a part of that vision, are still with us today.

God’s word teaches that everything we have belongs to Him.

The more we receive, the more we can give. Christians should give freely as God’s Spirit leads and enables. Therefore, we can challenge each other to give over and above our regular offerings as we are blessed by God. Every gift is important, no matter what the amount may be. Every penny will be used wisely and with integrity, with the ultimate goal always in mind: reaching future generations for Christ.

Can you see them? Do you hear the laughter? Do you sense the heartfelt connections being made as our kids play, learn, and grow together? You will make many more of these moments possible through your giving.



Can you see them? Do you hear the laughter?



Save These Dates!

- **October 20, 21 and 22:**
Fellowship groups
- **November 3 – 4:**
Prayer weekend
- **November 6 – 11:**
Week of devotional readings and household prayer
- **November 15:**
Students meeting
- **December 3:**
Celebration Event Dinner
- **December 10:**
Commitment Sunday and Cornerstone Offering
- **December 11–16:**
Commitment card response contacts
- **December 17:**
Report results
- **December 2017–December 2020:**
Giving period

Let’s Commit!

Your decision to participate in this ministry opportunity should come through prayer and a personal conviction that the Lord is leading you to give these gifts. You may find that a sacrificial response may mean that your lifestyle and plans will change in order so that you can give. *A small weekly sacrifice can add up and make a big difference!*

You and your family will be invited to attend our Celebration Event Dinner on December 3, 2017. You will be given a commitment card at that event. The commitment card is a way to register what you plan to give as a statement of your giving intentions and is not legally binding.

This commitment card is important because it will help you set a goal for your personal giving. Without a written commitment the best of intentions tend to fade, and many people never fulfill their commitment. But the commitment card will help you plan your giving in whatever way works best for you; weekly or monthly.

The commitment schedule continues for three years (156 weeks). However, if some other time schedule works better for you, the commitment is flexible. This commitment card helps church leadership plan for the full three years, with a much better idea of future cash flow for construction.

This commitment should be above and beyond your regular giving, since a gift to the campaign should not subtract from present giving to Grace Bible Church’s ministries and budget.

The easiest way to be sure you fulfill your commitment is to give online. Our online giving portal, available on our website (www.gbscl.com), allows you to schedule automatic giving, at the amount and frequency of your choice.

While we always recommend being cautious with credit cards, some have used their credit card to give online because they accumulate air miles or other benefits.

Your gift is tax-deductible. Income tax receipts will be issued by the church. It is possible to give up to 50% of your income to the church and include it as an itemized deduction on Schedule A of your tax return.

Be creative!

There are many ways in which gifts can be given towards this Ministry Investment Campaign.

- **Matching gifts:** Some corporations or employers will match a gift to the church by an equal amount. Check with your employer or corporation.
- **Bequests:** Everyone should have a last will document that states how you would like your estate to be divided among your heirs. In your will you can make the church a beneficiary. Ask a qualified accountant or attorney to help you with these estate options.
- **Stocks, bonds, real estate:** Capital gains taxes can often be avoided by giving appreciated assets to the church.

Remember, no one at any time will be told what he or she ought to give. This is entirely a personal matter. If some persons cannot or choose not to make a commitment, there is no pressure to do so. We value our people not for what they give or do, but because they are part of Grace Bible Church. We are hopeful that everyone in our church will consider making a gift commitment in some way.

We CAN do it!

\$350,000 seems like a lot of money, doesn’t it? But it really isn’t when you look at it from the standpoint of each of us giving as the Lord enables. For example, if 77 of us were to offer the following amounts over the 3-year period:

- Two gifts of \$25,000. \$ 50,000
- 10 gifts of \$10,000 average (\$64/wk). . . . \$100,000
- 65 gifts of \$3,120 average (\$20/wk). \$202,800
- 77 gifts total \$352,800

When we join together to give our offerings, each according to his or her ability, we will accomplish whatever the Lord wants us to do!

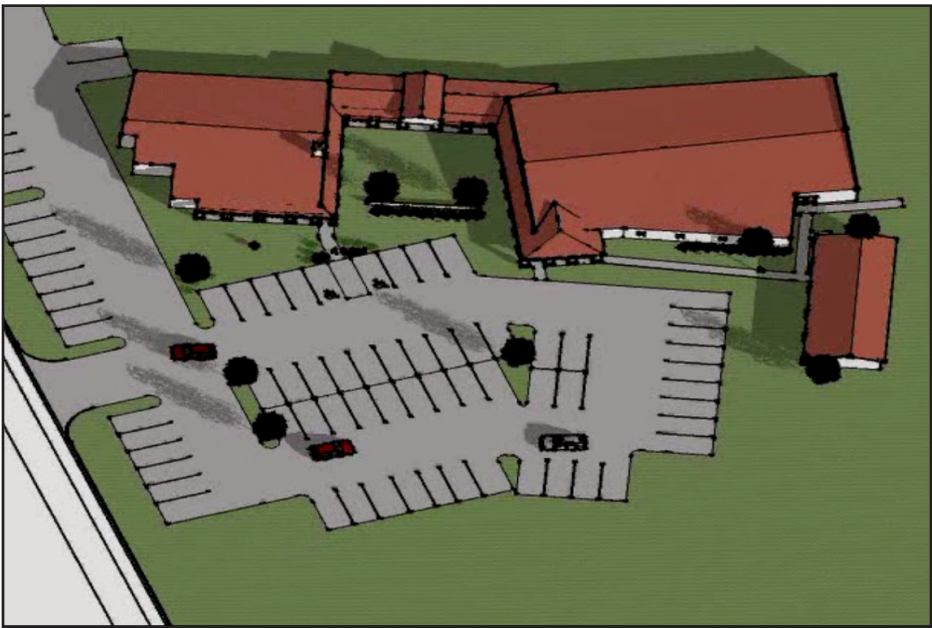
See how it adds up!

IF I GIVE WEEKLY...	
PER WEEK	IN 156 WEEKS
\$ 5	\$ 750
\$ 10	\$ 1,560
\$ 15	\$ 2,340
\$ 20	\$ 3,120
\$ 25	\$ 3,900
\$ 50	\$ 7,800
\$ 100	\$15,600
\$ 200	\$ 31,200
\$ 250	\$ 39,000

IF I GIVE MONTHLY...	
PER MO.	IN 36 MONTHS
\$ 25	\$ 900
\$ 50	\$ 1,800
\$ 100	\$ 3,600
\$ 200	\$ 7,200
\$ 350	\$ 12,600
\$ 500	\$ 18,000

HOW OUR COMBINED GIFTS COULD LOOK:	
PER MO.	IN 36 MONTHS
\$ 2,500	\$ 90,000
\$ 5,000	\$ 180,000
\$ 7,500	\$ 270,000
\$ 10,000	\$ 360,000

Initial Classroom Building Design Concept



“For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.”
(2 COR. 8:3 NLT)



Who will be leading this project?

- Chairs: Tom Watson, Fred Harris
- Managers: Kellyanne Brandt, Barbara Harrington
- Fellowship groups: Carl Heise, Earlene Palmer
- Prayer: Fred Harris
- Students: Randy & Jana Jordan
- Celebration Service: Mindi Heise
 - Refreshments: Debra Watson, Linda Harris
 - Children’s party: Jami Wiseman
 - Decorations: Jana Jordan
- Commitment responses: Rachel Hake
- Follow-up: Lara Frederick
- Publicity/Media: Randy & Nancy Lee

How do I get started?

On Sunday, December 10th, we will have a Commitment Sunday and Cornerstone Offering. This initial response is a one-time offering that is given at the beginning of the 156-week giving period. It is understood to be an initial gift, down payment, or large amount.

Special campaign envelopes will be issued to you every

quarter. It’s important for you to use these envelopes in your giving in order to differentiate the gifts from your regular budget giving. Just drop these envelopes into the offering baskets.

As an alternative, you may also use our online giving option. Just go to our website and click on the “GIVE” menu. You will be redirected to our portal where you will be required to complete a one-time registration. Then you can select the fund you to which you are giving and enter an amount. At this point you may also automate your giving.

How much will this project cost?

These are our priorities for the Grounded in Faith–Growing to Serve campaign:

- Classroom building \$270,000
- Equipping the building \$ 25,000
- Courtyard \$ 20,000
- Sanctuary tech upgrades \$ 15,000
- Gym improvements..... \$ 20,000
- TOTAL \$350,000

A letter from your Pastor



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
Inviting Your World to Experience God's Grace

Dear Members and Friends,

From our earliest days, Grace Bible Church has been built on a vision. It has been a vision of working together under God's guidance to declare the wonder of God's grace in Christ Jesus; a vision of reaching out to individuals and families, inviting them to experience God's grace in their own lives. Our buildings and facilities are tools that we use to accomplish that vision. But as our community has grown and changed, we are finding that our facilities are lagging behind.

To further develop our facilities and resources, we are launching our Ministry Investment Campaign, "GROUNDED IN FAITH • GROWING TO SERVE." As we move into this campaign, let us fix our eyes on a vision that will enrich and broaden the future ministry of our church, impacting and transforming lives throughout our community.

The theme of our campaign is "Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts." In 2 Corinthians 8:12, the Apostle Paul writes:

*"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly.
And give according to what you have, not what you don't have."*

Our giving should be in direct proportion to our resources, which means that some will give large amounts and others smaller amounts, but we can all be equal if we each consider making a lifestyle change in order to give.

This stewardship campaign is meant to challenge us to grow in love and good deeds so that we respond generously with all that God has entrusted to us. The challenge for us is to give "over and above" our regular offering for the next 156 weeks (or three years) to accomplish this vision.

In addition to the growth of ministry space, we know that God promises to use our sacrificial giving as a source of individual blessing too. Jesus said:

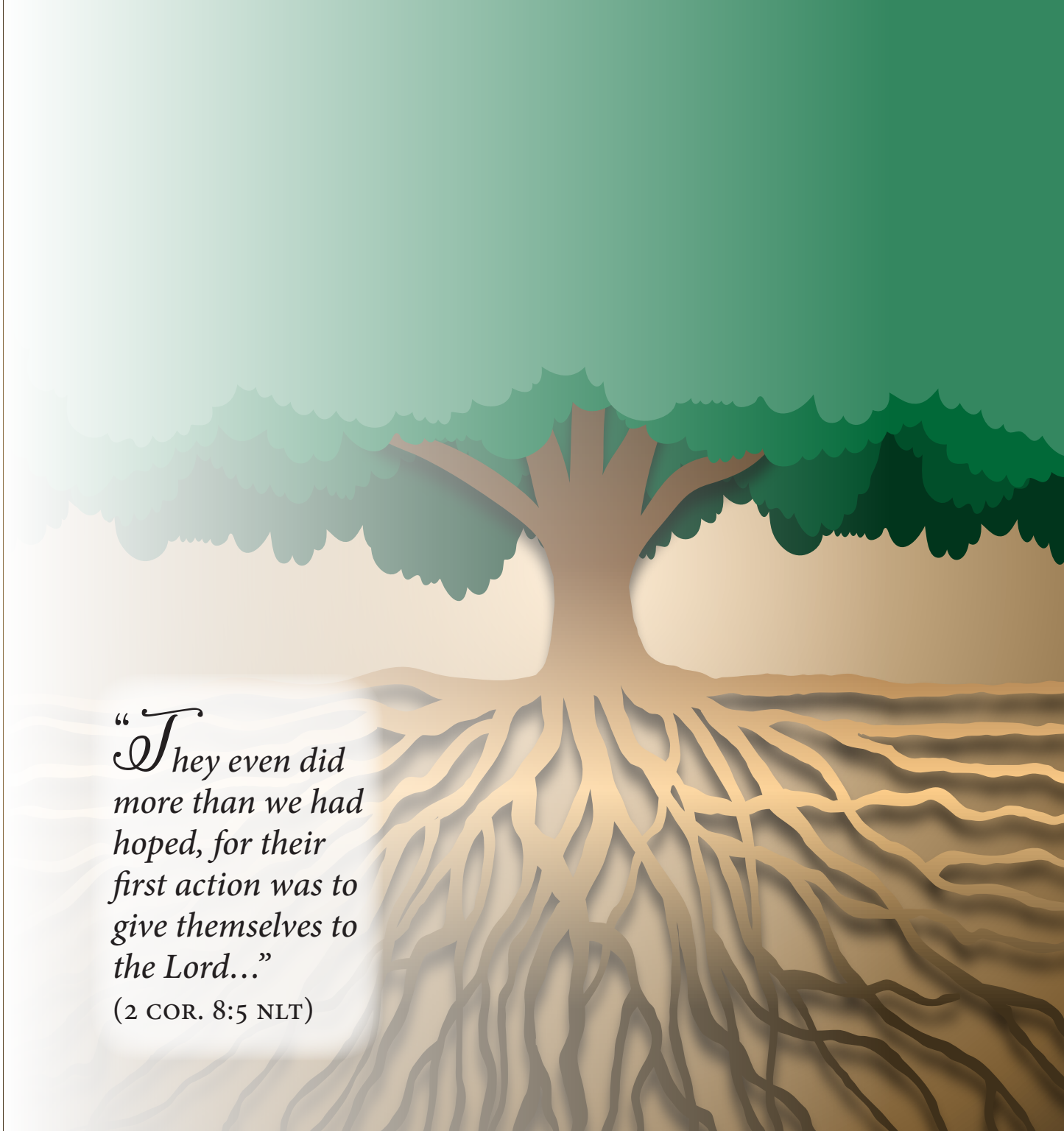
*"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, and running over..." LUKE 6:38*

The time is now. The challenge is before us. And Grace Bible Church is ready to move forward, in faith, and with confidence that God will bless our efforts.

With you in God's Service,

Pastor Dave

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*"They even did
more than we had
hoped, for their
first action was to
give themselves to
the Lord..."*

(2 COR. 8:5 NLT)