

October Board Report

Lead Pastor

Wow, what a month we have had with both adults and children; nearly 60 people accepted Jesus as their savior in the last four weeks. With this, I was able to start a discipleship class on Wednesday nights. We had excellent attendance the first week, and I am looking forward to the next nine weeks as we learn and grow together. On top of that, we will be having a baptism service at the beginning of November. It is exciting to see all that God is doing at GAC. We continue to see our numbers increase, and people connecting to the church. I read a recent study this week that said churches in the four-hundred-person range are in the top ten percent of churches by size in America. The same study showed that because of people's attendance habits, if you average 400 people a Sunday, you are really ministering to 1,000 to 1,200 people every month. We have seen this as a reality at GAC. I have heard many say there are so many people I do not know. That is a true statement. There are a lot of new people, which is why I want to challenge all of us to continue being visible in the lobby, meeting, talking to, and connecting with people. God is doing some great things here at GAC, and it is an exciting time to be part of what God is doing.

Challenges

At least for the rest of this year, to meet with and offer discipleship opportunities, my schedule has minimal margin. I have talked with the staff, and I am trying hard to protect my Fridays and Saturdays as much as I can. That is a point of accountability, and also a point of information. A second challenge is just being in a holding pattern on some strategic moves as we continue to push into the community and the world.

Goals

- Rooted Class
- Baptism
- Annual Meeting
- Christmas Series (12/23 5:30 & 7:30) (12/24 3:30 & 5:30)
- Christmas Eve
- My class at Liberty
- Speak into the process of moving to two services of the Children's Ministry.

-Pastor Lu