

2024 – 2025 Board of Overseers Bios

The Board helps provide spiritual leadership and set the ministry direction along with the Grace Church Executive Team in the context of our mission within the guidelines of Scripture.

Continuing Members-At-Large:

Drew Hilty
Wade Karhan
Bruce Steiner
Dave Taylor
Tom Weckesser
Matt Yost

Board Members Recommended for Affirmation

Chris Hilty
Drew Pasteur
Ryan Spengler

Chris Hilty



In April, my wife Kari and I celebrated our 32nd anniversary. We have a son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, and an adult daughter, whom all attend Grace in Wooster.

I have been employed by McElroy Packaging for 28 years with a primary role in sales. I spent a third of my tenure as sales manager and am currently responsible for managing 50% of our annual sales.

Prior to attending Grace, I was a 20 year member at Calvary Baptist Church in Rittman; I taught high school Sunday school class, and my wife and I led the high school youth group. I was also chairman of trustees. We have been attending Grace for 12 years and members for a year. I lead a Grace Group and my wife and I are greeters.

I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior when I was 9 and it is my heart's desire to serve him faithfully and to be a good steward of the gifts that he has given me to the furthering of his kingdom. I am committed and strong in the areas of teaching and administration and have exercised those gifts in both my vocation and church life for 30 years.

Drew Pasteur



While I grew up connected to a church, it was in college that I embraced the Gospel, pursuing God's purpose through a relationship with Christ.

When I was a young high school teacher and coach in small-town North Carolina, I met Heather through church choir, and we have been married for 21 years.

In 2008, my job as a math professor at the College of Wooster brought us from our native NC to Wayne County. Far from extended family, Grace quickly became home for us, and Heather's vocational ministry background led her to join the church staff a few years later.

Our sons Daniel (11th grade) and Nathan (7th grade) both volunteer in Grace Kids and enjoy participating in Wooster schools' music and sports.

I have served as the church board's secretary since 2015 and apply my analytical skills to areas that have included financial projections, traffic/parking design, and church surveys. In this way, I hope to provide useful insights to our senior staff and board, allowing us to be good stewards of the human and financial resources that God has provided, so that future generations may also become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Ryan Spengler



My wife Brooke and I have been part of the Grace family for about 6 years, and we have a 2-year-old daughter Lucy.

Professionally, I have a Financial Advisory practice in Wooster and find joy in helping people steward their finances.

I have been fortunate to serve with Grace Youth and the Grace Tech/Production team over the years and have loved being able to be integrated into the dynamic fabric of the Grace community. My wife Brooke has served with the Grace Youth team and with weekend teaching preparation.

Before I truly found Christ in my teenage years, I was selfish, lost, and living for myself. But then, through the tragic loss of a friend, I was brought close to my Savior, and He has been faithful in everything throughout my life.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the congregation of Grace by representing the experience of families in the church, bringing thoughtful insight around finance, and leadership through the next phase and beyond of Grace Church.