

2022 Church Office Report

Births

March 9	Ezekiel Beiler, Austin and Katie Beiler
June 9	Quinten Lee, Ronnie and Leah Weaver
August 10	Melody Catherine, Donald and Amy Clark

Deaths

January 31	Fred Martin
October 15	Ellie Martin
November 7	Dan Kauffman

New Members

Steve and Carol Davis, Tina Petersheim, Dave and Linda Sarian

Marriages

Betsy Rudy and Geoff Sensenig - Nov 5
Greg Eby and Kim Mann - Dec 30

Average Church Attendance for 2022 -

Highest Attendance - 217
Lowest Attendance - 108

Membership 2022 - 104
Membership 2021 - 118

Contact church office for information on current members.

Notes of Interest

January 1 - Communion Service

January 16 - GPC 101

January 23 - Child Dedication

January 30 - GPC at the Factory

March 6 - Communion Service

April 24 - Fellowship Meal

May 1 - Communion Service

July 3 - Communion Service

July 17-21 - Monumental VBS

July 28 - Worship Night led by our Student Ministries

August 21 - GPC at the Factory

August 28 - Grace Kid's moves to new time at 10:15am

September 11 - Communion Service

September 18 - GPC 101

September 18 - Fellowship Breakfast

October 12 - November 16 - Fall BLAST session

October 20 - Vision Meeting

October 23 - Business Lunch and Learn

October 30 - Fall Fun Fest

November 6 - Communion Service

November 13 - GPC at the Factory

December 18 - Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Adult Education

The mission for Adult Education is to provide relational environments and resources in each identified catalyst area that foster personal spiritual growth. We recognize that spiritual growth is a dynamic relationship, driven by the desire of the participant, not achieved by checking off a list of attributes.

The five growth areas are HEART:

- Habits (participating, journaling, solitude, giving, praying, reading the Bible, fasting, confessing, sharing faith)
- Experiences (school years, baptism, singleness, marriage, parenting, career, golden years, crisis, life transitions)
- Activities (volunteering at GPC and within our community, mission trips, leading teams)
- Relationships (large, medium, small groups and intimate friendships)
- Teaching (large, medium, small groups, personal and influencing others)

Our ministry staff and elder team worked to evaluate the effectiveness of ministry programs this year and move towards greater alignment.

- In August, we moved to a 10:15 service, with Kid's Ministry meeting during that same time.
- Women of Grace - The group hosted patio nights, coffee shop hops and several fellowship meals. The lead team is Michelle Miller, Mo Pongracz and Kim Eby.
- ManUp - began two small groups - one meeting Sunday mornings and another on Monday evenings. The lead team is Greg Petersheim, Austin Beiler, Dave Sarian and Brian Graham.
- Several connect groups began in 2022 - with a total of 5 groups continuing to meet.

Tim Rogers - Lead Pastor

Benevolence

Financial support was given for counseling services as well as basic necessities for people connected to GPC. Everence provided Sharing Fund Grants to partially reimburse the Benevolence Fund for these needs. Practical assistance, like lawn mowing and rides to doctor appointments, was given for those who did not have the resources for this. We continue to partner with The Factory Ministries in providing resources to people in our community to promote their self-sufficiency.

If you would like to be involved in being the hands and feet of Jesus in very practical ways, please contact Pastor Tim to see how you can become involved!

Worship

In the fall, Elementary Children's ministry time was moved to align with our 10:15 service instead of the 9:00 hour. On Fifth Sundays and Christmas Sunday, the kid's were included in our main service with elements geared to include them in a family worship experience. With the return to full services after covid one observation was that members and regular attenders were attending services less frequently with an average of 40% absent each week. With 254 people engaged as a member or regular attender average Sunday morning attendance was 148.

Greg Petersheim - Executive Pastor

Operations

Normal maintenance (hvac, plumbing) were the largest capital expenses. Giving was generous, especially during the year end Share Life drive. Giving covered the expenses for the year! We continue to work with a conservative budget for ministries, allowing them to continue with minimal expense, but not stretching into new ministries or new missionaries at this time.

Greg Petersheim - Executive Pastor

Elders

The Elder Board meets on a monthly basis or as needed along with many e-mails and phone calls between us. Our purpose is to shepherd God's flock at GPC in a manner consistent with Christ's servant leadership.

Some notable events of 2022 include:

- Reading through the book "Changes that Heal" by Dr. Henry Cloud, Four Practical Steps to a Happier, Healthier You. A lot of great discussion on the information in this book. This book started out with Ingredients to growth, bonding, separating from others, sorting out the good and bad, and becoming an adult. This book had some great examples and tips on sorting out the various stages of life. If we are to be good leaders of our homes and at church, this book challenged us to recognize how to be healthier, recognize challenges, and lead through various things.
- We made it a habit this year to share each meeting on what is happening in the lives of some of our members at church. Good time of sharing some positive interactions and also some needs that we can continue to pray and care for.
- Giving this year seemed to be trending down a bit but, we were encouraged by the support of the membership in yet another successful year end Share Life Campaign. Our goal was met which certainly helps to start another year.
- Brian Graham will serve next year as elder chair. Jesse Miller and I will be stepping down from the team and we look forward to having Randy Kunkel and Austin Beiler take our places.

We as an Elder Board thank you very much for your continued prayer support as we serve Him and you in the year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Clemmer, Chair

John King

Jesse Miller, Secretary

Brian Graham

Kevin Hackett

Greg Petersheim

Tim Rogers

LBC Church Matching Scholarship Fund

The church matching scholarship is for the purpose of investing in, encouraging and facilitating a solid Biblical education for young men and women toward potential future ministry.

Lancaster Bible College will match a church scholarship dollar for dollar to a maximum match of \$500 per semester, per student enrolled full-time in the undergraduate or graduate program. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA. GPC will contribute up to \$500 per student per semester and neither the student nor the parent will directly contribute to this amount. Applicants may invite family and friends to donate to the fund, but all monies given will be distributed evenly among approved applicants, at a maximum amount of \$500 per semester.

Applicants should demonstrate spiritual maturity and character and will have attended GPC for at least one year. Applicants will be approved by the Elder Board.

Any extra funds in the scholarship account at the end of the fiscal year will roll over into the new year. At the beginning of each fiscal year this fund will have a \$200 balance supplemented by the General Fund.

Food Service Committee

Committee: Pam Powles, Lynn Baum, Barb Lawson, Priscilla Beiler, Kim Eby, Michelle Fisher, Carol Davis, Connie Ranck, Glenda Neff, Kristen Gentzler

Leader: Heidi Kunkel

Kitchen Manager: Heidi Kunkel

05/14/22 - Funeral meal for Fred Martin. Served 112 people

07/17/22 - Missionary breakfast. Served 90 people.

07/18-21/22 - VBS meals for volunteers Monday through Thursday. Served average of 67 people per night.

09/18/22 - Fellowship Breakfast. Served 100 people

10/22/22 - Funeral meal for Ellie Martin. Served 205 people.

11/20/22 - Funeral meal for Dan Kauffman. Served 130 people.

Cemetery Report

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2018

Checking Account \$ 5952.53

Income

Interest \$ 3.42

Donations 200.00

Sale of Lots 2,400.00

Funerals 6,975.00

Pre-payments___ 0.00

\$9578.42

Total Income \$ 15,530.95

Expenses

Digging graves \$ 3,100.00

Maintenance 2718.56

Misc 873.85

Caretaker 1,400.00

Total Expenses \$ 8,092.41

ENDING BALANCE \$7,438.54

Money for perpetual care of cemetery (cd at Bare Financial) \$ 122,424.27

Nevin Hershey, President

Richard Neff, Secretary

Ben Landis Jr., Treasurer

Missions Committee

2022 was a busy year for GPC missions as we looked for ways to serve our community and our GPC missionaries.

We helped support the Factory Ministries through Factory Market donations, volunteering and pastoral office hours. We also ran the Front Porch and Blast programs at the Factory. Through the Together Initiative Network (TIN), we are working with Pequea Valley School District to help increase 3rd grade reading level. The TIN also hosts quarterly gatherings of approximately 50 community leaders to network and solve community issues together.

The PV Churches collective was formed - a group of approximately 12 churches meeting for connection and outreach conversations. These churches partnered to provide a shared Advent devotional book for our community and also to host a community Christmas Tree lighting event at the Factory.

GPC partnered with Makarios to do a child sponsorship drive in the spring. Four Makarios students were sponsored, and we are planning to begin sending teams to the Dominican Republic to work with Makarios again in 2023.

We were able to send a small team to Maine in August to serve GPC missionaries Daryl & Mary Witmer. We also held our annual Fall Fun Fest again in October and had great community participation.

We supported the following missionaries in 2022: a family in Western Asia, Bobby & Michelle Law, Heather Albrecht, Matt & Julie Walsh, Daryl & Mary Witmer and Emmanuel & Alice Adomako.

The 2022 missions team members were: Tim Rogers, Josh Nyce, Betsy Rudy Sensenig, and Terry McCall. Mike & Margaret Goshert and Laurie Hoover also joined the team at the end of 2022. Thank you for your participation and support throughout the year! We thank God for the ways He used GPC in 2022.

Tim Rogers
- Missions Committee Chairman

Grace Kids 2022

Curriculum:

The Orange Sunday School curriculum is still in use, and uses the concept of large & small groups as well as circle time in the Baby Bear room. Elementary students use this curriculum in a large group setting where the Storyteller teaches the lesson, and then a small group setting where the small group leader uses the curriculum to ask questions, do activities, and also crafts.

Health and Safety Procedures:

The iPad check-in system continues to be used for Sunday School, as well as any Grace Kids event/program that includes parents dropping off their child.

Attendance:

At the beginning of 2022, the average Sunday School attendance was around 20 students per Sunday. We saw that close to one third of families only attended the worship service, so their kids did not participate in Sunday School. In August, the kids Sunday School hour moved to align with the worship hour. By the end of 2022, the average attendance per Sunday is 23 kids. There are at least three new families who have been attending since the beginning of the year, which adds 5 more kids to our ministry.

Kids Ministry Lead Team

Lead Team meetings happen bimonthly. In February we hosted a Grace Kids Family Service Project at the Factory to support the Braves Kids program. In April, we assembled Easter Resource bags for families to use at Easter (including the book *The Garden, The Curtain, and the Cross*). We worked together to staff a pumpkin painting station at Fall Fun Fest and also hosted a Kickoff to Christmas event and a Happy Birthday Jesus Party in December for Grace Kids families.

The team represents the Children's Ministry director as well as a handful of other folks from GPC who have experience with education and children. One of our lead team members stepped down in the Fall of 2022, and one was added - totaling to a team of 5 people.

Intern

Megan Zimmerman interned from June 2021 through February 2022, and helped to co-lead BLAST. She attended professional development sessions at LBC, attended staff & ministry team meetings, met with the Children's Ministry Director weekly, and helped to revamp certain portions of Grace Kids Ministry. She will rejoin the GPC staff in January 2023 for a semester to fulfill her Practicum with LBC.

Preschool

We have three classes in our preschool environment: the "Baby Bears", which consists of six weeks to age two, the "Little Bears", who are age two to three years, and the "Big Bears", who are three to age five. We have a total of 19 kids on the roster between all three rooms and there are about 24 volunteers that help make our nurseries function successfully!

In Little & Big Bears, kids enter the room and have snack. Then they'll combine to watch a curriculum video for their lesson for the week. It's about 10 minutes long and includes a worship song, lesson, and Bible memory practice. Kids will then rejoin their small group and will complete discussion, games, and activities together.

We held one Child Dedication in January and dedicated three children (Alexander Nissly, Malia Nyce, and Benjamin Whiting). We continue to give each family a Bible or Family Fun Tin, a prayer jar that the congregation writes prayers for the child being dedicated, and a certificate of dedication with a picture of the family.

Elementary

February- Grace Kids Service Project @ Factory, Internship ended for Megan Zimmerman

March- Parent Meeting about possible Sunday School change

April- Easter Resource distributed

July- Monumental VBS, VBS Volunteer Training, Lunch & Learn with Factory

August- Move Up Day (Sunday School switch)

October- Fall Fun Fest, Family Worship

November- Kickoff to Christmas event

December- Treats & Trains, Happy Birthday Jesus Party, Family Worship

The biggest change for elementary students in 2022 was having them meet during the worship service at 10:15am instead of the 9am Sunday School hour. We noticed a trend of about a third of our families attending just the worship service and we wanted to create a space for them as well as visiting kids to join our classes. This change happened on Move Up Sunday, August 28th. Since the change, the students who were only attending the worship service (not Sunday School) have been plugged into the Sunday kids programs. We have also welcomed numerous visitors who would not have received a kids program or a connection at their level if we hadn't made the shift. The months with a 5th Sunday or holidays (Easter/Christmas) we have elementary students join their parents during the worship service and call it Family Worship.

VBS

Our theme was Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness. There were 90+ volunteers to pull off this event and each night our attendance was between 90-110 kids. A volunteer training was held a week prior to VBS to get volunteers on the same page, share helpful information, and do a teacher training for the Bible teachers and crew leaders. This year we continued with a Family Night component to our week. During the last night of VBS, families were invited to join their

kids and go around to each station with their child. The goal of this was to help integrate families into the learning & teaching that their children were receiving, and make some connections with families. Each family received a \$5 gift card to use on a “Date Night” to show we value them and want to support their relationship. We exceeded our Mission’s Project goal for the Eby family which was a success. We also distributed over 15 Bibles throughout the week.

Wednesday Night BLAST

This year BLAST was able to be back at the Factory. We are blessed to be able to use that space and it has allowed us to reach more community families. We have had between 50-65 kids attending each week and have a stellar group of volunteers that are pouring into the kids. Along with moving back to The Factory, we had a few other exciting changes. Our curriculum was designed to connect to the theme that Bible School will be this summer. We are hoping that connecting what the kids are learning at both BLAST and Bible School will help them to understand who Jesus is on a deeper level. The theme of both BLAST and Bible School is shining Jesus’s light, so we have been teaching about who Jesus is and how His light can be shared to the people around us. We have also added another 6 week session in the spring as well as continued family nights on the last week of each session. These family nights are intended to be a time for parents and families to worship together as well as providing resources that they can use in their home.

2022 GPC Jr High Student Ministry

Brief Overview:

Our Jr High Student Group consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We averaged around 15-20 youth each time we met from January to December. We met every Sunday evening for Jr High Student Group from 6:00-8:30pm. During this time, we would gather for a meal that was prepared by a parent, the leaders, or catered in. Then we'd share in a combined short lesson/Bible message with the Sr High Student Group. The message was usually delivered by Pastor Kevin Hackett. After that, we would separate into our designated small groups and spend time digging deeper into the message Pastor Kevin had spoken of. This was then followed by a game and snack time/free time with only the Jr. High. We planned one activity each month and participated in an outreach opportunity during the year.

Bible Study:

We continued to use the Orange curriculum during 2022. Some topics we studied this past year are as follows:

Series on forgiveness

Developing a faith of your own series

Who is Jesus? series

Freedom from series - finding freedom from approval of others, carrying our sins, etc.

Step by step series - Holy Spirit is in you, God is always working and is always there

Shake it up series - Can still choose Joy in the mess.

Activities/Events/Service/Outreach:

The following is an overview of our activities for the 2022 year: Winter Retreat held at Camp Orchard Hill, Pre-Super bowl game day activity, Snow tubing at Iron Valley Tubing, Movie Night, End of school year picnic at paradise park, Surprise Baby Shower with Sr High for Donald and Amy Clark, Jr and Sr high Kick-off party, combined movie night with Sr High, Underground church and ice cream sundaes activity, Cherry Crest Adventure Farm Event, ThanksMas Meal/celebration prepared and served by Sr and Jr High Leaders, Christmas Caroling Outreach Activity, and a Christmas party!

In Closing:

It has been a blessing for us leaders to be a part of our Jr High students lives in 2022 in so many ways!! We are excited to see what Our God has in store for His GPC Jr High preteens and teens in 2023 and are honored to be a part of it!

Sincerely,
GPC Jr High Leaders

Brian and Michele Graham Donald and Amy Clark

Senior High Student Group

Sunday School – This year we concluded our Sunday School hour in hopes to focus more energies into other ministry environments. To finish out this chapter in our church's history the Student Leadership Team and a few Volunteer Leaders stepped in to guide the final discussions centered on the book of Mark.

Sunday Night Group (AKA "Student Group", AKA "Youth Group") – In 2022 restrictions on our gatherings were behind us and we continued with an emphasis on community and connection through shared meals, activities and small group conversations.

Small Groups — No matter what age (from 6th grade to 12th grade), each student has a safe place (their small group) and safe person (their small group leader) to connect with each week to process what following Jesus looks like in real life. Our volunteer leaders have been able to "move up" with their small group for consistency and depth of relationship. The big Fall semester aim was to help students see their giftedness and begin living into their dreams for the future.

Student Leadership Team — This team of student leaders gathers weekly on zoom to discuss leadership principles, evaluate the current student ministry and engage in experiential learning. Meghan Ebersol, Colin Beiler, Brooke Graham, and Luke Rogers. Brook Graham and Megan Ebersol were the most recent additions to the team.

Activities and Events – Here's what's been happening:

WinterBlast 2022 at Camp Orchard Hill was back on after a being canceled the previous year - we heard from quality speakers and shared some emotional moments as a large group of seniors prepared to say farewell, Our Super Bowl Party has become a "pre-party", An overnight Canoe trip for guys (fathers/ sons) took place on a tributary of the Susquehanna River, Home Invasions (led by the volunteer team during the Hackett's sabbatical), Kick-off event was a party as usual with many families in attendance, movie night (with plenty of popcorn), Life-sized Dutch Blitz, Thanksgiving Meal at the Factory and

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Service Night (decorating the Factory for Christmas), "Christmas at The Movies" Christmas party. All activities are planned with the hope that our environments provide opportunities to connect with God and each other.

Staff – Adult staff during 2022 included Dylan Salyards, Lauren Petersheim, Catherine Hackett, Olivia Sieg, Kent Buohl and Chad Kunkel. *We celebrated Dylan’s faithfulness in serving as a volunteer for over 10 years at GPC!

(Jr High team: Brian Graham, Michele Graham, Donald Clark, Amy Clark)

Last note - It has been a privilege to serve in this pastoral capacity along with my wife and the incredible volunteer leaders. I am continually blessed through the relationships with students, staff and their families.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Hackett
Pastor of Student Ministries

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Momentum – After the dust had settled from the pandemic we were finally able to assemble a lead team and discuss what the future of young adults ministry could look like. There is a desire from within this group to create a place for young adults to “land and launch from” that challenges and encourages them in their walk with Jesus to realize their unique gifts and deploy them for the sake of the kingdom. Seth and Suzanne Fisher have opened up their home, Dylan Salyards continues to guide a boys young adult small group.

Activities and Events – Here’s what’s been happening:

In addition to some regular gatherings in small groups Dave and Pam Powles hosted a young adults Christmas Party at their home. The aim was to provide a place for re-connection and encouragement among the young adults. Other leaders in attendance included: Seth and Suzanne Fisher, Lauren Petersheim, Dylan Salyards, and myself (Kevin).

Last note - It has been an honor to brainstorm with a team of caring adults and bring some of the ideas to fruition. We hope to continue to find natural pockets of time within the academic schedule where our young adults can gather and share life and faith in a way that is mutually beneficial and God-honoring.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Hackett
Pastor of Student Ministries