



SEPTEMBER 14

# LIFE CHANGE IS AN INVITATION AWAY



## BILL SMITH

Growing up we went to church as a family. After I finished school, I got a job as a welder. In time I met the young woman whom I would marry and learned the challenge of balancing work and family. Things became confused and stressed - I became angry and felt lost. A little while down the road, one Sunday I went back to church with my parents and there I decided to trust Jesus Christ as my savior. I really like the people I have met at Grace and enjoy coming to church on Sundays. Growing up I had never seen a baptism - the baptisms here at Grace church have inspired me to take my next step and be baptized.

## TAKE FIVE

**WAYNE COUNTY FAIR (Sept 6 - 11)** - Pray that our Grace Kids booth at the fair will be a place of joy and connection for families. Ask God to use the crafts, games, and activities to spark conversations that lead to invitations for Pumpkin Sunday - and ultimately, to Christ. Pray for our volunteers to serve with warmth, energy, and genuine love as they engage with our community.

**YOUTH GRACE GROUPS LAUNCH (Sept 14)** - Pray for students to find a wildly welcoming space where they can build deep friendships, ask hard questions, and grow in their walk with Jesus. Ask God to strengthen and equip leaders to guide students with wisdom and compassion. Pray that this year would spark a lifelong passion for following Christ and living boldly for Him in their schools and communities.

**GRACE GROUP FALL LAUNCH (Sept 14 - 20)** - Pray that this season's relaunch will deepen community, grow faith, and inspire action. Ask God to bless our re-emphasis of serving together, that groups would joyfully step into our "serve weekend" this semester and make a tangible impact in our community. Also, pray that people would find hope and healing through our electives Re:Gen, GriefShare, and DivorceCare. Pray for lasting relationships to form as people grow together in God's Word and live out their faith side-by-side.

**NEW SERIES "KEEPING UP WITH THE JONES"** - Pray that God would use this series to free people from the trap of comparison and the weight of unrealistic expectations. Ask Him to redefine success in hearts and minds, replacing jealousy and insecurity with gratitude, contentment, and authentic living. Pray that many would find their identity and satisfaction in Christ alone.

**PUMPKIN SUNDAY (Sept 28)** - Pray that this fun, family-friendly fall event will draw many from our community to Grace. Ask God to bless each conversation, that guests would feel truly welcomed and cared for. Pray that the joy of the day - from pumpkins to petting zoo - would open doors for people to experience the even greater joy of knowing Jesus.

### GRACE CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

through 09/07/2025

Year-to-Date Giving \$1,251,570

Year-to-Date Budget \$1,235,576 \$15,994

NEXT Campaign Giving \$13,193,693