

## *Welcome to Grace Covenant's Supper Club!*

The *Supper Club* is an opportunity for the people of Grace Covenant – members, regular attenders, and newcomers – to connect and get to know one another over a meal. Our hope is that through these meals we can build a strong community within the church – and you can meet new friends.

### *How Does it Work?*

Throughout the year announcements will be made that sign-ups for the *Supper Club* are open. When you sign up for a *Supper Club*, you're committing to have dinner with five to seven other people, some or all of whom you may not yet know. We suggest you meet within 2-3 weeks after the *Clubs* are formed, at an agreed upon day and time, but definitely within a 1-month period.

The groups change each time, providing an opportunity to meet and share a meal with different people from the church. A Host from each group is selected, based on sign-ups, and that person is responsible for contacting others in the group to coordinate a date and time that works best for everyone.

### *Where Do We Eat?*

The Host can choose where the group will eat (in the Host's home, a local restaurant, or some other locale). Hosts should not feel expected to invite everyone into their home, however, having people in the home can be a wonderful way to cultivate rich relationships and enduring community. If the Host chooses to eat in their home, group members may be asked to bring side dishes or desserts.

### *When Do We Sign Up?*

Sign up before March 15 for a *Spring Supper Club*.

### *Still Have Questions?*

If you have any questions about the GCPC *Supper Club*, please contact Ramona Mortier at [supperclub@gracecovpca.org](mailto:supperclub@gracecovpca.org) or the church office at [info@gracecovpca.org](mailto:info@gracecovpca.org). To sign up, please complete/submit the following or register online at <http://www.gracecovpca.org/#/connect/supper-club>.

### *What People are Saying about Supper Club...*

*My husband and I have really enjoyed the Supper Club. It's hard to get to know people in the chaos after the worship service. Chatting in a relaxed environment, over a meal, makes it much easier. After I've gotten to know people through Supper Club, it's been nice to see more familiar faces at church and exchange greetings with them. Hosting/organizing isn't difficult. The hardest part is finding a date that the group is available. People have been just as happy to go out to a restaurant as to have dinner in someone's home. –Leah Chock*

*We had a great experience attending our first supper club in the fall! We had just recently moved to the area and started attending Grace Covenant, so we did not know many people there yet. It was nice to meet together with a small group of people at someone's house for dinner. We felt very welcomed and because the group was small we were able to talk to and get to know a little about the other people who were there. It is definitely something I hope to do again! –Heather Harrell*

## *GCPC Supper Club*

“Jesus didn’t run projects, establish ministries, create programs, or put on events. He ate meals.”<sup>1</sup> Meals matter. Meals are full of significance. “Few acts are more expressive of companionship than a shared meal. Someone with whom we share food is likely to be our friend – or well on the way to becoming one.”<sup>2</sup>

This is why we have established *Supper Clubs* at Grace Covenant. *Supper Clubs* are designed to facilitate friendships that fuel fellowship. *Supper Clubs* are a way to cultivate community, in the way that Jesus demonstrated and that his first followers followed. (See Acts 2.42)

In the busy-ness of our day-to-day lives, it is easy to miss out on the simple pleasure of enjoying time with old friends and the joy of making new friends. *Supper Clubs* are a simple attempt to allow us to slow down, if only for one meal every few months, and enable us to experience God’s gift of friendships.

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1. *A Meal With Jesus*, Tim Chester; Crossway; 2011
2. *Hungry City: How Meals Shape Our Lives*, Carolyn Steel; Chatto & Windus (London); 2008

