

Grace's FAITH-filled Vision for the Future

Fund the construction of needed parking, classroom and other ministry spaces, so that we will have adequate room to grow as our community grows both larger and younger (with more children of all ages).

Why? Because the Great Commission calls us to go, and reach as many as we can with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

How? Invest in the Space for Grace: It's All about God! campaign to complete the construction of an additional 3,367 square feet and nearly double our parking spaces by the year 2020.

■ Then I told them how kind God had been and what the king had said. Immediately, they replied, "Let's start building now!" So they got everything ready.

NEHEMIAH 2:18 (CEV)

Add to our leadership an associate pastor, who ensures that we are growing those who attend Grace into fully devoted followers of Christ and raising up leaders so we can expand and grow the ministry of Grace into the future.

Why? Because the Great Commission calls us to make disciples, people who want to take steps closer to Jesus and in turn are able to equip others to be the same.

How? Hire a pastor, highly gifted in areas of discipleship, leadership and equipping by the beginning of 2019.

■ Go and make disciples of all the nations...teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Invest significantly into local outreach to better meet the felt needs and spiritual needs of hurting people in our community, by increasing our local outreach budget to 5% and combined outreach and missions funding to 20% by 2020.

Why? Because we know that when we focus on meeting these needs, we are not only showing our love for others, but our love for God. We currently invest 15% of our budget into missions, yet currently we invest very little into the needs of our own community. God will bless us as we are the hands and feet of Jesus to those in our midst.

How? Increase our financial commitment to local outreach and raise up a group of individuals passionate about proactively and strategically reaching our community for Christ. They will help lead us all at Grace to meet felt needs in order to build relationships and ultimately help more people take one step closer to Jesus.

■ Then these righteous ones will reply, "Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

MATTHEW 25:37-40

Trust God to fill His house with at least 400 worshippers at our weekend services and 140 more professions of faith in Christ by our 40th anniversary, the year 2023.

Why? Jesus created His Church as a place for people of every walk of life to come and worship Him, grow in faith, and serve others.

How? Through prayer and significant investments into ministry space, staffing and outreach ministries in the next 5 years. With the necessary infrastructure in place, as we follow Christ and turn our focus outward, we will naturally grow as a faith community.

■ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-7

Help take the Good News to more of the greater Tucson area, by launching a new church campus by the time we have 500 worshippers at our weekend services.

Why? Because doing so will not only help us to stay the ideal size to maintain real, authentic community, but give us the needed people and financial resources to birth more communities with the same key values as Grace currently has. Tucson is the 12th most unchurched major metropolitan area in the country and needs more missional churches who go outside their own walls to love the communities around them.

How? Once we grow to 400 in weekend attendance, we will enter into a partnership with the Evangelical Covenant Church and prayerfully call a church planting pastor who will join Grace's pastoral staff and begin a 1-2 year process of planting another church like Grace in the Tucson metro area. This venture will allow us to multiply our efforts to achieve our vision, as we birth another authentic community where people are becoming fully devoted followers of Christ and taking His love to Tucson and the world.

■ He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into his fields."

MATTHEW 9:37-38



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