GRACE POINT

Deo Volente

– GOD'S WILL



2025 – 2026
Annual Report

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Deo volente as in, "Next month I'll be starting a new job, Deo volente." Or "Next year this time I'll be living closer to my family, Deo volente." Or "I'll have energy for that chore this afternoon, Deo volente."

I have experienced this phrase in a new way during my battle with Lyme disease, as we all do when we face the uncertainties of life, big and small:

- An unexpected change in employment
- Abandonment by a friend
- The harsh "new normal" after losing a loved one
- The debilitation of an illness

Times of uncertainty make us more conscious of what is always true – that is, we control virtually nothing in life; God controls all. And so, when we are hyper aware of our limitations, we become extra aware of our dependency on Him, and if we are wise, we will humbly acknowledge that any plans we may have are subject to His approval. Subject to His will.

Jesus taught us to pray: "Our Father...may Your kingdom come – may Your will be done." If you're like me, you often say those words without giving serious consideration to the fact that God's will in a given situation may be completely opposite of my will. And when that is the case, my default reaction is to fight for and try to force my will.

But rest, and peace, and freedom are found in the words "Deo volente." Hands held open before a loving Father and sovereign Lord of the universe. Hands held open to release what we would grasp; hands held open to receive what He would give.

"If the Lord wills." Deo volente. The antidote to arrogant boasting. The cultivation of humble submission.

This past year has held some unplanned twists and turns not only for me personally, but for our church family. No doubt there will be more surprises in the year ahead. Each time they come, they are reminders that our lives are under God's Lordship and control. While our selfish flesh may chafe at that, may we cooperate with the Spirit in us Who welcomes all the many opportunities day by day and hour by hour to practice the words, and the heart of Deo volente.

In Christ,

Dave Wolf

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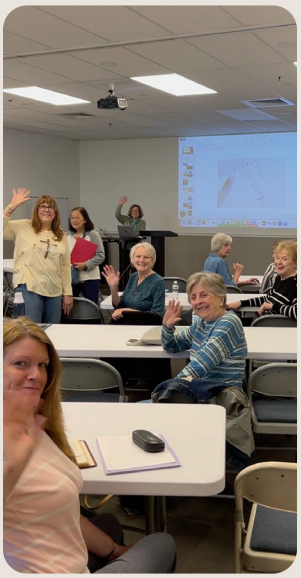
“COME NOW, YOU WHO SAY, “TODAY OR TOMORROW WE WILL GO INTO SUCH AND SUCH A TOWN AND SPEND A YEAR THERE AND TRADE AND MAKE A PROFIT”— YET YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT TOMORROW WILL BRING. WHAT IS YOUR LIFE? FOR YOU ARE A MIST THAT APPEARS FOR A LITTLE TIME AND THEN VANISHES. INSTEAD YOU OUGHT TO SAY, “IF THE LORD WILLS, WE WILL LIVE AND DO THIS OR THAT.” AS IT IS, YOU BOAST IN YOUR ARROGANCE. ALL SUCH BOASTING IS EVIL. (JAMES 4:13-16)”















Seasonal Groups 2025-2026







Throughout the 2025–2026 ministry year, our Seasonal Groups continued to be an important part of life at Grace Point. These six to eight-week Bible studies for men, women, and mixed groups created spaces where people could grow in their faith, build meaningful relationships, and encourage one another as they followed Jesus together.

As we look through the lens of our Portrait of a Fully Committed Follower of Jesus, we saw groups become places where faith was cultivated, discipleship happened naturally, bridges were built as our people invited friends to join in, and we grew as apprentices of Jesus through His Word. We gathered around God's Word, prayed for one another, shared life together, and invited others into authentic community. The seasonal format also gave many the opportunity to connect with different people throughout the year, strengthening relationships across our church family.

Some of the groups offered included:

- Growing Deeper at Grace Point
- Transforming Your Thoughts (Mental Health)
- Curious to Committed
- Bible 101
- Every Man a Warrior (Men's Ministry)
- Far-Off Saints (Missions)

We are grateful for every leader who facilitated discussion, and faithfully invested in others, as well as every person who stepped into a group for the first time or continued growing alongside others. Thank you for making Groups Ministry a place where people are known, encouraged, and equipped to take their next step with Jesus.

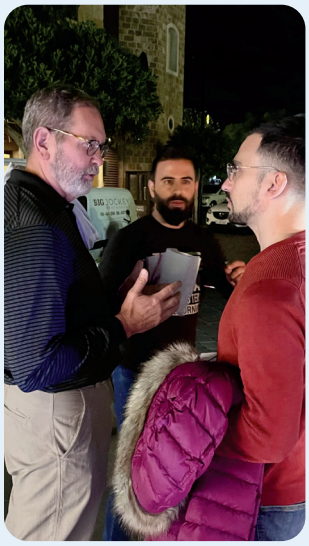






A *Partnership* for Such a Time as This







Five years of prayer, partnership, and the Gospel at work in Lebanon

What began as an opportunity to develop a missions partnership became something far more meaningful: a family of believers separated by thousands of miles, but united by the same Lord and the same passion for the Gospel.

For over five years, Grace Point partnered with Amchit Baptist Church in Lebanon, walking alongside Pastor Joseph, Rhoda, and their church family through seasons of tremendous challenge and opportunity. Together, we experienced the joy of worshiping, praying, serving, and sharing the Gospel across cultures and continents.

The journey did not unfold as anyone expected. A mission trip planned for 2020 was canceled, followed by COVID-19, the devastating Beirut explosion, Lebanon's economic crisis, and war. Yet through every closed door, God continued to open new ones. Grace Point's prayers and generosity helped Amchit Baptist remain present in its community and extend its ministry during some of Lebanon's most difficult years.

Through the partnership, Grace Point helped provide humanitarian assistance, support Pastor Joseph, serve families through the School of Hope, encourage evangelism and street ministry, and help fund the construction and launch of a café through Horizons International. Our own congregation was changed as well—through Taste of Lebanon, Parents' Nights Out, mission trips, prayer gatherings, and personal relationships that made a distant country feel like home.

Perhaps the greatest gift was discovering how little distance matters in the family of God.

While the formal partnership may be coming to a close, the relationships will remain. We leave this chapter grateful for what God has done and expectant about what He will do next.

God has broadened our vision, deepened our faith, and reminded us that His mission is far bigger than our own backyard.

> "WE GAINED AS MUCH, IF NOT MORE, FROM THEM AS WE GAVE"

looking AHEAD







The end of an official partnership is not the end of the mission. The relationships, lessons, and passion for the Great Commission that grew through these five plus years will continue to shape Grace Point as we enter the next chapter of missions.

By The Numbers

5

YEARS

of partnership and shared ministry

6,000

MILES

separating Grace Point and our Lebanese brothers and sisters

130

LOCAL CHURCHES

in the Lebanese church network through which humanitarian ministry is carried out











Vacation Bible School

From August 10–13, Grace Point's Vacation Bible School invited children to journey through history and discover the unchanging truth of Jesus. Centered on Hebrews 13:8—"*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever*"—this year's VBS reminded children that while times and cultures may change, Jesus remains faithful and His Word remains true.

Each evening, nearly 100 children gathered for a fun-filled experience that included games, snacks, crafts, worship, and engaging Bible teaching. A special nightly drama followed Professor White and a group of young time travelers as they journeyed through different eras of history. Along the way, they met heroes of faith including the prophet Isaiah, the Apostle Paul, C.S. Lewis, and composer George Frideric Handel. Each encounter pointed the children back to the same central truth: Jesus has always been at work, His message never changes, and He is worthy of our worship in every generation.

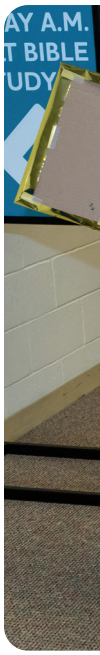
The final journey took the children into the future, where they imagined the new creation described in Revelation and were reminded of the hope we have because Jesus reigns forever.

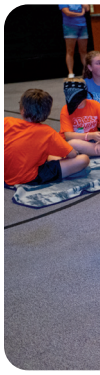
Through laughter, creativity, Scripture, and time spent together, VBS gave children an opportunity to learn about Jesus while building friendships and creating lasting memories. We are grateful for every volunteer who helped make the week possible and for the opportunity to invest in the next generation of Christ-followers.

















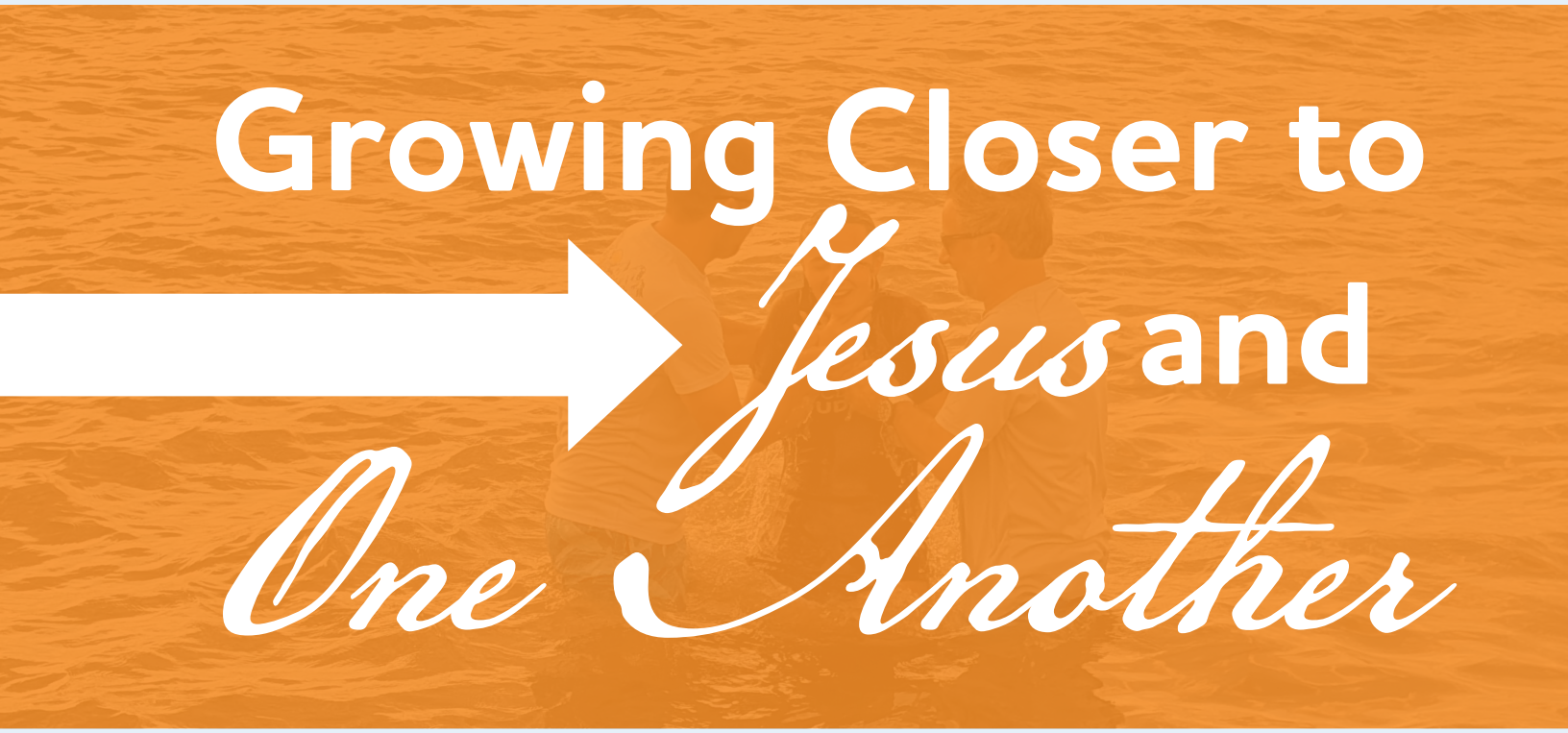



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Growing Closer to *Jesus* and *One Another*

Harvey Cedars *Summer Camps* 2026

This summer, our students had the opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life and spend a week at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in New Jersey. Through worship, teaching, small-group conversations, recreation, and time together, students were challenged to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and with one another.

And God was faithful to meet them there. Throughout the week, students shared how God was working in their hearts—calling them to greater surrender, helping them forgive, strengthening their relationships, and reminding them that He has a purpose for their lives. At the end of the week, we asked, **"How have you seen God working?"** Their responses reflected genuine spiritual growth and a desire to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly.

One of the greatest highlights came when **three students were baptized in the bay at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference**, publicly declaring their faith in Christ.

What a joy to see God working in the lives of our students! We are grateful for the leaders, volunteers, families, and church family who invest in the next generation and help create opportunities for students to know Jesus, grow in faith, and live for Him.

“MY RELATIONSHIP WITH MY FRIENDS HAS GROWN SO MUCH. I HAVE MADE A FULL COMMITMENT TO GOD. HE HAS PLANS FOR ME.”

I’VE RELEASED SOME GRUDGES FROM HURTS FROM SCHOOL. THIS WEEK I’VE BEEN ABLE TO FORGIVE THEM MORE. IT STILL HURTS A LOT, BUT IT’S A STEP.”

GOD’S BEEN SHOWING ME ALL WEEK THAT HE’S WORTH FEELING A LITTLE BIT AWKWARD FOR. I NEED TO SURRENDER MY EMOTIONS, MY ACTIONS, MY EVERYTHING.”













STUDENTS

MS 12 HS 31

BAPTISMS

3

SUMMER MEMORIES

100+

GP Men's Retreat 2025 Recap

I've been going to Grace Point for 18 years and this was my third retreat.

The retreat is such an amazing time for me because this is the one weekend where I can feel fully immersed in my faith. Distractions are limited when you're out in the middle of nowhere and I'm surrounded solely by other men who believe in Jesus. Every man there wants to grow deeper in their faith, just like me and that kind of immersion for that long is hard to find anywhere else. It's refreshing to let normal life go and be a part of something like this. One of my favorite parts about the retreat is the worship. When it's just men singing, it feels like something entirely different compared to any Sunday morning. It really is something powerful. Also, I meet so many new faces at the retreat too. People I've never seen before at church but at the retreat, I have an immediate connection with. These connections made don't end when the retreat does, they continue to last when I see them on Sundays or somewhere else. There's a different kind of bond the retreat brings to men there.

What strikes me most about the retreat is how open and vulnerable everyone is. Whether it be in small groups or through testimonies, hearing everybody's experiences and the hardships they've had to walk through in life helps me as I go through mine. Seeing how committed you were to your faith and how that has permeated through your decision making in these scenarios truly inspires me. You all are discipling me whether you know it or not. It just reminds me of how great a community of men there are at Grace Point and how God is truly doing something special with the Men's Ministry here. With that, I'm beginning to disciple my friend with an Every Man a Warrior book. It's going to be 1-on-1 and over Zoom so it's different than what I've been doing through mine which has been in-person and in a group.

So, I was a little nervous on how it would go. I heard through the grapevine that others did theirs 1-on-1 over Zoom just like I was planning. They described what it was like for me, eased my concerns, and now I start that on Tuesday. I was discipled in discipling someone and that was all because of the connections I made at the retreat. Thank you all for being so vulnerable and also helpful to me.

This go around the retreat really helped me grow more into being a fully committed follower. It helped me reconcile my intellectual theology and actual/practical theology, putting my thoughts into practice. This is stuff I can take home and start applying to my everyday life and walk with Christ. How do I stop making the same bad decisions over and over again? How can I allow God into this space to heal me? How have other men at the retreat handled the same situation as mine and can I model myself after them? I was actively taking in everything I could. I especially felt like an apprentice with that giant note packet frantically trying to recall from college how to take notes.



I can also see how I've grown compared to previous years. The retreat is a great time to reflect on where you're at in your walk with Christ. Last year in small groups, I remember talking about how I wanted to read the red letters and that was probably important because Jesus said it. I just recently learned at that time that red letters in the Bible existed. I just assumed everything was black text then because why wouldn't it be? You have to never read the Bible or hardly cracked it open to not know that type of thing. This year, I'm citing Scripture in small groups about how God allows suffering to happen to us so we're able to provide the same level of comfort to others that God has shown to us (2 Corinthians 1:4-5). It's night and day where I'm at.

Overall, the retreat is something I look forward to every year and I'm excited to see how God works in me, and all you guys, next year and in all the time between.

Anthony Petruccio




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GP *Women's Retreat* 2026 Recap

The annual GP Women's Retreat was held April 10–12, 2026, at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference, bringing together more than 80 women for a meaningful weekend of fellowship, worship, and spiritual encouragement.

Our guest speaker, Sheryl Vasso, shared a series of inspiring messages centered on the theme, **"A Way With Words,"** challenging attendees to consider how their words can honor God and encourage others.

Throughout the weekend, women enjoyed engaging teaching sessions, small-group discussions, heartfelt worship, delicious meals, and relaxing free time. These moments provided valuable opportunities to deepen existing friendships, build new connections, and grow together in faith.

The response to this year's retreat was overwhelmingly positive, with many women expressing gratitude for the encouragement, renewal, and sense of community they experienced. We are thankful for all who helped make the weekend such a blessing and look forward with anticipation to the 2027 retreat as God continues to work through the Women's Ministry at Grace Point.











One Winter Night

This year was our largest One Winter Night event yet. We hosted close to 2,000 people at Grace Point on December 12, 2025, many of whom were guests who were new to our church. This event is our gift to the community, and it is always amazing to see our congregation step up to serve with their time, talents, and resources. We had roughly 200 volunteers on the day of the event, in addition to our youth group who presented the Gospel through a living nativity. Other fun activities included tractor hayrides, live music and entertainment, a gift basket giveaway, a bonfire, children's crafts, and more. One of our favorite anecdotes from the evening was that we had at least ten new families tell us they would like to come back to Grace Point on a future Sunday. During our preparation for the event, we saw God answer direct prayers. We are so grateful to see how God continues to provide for this event through the generous hearts of His people each year!











Family Fun Fest 2026

Thank you for an amazing Family Fun Fest!

What an incredible Friday evening! Thank you to everyone who showed up and showed so much love to our neighbors despite the blazing heat. We are grateful for the flexibility and generosity of this congregation—our Amazon registry was completely fulfilled and many of you jumped in to serve wherever there was a need (even if it wasn't what you originally signed up for!). We ended up with more than 20 game booths for all of our guests to enjoy!

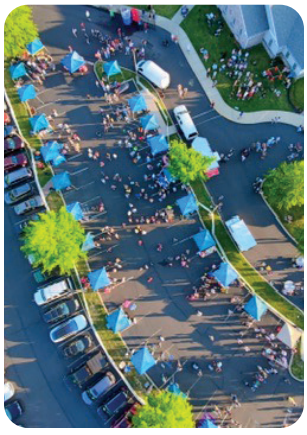
Most exciting of all, we had more people stop by our prayer tent than last year, with a few neighbors even expressing interest in joining us on a Sunday morning. Thank you so much for all of your hard work, your sponsorships, and your prayers—we love seeing everyone come together to love our neighbors so beautifully!

1,200+
GUESTS ATTENDED

1,138
PRIZES DONATED

300
SAND ART CREATIONS

600
COTTON CANDY CONES









Praises & Prayer Requests

Our Church

Dave Wolf, Lead Pastor

- **PRAISE:** For God's faithful financial provision for Grace Point once again, and for His provision of key staff leadership to equip our church family in pursuing our mission of making more fully committed followers of Christ.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** For God to protect our staff and church family from any schemes of the enemy to disrupt our mission during my season of health challenges.

Missions & Discipleship

Jason Guynes, Pastor of Missions & Discipleship

- **PRAISE:** Praise God that we have navigated the difficult waters of changing our vison of church planting among the unreached with grace.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray for all of the details surrounding new partnerships that come together. Pray for impactful opportunities for short term trips especially with our new partners.

Men's Ministry

Men's Lead Team

- **PRAISE:** We want to praise God that this past year has been a year of great spiritual growth as a result of our pursuit of Christ and restructuring of events.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray as we head into a new ministry year that we continue to grow and further understand the portrait of a fully committed follower of Christ.

Women's Ministry

Women's Lead Team

- **PRAISE:** The Holy Spirit clearly directed us towards a leadership team who are eager to guide and serve the women of GP. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness in reminding us that this is His church and He provides.

  We had an incredible turnout for the Spring Women's Retreat where relationships grew deeper in Christ, with one another, and some new friendships were formed. Praise the Lord!

- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray that the women of Grace Point continue to grow strength from the Lord through His Word and that we would be a ministry that is unified together with the purpose of honoring and serving the Lord.

  Pray that God would stretch our faith that we may be women of prayer. Pray that we would cultivate faith as we encourage one another, learn and live the ways of Jesus, organically connect in discipleship relationships, and build bridges with our Bucks County community and beyond.

Care Ministry

Eileen Hemming, Care Coordinator

- **PRAISE:** Praise God for all the people we ministered to through meals, transportation, confidential care relationships, visitation, special needs ministry, prayer, and all the other aspects of Care Ministry and for all the faithful volunteers.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray that the members of our congregation would be open to receive the care they need-to have a willingness to accept help.

Connections & Volunteers

Joan Zeberlein, Director of Connections & Volunteer Engagement

- **PRAISE:** Praise the Lord for another year of great connection, spiritual growth, and bridge building within Grace Point and Bucks County.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Pray that the portrait of the fully committed follower of Jesus is implemented in all of our groups throughout another ministry year.

Children & Youth Ministry

Jeremy Davis, Pastor of Student Ministry
Sheri Girgenti, Director of Children's Ministry

- **PRAISE:** Praise that there are several students who are excited to step out in faith and share the Gospel with their family, friends, and those around them.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** Pray that God would continue to give students boldness to bring the Gospel to their homes, schools, and the places around them. And that through them many new students would come to know the Lord and be a part of the GP students' family.

Children's Ministry

Sheri Girgenti, Director

- **PRAISE:** Praise God that He provided volunteers for two full services of children's programming on Easter Sunday including a drama presentation with a youth ministry cast.
- **PRAYER REQUEST:** God would raise up leaders for a midweek program.

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