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ANNUAL
REPORT



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HELLO GRACE FAMILY!

We always look forward to putting together this annual report for you. What a blessing it is to look back at the past year at Grace and reflect on what God has done in, through and around us.

2023 brought many changes and accomplishments! Most notably, we wrapped up our building project and moved our children's ministry and staff offices into the new wing and celebrated our Grand Opening on September 24th, with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the City of Universal City. We also prayed over the new children's, students, and staff office areas.

This year has seen Grace reaching beyond our walls to share God's love through mission trips to Malawi and Mexico, local outreach projects with Habitat for Humanity and St. Jude's, recovery and support groups that minister to those hurting during seasons of loss, PTSD, and addictions. What an honour to be used by God to help bring hope and healing to the people around us!

Grace witnessed growth, both spiritually and numerically, over the past year. Lives have, and continue to be, transformed and relationships strengthened. More people have been in impact groups and discipleship groups. We've had more community outreach opportunities through local Easter egg hunts, pumpkin patches, and Trunk or Treat. Our kids church has grown by leaps and bounds! All of this (and more!) is a testament to the faithfulness of our congregation and the guiding hand of God. We are truly blessed to be a part of a church family that seeks to live out the Gospel in both word and deed.

We're heading into 2024 with excitement and a spirit of anticipation, knowing that God's plans for us are filled with hope and purpose. May we continue to be a beacon of light in our community, reflecting the love and compassion of Christ in all that we do.

On the journey together,
Darren



ATTENDANCE

2022 vs 2023 Total In-Person Attendance

2022 515

2023 619

20%

PERCENTAGE INCREASE

1,169

EASTER AND GOOD FRIDAY ATTENDANCE

830

CHRISTMAS EVE ATTENDANCE



107

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES EXECUTED

213

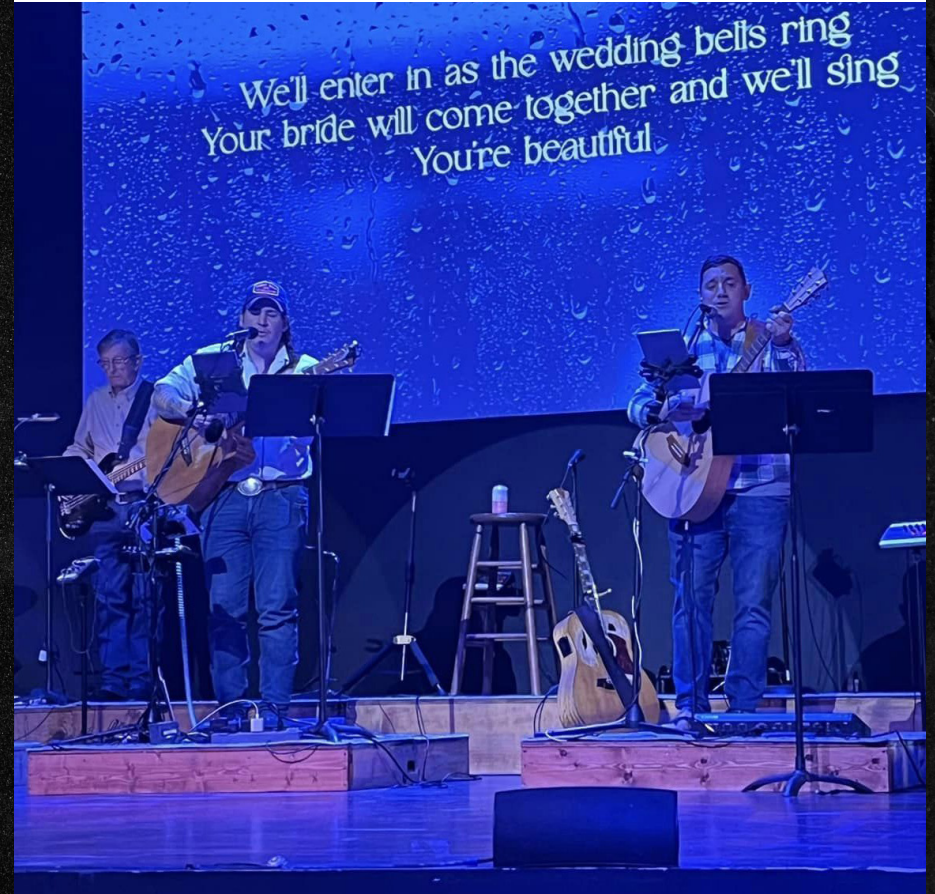
TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES BROADCAST ONLINE

WORSHIP & CREATIVE ARTS

19 folks involved in worship and tech team

3,498 hours spent by volunteers in their volunteering

7 new team members



10

NEW SONGS INTRODUCED

MOST PLAYED SONGS:

- Jesus Changed My Life (Katy Nichole) (10)
- In Wonder (Newsboys) (9)
- Keep Having Mercy on Me (Aaron Pile) (9)

579

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUESTS



247

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUEST GIFTS GIVEN



58

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW PEOPLE WHO WENT THROUGH INTRO



17

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED NEXT STEPS

25

NEW PARTNERS

“

Serving God at Grace Community Church has been an enormous blessing to my life! My relationship with my wife has improved greatly, my connection with my family is more effective, my ability to assist friends has increased, and the willingness in my heart to help others in need has escalated. – Ben Guerrero

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FAMILY MINISTRY

STUDENTS

- 35** Average Weekly Attendance
- 140** Total number of unique students who attended

ELEMENTARY

- 71** Elementary Average Attendance
- 344** Total number of unique elementary kids who attended

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- 47** Early Childhood Average Attendance
- 222** Total number of unique EC kids who attended



CAMP & RETREAT ATTENDANCE

- **26** kids
- **34** students
(**12** to All Church Retreat, **8** to Super Summer, & **14** to Camp)

61
KIDS RESPONDED
TO A CALL OF FAITH

14
VOLUNTEERS IN
STUDENTS MINISTRY

67
VOLUNTEERS IN
KIDS MINISTRY

VBS STATS

206
TOTAL NUMBER OF
KIDS REGISTERED

175
AVERAGE DAILY
ATTENDANCE

90
TOTAL
VOLUNTEERS

2,550
SNACKS
MADE

BIGGEST VBS EVER!



SALVATIONS

- **9** said 1st time
- **52** indicated decision made & ready to be baptized
- **28** baptisms on VBS Sunday
(**20** kids, **4** students & **4** adults)
Most of the kids & students came to/volunteered for VBS.

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Just wanted to drop you a note to say thank you so much for all you and all of your assistants are doing to make VBS great! [My son] is enjoying it. As an educator, I know all too well how much planning and preparation goes into delivering a message. So, THANK YOU! – VBS Parent

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36

TOTAL NUMBER OF IMPACT GROUPS

683

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN GROUPS

58

TOTAL NUMBER OF GROUP LEADERS

123

NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED IN MEN'S EVENTS



“ In Big Bend, you trade sweat for solitude and the opportunity to marvel in God’s creation. – AJ Corcoran ”

“ The day, when we walked in solitude, was an incredible spiritual experience as we were alone with ourselves and God’s beautiful creation. It was so quiet it felt as if you could converse with God with no worldly distractions. It is definitely a trip I will be doing every year if possible.” - Alex Laguardia ”

“

This past year was my first time joining an impact group and I was so grateful that I did. I was hesitant on doing so, trying to find all excuses on how I couldn’t add another thing to my schedule but with the Holy Spirit convicting me to, I joined. God knew that during the season my family is in that I needed the group of amazing ladies and two amazing leaders in my impact group, to help me through with their support and prayer. The friendships made and the spiritual growth I made were so worth it. I am very happy to report that I am already registered for an impact group this new year and encourage anyone who is on the fence or trying to “make excuses” to take the jump and join an impact group and be amazed on how God works through your time in each meeting. – Alex Reed

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70

NUMBER INVOLVED IN TABLE OF 6 GROUPS

359

NUMBER OF WOMEN INVOLVED IN WOMEN'S EVENTS



“ Lynn Barker shared that her Party of 6 leader “Never gave up on her” during their monthly meetings. ”

“ Sara Martin Del Campo shared “Great group of ladies, felt trust within group, and experienced a lot of spiritual growth.” Now she will lead a group in 2024. ”

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MISSIONS/OUTREACH

75
SALVATIONS

\$7,910
GIVEN TO COMMUNITY/
MINISTRY PARTNERS

59
BAPTISMS



Number of people who participated in a mission trip:

5
AFRICA

42
MEXICO



“

The opportunity to serve in Malawi impacted my personal walk with the Lord in a tremendous way. Seeing the faith and the love for Jesus in the people I met there challenged my spirit and inspired me to be more disciplined in my walk with God and to be more open to where and how He wants to use me.

- Belinda Maddox

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Number of Volunteers – 50
Number of Eggs – over 13,000
Approximate Number of People – 1,500+
Money Given/Spent on Event – \$2000



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Number of Volunteers – 13
Task completed – LANDSCAPING, SOD PLACEMENT, PLANTED TWO TREES



FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Number of Volunteers – 20
Approximate Number of People – 1,000+



TRUNK OR TREAT

Estimated Attendance – 750+
Estimated amount of candy given – 200 lbs
Total number of trunks – 15 TRUNKS



CAFE

(Opened Sept 23)

\$1,219.51
RAISED TO HELP SUPPORT
MINISTRY AT GRACE



144
MEALS DELIVERED
TO 24 FAMILIES

\$4,341
GIVEN TO 7 FAMILIES

“

It has been amazing to see the hands and feet of God blessing us in so many different ways through the Grace Care Team. From prayers, cards, meals, and hospital visits during times of illness and surgeries, to helping us pack up our home to move, the Care Team has come alongside us in incredible ways. God saved me for a purpose and we beyond blessed by the love of our Father through our church family. – Ronnie Kramer

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RECOVERY GROUPS

4

RECOVERY/SUPPORT
GROUPS OFFERED

93

PEOPLE COMPLETED
RECOVERY/SUPPORT GROUPS

Total Yearly Need - \$1,384,637

Total Weekly Need - \$26,628

\$1,265,147
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED (TITHES,
OFFERINGS, SPECIAL/DESIGNATED GIFTS)

\$1,237,573
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$1,215,395
TOTAL TITHES/OFFERINGS RECEIVED

\$23,372
AVERAGE GIVEN PER WEEK



408
TOTAL GIVERS

120
TOTAL 1ST
TIME GIVERS



\$3,061
AVERAGE GIFT PER
FAMILY UNIT

78
AVERAGE NUMBER OF
GIVING UNITS PER WEEK

BUDGET 2024

Total 2024 need: \$1,383,454

Total weekly budget need: \$26,605

