

Mission, Vision, and Strategy of Grace Fellowship

Our Mission

Grace Fellowship exists to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

Grace Fellowship is a community of faith where each person:

- BELIEVES in Jesus Christ and has a growing faith.
- BELONGS to a Grace Group and is connected with others believers.
- BECOMES more like Jesus daily in attitude and action.

Our Strategy

We will move toward achieving our vision through Worship, Small Groups, and Elder Shepherding.

Worship

- The preeminent focus of our worship services will be to bring glory to God.
- Elements of worship will include prayer, music, member praises and testimonies, and the preaching of God's Word.
- The music will be a blend of hymns and praise songs designed to lead all to worship in spirit and in truth.
- Preaching will be an exposition of the truths contained in the Bible without compromise or apology having a balance of Christian beliefs, virtues, and practices.
- The goal of each worship service will be to glorify God by introducing the lost to the Savior and teaching and challenging believers to apply God's truths to their daily lives.
- Age appropriate student worship will prepare the young mind and soul to honor and praise God.

Small Groups

- Grace Fellowship focuses on being a church of small groups called Grace Groups which are not just one program among many but are central to everything we do.
- Grace Groups are where authentic relationships are built, Biblical truths are examined and applied, and spiritual growth displays itself through serving and sharing outside the walls of the church building. In short, it is where BECOMING is accomplished. Grace Group members will be encouraged to complete an annual spiritual self-assessment. The self-assessment should be used by group members to encourage and hold one another accountable through the year.
- Our ministry teams; e.g., Missions Team, Prayer Team, etc., will provide support to the Grace Groups to assist them in carrying out their central role in the church. In addition, these teams will continue to provide leadership in church-wide activities.
- Preschool and Student ministry will focus on introducing young people to a personal belief in Christ and laying a foundation for spiritual growth.
- Other small groups that are not Grace Groups meet on Sunday mornings and offer traditional Sunday morning Bible studies along with foundational studies aimed at strengthening the believer's understanding of the truths of the Bible, identifying individual's spiritual gifts, and assisting believers in living out their Christian faith.
- Our goal is that each member of Grace Fellowship becomes an active participant in a Grace Group.

Elder Shepherding

- Provide oversight of the flock by ensuring that new believers are aware of and encouraged to attend foundational studies that will provide them a basic understanding of the teachings of Christ as a foundation for continuing spiritual growth.
- Assist all those who unite with Grace Fellowship in finding and becoming involved in a Grace Group.
- Regularly pray for each member and regular attender of Grace Fellowship.
- Contact members who have been absent from Worship services and/or Grace Groups for an extended period of time to discover if they have specific prayer needs and to provide encouragement for their return.

Summary

This strategy is designed to move us towards our vision. It consists of Worship, Small Groups, and Elder Shepherding. This strategy will drive all our actions and is summarized visually in the following graphic.

