



God's Kingdom Rising

at Grace Point and Beyond

2024 - 2025 Annual Report



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I still remember the anticipation stirred by these watershed verses early in our study of the Gospel of Mark:

*Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
(Mark 1:14-15)*

The time was right. Like a stealth operative infiltrating a war zone, Jesus had come on the scene and the Kingdom of God was rising. Not loudly, but quietly. Not attracting widespread attention at first, but rather knocking on the doors of hearts, one person at a time.

God's Kingdom has been rising ever since, one heart at a time, with the ultimate goal of displacing all the broken and idolatrous kingdoms of the earth. This should lead us to the up-close-and-personal question: What does it look like for God's Kingdom to come, to rise at Grace Point? What does it look like for us to submit more and more to the Kingship of Jesus through our obedience to His call on our lives?

For one thing, it looks like an intentionality around becoming more fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. Here's what that looks like:

We get to be **Apprentices** who learn and live the way of Jesus, which includes being salt and light in our broken world.

We get to be **Bridge Builders** who reflect Jesus by crossing boundaries: cultural, ethnic, socio-economic, and otherwise.

We get to be **Cultivators** who engage with others in missional living
Here & Near.

We get to be **Disciple-Multipliers** who equip and multiply followers
of Jesus, even to the ends of the earth.

And all this with a view toward one glorious day when Jesus will take His throne fully
and finally, as King over all:

*Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices
in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the
kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."
(Revelation 11:15)*

Can you hear the strains of the "Hallelujah Chorus"? Can you feel the thrill of anticipation
as you dream of what the world will be like when King Jesus sets all things right?

And so we pray: May Your Kingdom come!
in our world
in our country
in Pennsylvania
in Bucks County
in Newtown
in our church
in my heart.

Praying with you for His Kingdom to come more fully among us,

Dave



Our Mission:



To Help More People Become Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Our Vision:



Building Bridges for Life Change Through Christ

Seasonal Groups

A New Way to Belong, Grow, and Journey Together



This year, we launched something new in our Groups Ministry—Seasonal Groups—and wow, what a gift they’ve been! We kicked things off in February and again in June, and over 150 people jumped in to experience this fresh way of doing group life.

Seasonal Groups run for 4–12 weeks and are offered three times a year—in February, June, and October. The whole idea is to create easy opportunities for people to connect. There are different topics, leaders, and meeting times each round, so there’s something for just about everyone. Whether you’re brand new to Grace Point or have been around for years, it’s a great way to meet others and grow in your faith.

This format has opened up the door for so many folks:

- Life Groups like Colleen and David Bigam’s have joined a Seasonal Group together, enjoying new content while getting to know new faces.
- People like Diane Chasse signed up because the topic caught her attention—and found connection in the process.
- Chris and Holly DiJoseph took a step into group life for the very first time, after years of attending Grace Point, and found joy in both the people and the marriage enrichment content.
- John Anastasi shared how much he values the meaningful conversations that only happen in a group setting.
- Leaders like Jordan Huber joined to meet new people and invite them into deeper community.
- And Darrell and Mindy Benjamin loved leading their group and finally having time to connect with people they’d only waved to on a Sunday morning.

Seasonal Groups are such a simple and powerful way to build community. They’re short-term, low-pressure, and high-impact. Whether you’re testing the waters or looking for something fresh, there’s a spot for you.

And we’re just getting started! Seasonal Groups are here to stay—with a steady rhythm of opportunities each year to help people get connected.

Come find your place to belong, grow spiritually, and journey together through every season of life.

Joan Zeberlein

Rolling into Community:

Grace Point's Roller-Skating Party

On Wednesday, March 5, the Grace Point family laced up their skates and hit the rink at Philly Skate Plex for an unforgettable night of fun, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. With 127 people in attendance, the energy was high as families, friends, and first-time guests glided across the floor, some with confidence and others with cautious enthusiasm.

From the moment people arrived, the excitement was contagious. Some came dressed in their best retro skating outfits, while others opted for casual comfort, ready to take on the challenge of roller skating—or rollerblading! The night was full of laughter, music, and shared moments, as experienced skaters helped beginners find their balance and groups formed impromptu skating trains around the rink.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the evening was seeing families invite their friends, creating an atmosphere where new relationships could form. Whether reconnecting with church friends or meeting someone new, the event provided a natural way to build connections outside of Sunday morning services. It was a reminder that church is more than a place—it's a community.

Throughout the night, the rink pulsed with energy as people tried new moves, played skating games, and took well-earned breaks to catch up over snacks. For some, it was a nostalgic return to childhood, while for others, it was their first experience on wheels. No matter their skill level, everyone had a chance to participate, encourage one another, and make memories together.

As the night wound down, the smiles, tired legs, and shared stories were evidence of a successful event. The roller-skating party was more than just a fun night out—it was a celebration of community, an opportunity to invite others into our church family, and a chance to simply enjoy being together.

Grace Point is committed to creating spaces where people can connect, grow, and share life. The skating party was just one of many ways we seek to build relationships and live out our mission beyond the walls of the church.

We can't wait for the next opportunity to roll, laugh, and grow together!



GRACE POINT MEN



Men's Discipleship is Growing!



In February 2025, the GP Men launched "Every Man a Warrior" (EMAW) discipleship groups with a desire to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus and become disciple makers at home, in the church, and in their communities. Year to date, 25 men have participated in EMAW discipleship, and new groups will be forming in 2026. The discipleship groups teach men the spiritual disciplines of scripture memorization, quiet time meditations, and prayer. The study material covers priorities that men value most in life, such as marriage, raising children, and making their lives count for God. Below are comments from group participants:

"The EMAW group is a place where God uses His Word and other men to help grow me more into His likeness."
-Keith

"The GP discipleship group has been a meaningful and challenging journey that not only deepened my walk with Jesus but also connected me with a brotherhood of men pursuing the same goal. The focus on Scripture memory has grounded me in truth and equipped me to face life's challenges with wisdom and confidence."
-John

"EMAW will benefit every man who makes the commitment by taking them further in his spiritual walk, and in getting to know his brothers in Christ in a better way than regular conversations ever could."
-Jeff

Please keep the GP Men's discipleship groups in your prayers for continued growth and dedication to the great commission of disciple-making. [Matthew 28:18-20]

Special Needs *Ministry*

The goal of the Special Needs Ministry is to support individuals and families dealing with any type of special needs so they have the opportunity to become more fully committed followers of Jesus Christ. Our faithful group of teachers and classroom buddies consists of some who have prior special needs experience and some who do not. We currently serve numerous families in Kids and Student Ministries with inclusion and individualized support. We also offer a monthly Parent Support Group for sharing and encouragement. In all these areas, we are seeing children and families growing in their relationship with God and connecting with the community here at Grace Point.

Last year, we opened our Special Needs Classroom as an option for kids who would not thrive with classroom inclusion with a buddy. We are currently at capacity in that room based on room size and staffing. We have a growing waitlist for the Special Needs Classroom as well as for inclusion buddies on Sunday mornings. As one of the few churches in this area with a Special Needs Ministry, there is the possibility for tremendous growth with exciting opportunities on the horizon. With the majority of special needs parents citing a welcoming attitude toward their children as the most helpful support they receive from the church, everyone can be a part of the Special Needs Ministry.

Sheri Girgenti
Special Needs Coordinator



Women's Ministry



filled with sweet fellowship, yummy meals, rest, fun games, walks on the beach, and beautiful sunsets!

Serving our community together, we were honored to host a baby shower for the Rock Women's Care Center in Kensington in June 2025. The church was so generous in giving practical items, gifts, and Bibles for the shower. One family was particularly blessed at the shower, and the inventory at the Care Center is now filled as well.

Our Quilters Ministry continues to meet on the third Saturday of each month and donates the quilts they make in Christ's name to various ministries in our area to bless children who are ill or in need. Women's Outreach & Fellowship creates crafts and blankets to share the kindness and Gospel of Christ to children in need in Philadelphia and beyond. Our "Club W" Widows Ministry is available to women whose husbands have passed. It is an honor to serve these women.



We hosted another *SerenDIPity ~ Celebrating Dips, Faith & Friendship*, and a *Puzzling Personalities ~ Your Piece in Relational Harmony* event with Dr. Sheryl Vasso, who taught us through Scripture how God has designed us individually and to live in unity and peace with one another. The Women's Christmas Tea in December 2024 was back at Grace Point in The Commons, to the delight of many women.

The Lord has brought together an amazing team of women who are part of the Women's Ministry Leadership Team. They are eager to serve the women of Grace Point and our community. We give God the glory for all the wonderful things He is doing in the hearts and lives of our women!

"I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your Word." (Psalm 119:16)

Sharon Sloan



At Grace Point, our Women's Ministry exists for women of every age and season of life to nurture growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ our Savior, to delight and abide in His Word, to cherish and share the Gospel, to gather in fellowship, and to engage in service in our community and beyond.

Our Bible Studies are the foundation of our ministry. God has blessed us with a few hundred women in all seasons of life attending various Bible studies and discussion groups offered throughout the year. Over the last year, we have had over 100 women participate in reading through the Bible in a year together. Bible studies are the heartbeat of our ministry, and we are so thankful for those who commit their time to gather and grow in the Lord and His Word.

Our April 2025 retreat was enjoyed by 70 women. Matthew 11:28 was our theme verse for this "Come to Me" weekend away. Lucille Osborn gave us rich teaching, and we were all encouraged and challenged by God's Word. The weekend was also



Global Missions at Grace Point

(2024–2025)

At Grace Point, our mission strategy flows directly from Jesus' command in Matthew 28 and Acts 1:8—to make disciples of all nations, from our own neighborhoods (“Here”), to those regionally near but culturally distant (“Near”), and to the unreached across the world (“Far”).

This past year, under the leadership of our Pastor of Missions, we have clarified our commitment to **church planting among unreached people groups** as the core of our global focus. We believe missions should prioritize work where access to the gospel is limited or nonexistent, rather than duplicating efforts where local churches already exist. Relief work and compassion are essential, but always under the umbrella of gospel proclamation and church planting.

Locally, we have continued to challenge our church to live missionally in everyday life, serving as Jesus' hands and feet in our families, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Our Near efforts engage communities in our region with cultural or economic barriers to the gospel.

Globally, we are transitioning from our five-year partnership with Horizon's International in Lebanon, where we've supported various ministries despite travel limitations due to unrest and COVID-19. A trip in 2025 will celebrate this fruitful relationship and close that chapter well.

Looking ahead, we are exploring a new global opportunity in Jordan with World Team, in partnership with several local churches. This initiative invites us to be proactive—not just reacting to missionary requests, but intentionally identifying and sending people who align with our focus.

Our short-term mission trips are designed not as projects, but as opportunities to serve missionaries, learn humbly, and return changed—more committed to pray, give, send, or even go long-term.

We remain committed to developing a healthy, focused missions culture that reflects our vision: helping more people become fully committed followers of Jesus.

Jason Guynes





Grace Point Student Ministry

Year-in-Review

This year has been an exciting and transformative season for our Student Ministry as we are actively shepherding 170 students. We have witnessed God move in powerful and personal ways—deepening faith, forming lasting friendships, and igniting hearts for His mission.

Our weekly youth group gatherings provided a vibrant space for worship, biblical teaching, and meaningful conversations about Scripture and real-life challenges. Testimonies from our youth leaders inspired students to grow in their relationship with Jesus and to stand firm in their faith. Small groups became a trusted environment where students could be open, pray together, and walk in accountability and encouragement. As a result of this spiritual growth, 13 students made the decision to be baptized.

Our winter and summer retreats were key highlights, drawing more than 60 students for a time of worship, teaching, and community. These moments led to significant spiritual decisions—many students recommitted their lives to Christ.

Throughout the year, students actively served both the church and the broader community. Whether volunteering in Children's Ministry, helping with Family Fun Fest, or pouring their hearts into Vacation Bible School, our students embraced the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus. These experiences not only shaped their character but also instilled a genuine passion for living out the Gospel through service.

We're especially proud of our senior class, who have led with humility and vision. As they move on, we are excited to see how God will use them next.

Looking ahead, we are praying for continued growth, unity, and spiritual renewal. God is doing something special in this ministry, and we can't wait to see what's next.

Jeremy Davis



One Winter Night



We hosted 1,800 people at Grace Point on December 13, 2024, for One Winter Night 2024. Many visitors that evening were guests who don't regularly attend Grace Point, who were there to enjoy the live musical performances and take part in the evening's activities, such as the live nativity, the bonfire with s'mores and hot cider, and the horse-drawn wagon rides.

One of the highlights of the evening was our annual gift basket giveaway, which is free and for non-members only. We were able to give away 14 gift baskets this year thanks to the generosity of local businesses and members of our church community. We have gotten positive feedback about the event; some guests even told us that this is a family tradition of theirs. Another guest mentioned that they could see Jesus' love reflected in the way our greeters warmly welcomed visitors.

We are thankful for the way God continues to provide for this outreach event year after year!

Whitney Gruber & Jennifer Chung
- OWN Coordinators

Pam Houseman,
Interim Director of Children's Ministry

- **Prayer:** The transition to new leadership in Children's Ministry
- **Praise** for a growing group of special needs families, and prayer for more volunteers to feel called to this ministry.
- **Praise and Prayer** for the growing Children's Ministry numbers, as we seek to see what other programs should open and when.
- **Prayer** for children who struggle with anxiety. This has been a recurring theme from parents.
- **Prayer** for families and children working through difficult school issues at younger ages.

Jason Guynes, Pastor of Missions & Discipleship

- **Praise:** We have made a lot of progress in restructuring the Missions System and reorienting its direction in strategic ways! This includes the development of a number of teams. Three new vital teams are the Global Care Team tasked with caring for our missionaries, the Here and Near Team tasked with training, and mobilizing Grace Point people to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in our local region (the Here & Near of Acts 1:8), and finally, the Short Term Missions Team tasked with the development, scheduling and training of our future short term trips.
- **Prayer Request:** We expect spiritual attack as we move out into our community and to direct our focus on the unreached peoples of the world. Please pray the Holy Spirit guards relationships and that the tension of change does not break them down. That we will see new initiatives started with cross-cultural global workers who are working on teams to reached unreached people groups or blocks (Tribal, Hindu, Unreligious, Muslim, or Buddhist) of people in vital areas.

Dave Wolf, Lead Pastor

- **Praise:** Praise the Lord for great progress and clarity as our staff has worked to define our "Portrait of a Fully Committed Follower."
- **Prayer Request:** Pray for our LEAD Team as we work to saturate this "Portrait" throughout all of our Grace Point ministries, that we may each make great progress in becoming more like Jesus and impacting our community for His glory.

Jeremy Davis,
Pastor of Student Ministry

- **Praise:** Five more men and women have volunteered to be youth leaders and serve our students! As we continue to grow, we're praising the Lord for providing dedicated leaders.
- **Prayers:** Pray for students as they face cultural pressures. Pray for strength, wisdom, and guidance as they navigate a world full of competing values, ideas, and expectations.

Eileen Hemming, Care Coordinator

- **Praise:** Praise for all the new people who have shown interest in serving in the Care Ministry and those who are attending the orientation—that each person would get plugged in and serve with joy.
- **Prayer Request:** Please pray that the needs of the congregation will be met in meaningful ways—that we will be aware of the needs and meet them effectively. Please pray for the expansion of the Transportation Ministry —that people would utilize this service.

Sharon Sloan, Director of Women's Ministry & Administration

- **Please pray** for God's Spirit to guide and provide in every area of ministry and for Him to open hearts and minds to His truth. We thank Him for His faithfulness and the blessing to reach our community.
- **Please pray** for His bountiful fruit for His glory in every Bible study, event, community outreach, etc.
- **Please pray** that women delight in His Word, grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ, cherish and share the Gospel, gather in fellowship, and engage in service to our church, our community, and beyond.

Joan Zeberlein, Director of Connections & Volunteer Engagement

- **Groups Ministry**
Pray that every person at Grace Point finds a group where they can belong, grow spiritually, and journey through life with others in meaningful fellowship.
- **Hospitality Ministry**
Pray that our Hospitality Team continues to reflect the heart of Christ—welcoming each person with warmth, kindness, and genuine love.
- **Volunteer Engagement**
Pray for more people to step into serving roles with joy and purpose, using their God-given gifts to build up the body of Christ.

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