

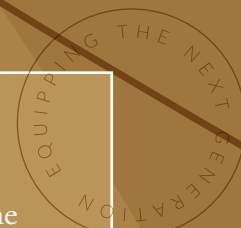
The background is a dark teal color with various abstract elements. There are several thin, light-colored circles and arcs scattered across the space. Some areas feature a halftone dot pattern, where the density of dots increases towards the center of a circular area. There are also several small white and gold plus signs and dots. The overall aesthetic is modern and tech-oriented.

Equipping

THE NEXT GENERATION



G R A C E



I believe that God has provided us with a unique opportunity through our Equipping the Next Generation stewardship campaign. By God's grace, we aim to equip a rising generation to grow strong in their faith and go the distance with Jesus.

I am confident that Equipping the Next Generation will open new doors for our church. With the success of this venture, we will be able to effectively broaden our ministries and provide supplemental programs for discipleship and outreach.

We are now challenged to give sacrificially, over and above our current giving, for three years. This program requires diligent prayer and obedience to God's leading. I genuinely believe that our entire Grace family is ready for this challenge. I ask you to prayerfully and boldly enter this endeavor, believing in God's provision and grace.

Please examine the enclosed brochure carefully. With a heart full of gratitude and faith, I ask you to consider your part in this campaign. What is given is a personal decision between you and God. What we accomplish together will benefit many for years to come.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may His name be glorified in this endeavor,

Pastor Rod

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads 'Rod MacHrone'. The signature is located in the bottom right corner of the text area.

THE MOVEMENT OF GOD

People are following God's prompting to join small groups, to serve significantly in our community, to mentor other members, and to go deep in God's Word. We praise God for his work in and through us! Here's just a glimpse of what God is already doing at Grace Community Church.



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BAPTISMS AND BABY DEDICATIONS LAST YEAR



51%

ATTENDANCE GROWTH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 2021



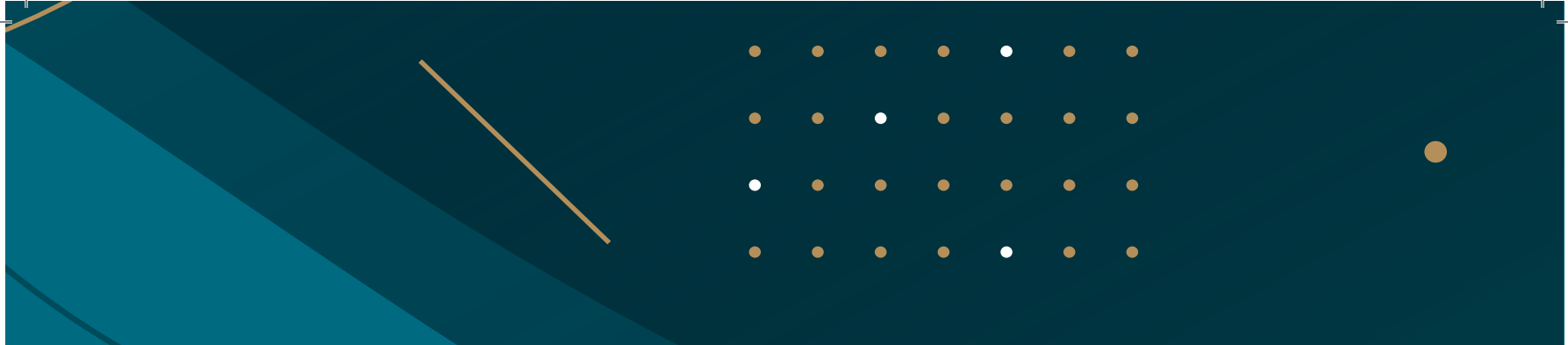
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PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ON AVERAGE



35

NEW FAMILIES



6

NEW SMALL GROUPS



94

GRACE KIDS, GRACE LINK,
AND GRACE STUDENTS ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS ON
AVERAGE



160

ADULTS IN SMALL GROUPS



6

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
APART FROM GRACE THAT
UTILIZE THE BUILDING
REGULARLY

TWO MISSION-CRITICAL GOALS

FIRST GOAL

Financially, our mission-critical goal is retiring the short-term debt on our building.

Three years ago, we envisioned a hopeful future in which God might use us to transform the next generation. Even though our dream was only on paper, our church members patiently listened, reviewed our plans, rose-up in faith, and sacrificially gave.

IN THE WINTER OF 2020, WE RAISED \$2 MILLION IN PLEDGES AGAINST A \$3.8 MILLION PROJECT.

In the ensuing years, God was gracious, and our church family was generous. During a very tumultuous three-year period, nearly all the pledged money came in. Moreover, during a time of rising building costs, we finished our project under budget.

The result is not just the building that we're enjoying now..., but the ministries that immediately began to flourish the day we opened.

Truth be told, this project has become an Ephesians 3:20 experience. "God has done exceeding, abundantly beyond all that we asked or thought."

In the process of building (and trusting him for kingdom work), our church matured. People came to Christ, they grew in their faith, and they found their hope in Jesus.

So, our first mission-critical goal is to retire the remaining debt, so that we can use this building to its fullest extent. To be clear, we are seeking to raise \$2 million in pledges over the next three years – over and above our regular giving.



A SECOND GOAL

Our second mission-critical goal is spiritual. We want to excel in the equipping process.

- Jesus' mandate in Matthew 28:19 was "Make disciples."
- Paul's mandate in Ephesians 4:12 was "Equip the saints" (that would be all of us).

So, over this next three-year period, we're asking all of us to step out of our comfort zone, get equipped, and serve in ways that facilitate fresh growth.

What might that mean?

- Invite someone to church, who is far from Jesus, then follow up with coffee or acts of kindness.
- Commit to a small group and then come to contribute.
- Participate in an adult class with intent to connect with others and grow.

- Discover a new spiritual discipline and apply it with a friend.
- Lead a youth small group.
- Bring a struggling friend to Celebrate Recovery and patiently be with them as they grow.
- Work with our Grace Kids with intent to model Christlike service.
- Help Natalie with administrative tasks.
- Decorate for events where the name of Jesus will be lifted up.
- Serve in our city with our local mission partners like Nehemiah House, The Cottage, or Building Bridges.

In a sentence, we seek to grow a more vibrant community that gets equipped, in order to equip the next generation.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

HOW LONG IS THE COMMITMENT FOR THIS CAMPAIGN?

The Equipping the Next Generation campaign will last for three years, from March of 2023 to March of 2026. We will refresh our vision for the campaign at the midpoint.

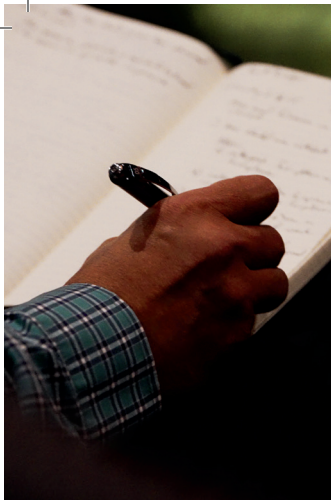
HOW WILL WE PAY FOR THIS?

Over the past three years, and through some very challenging times, our Grace family as demonstrated purposeful committed generosity. We're incredibly thankful for this. During this time, our church has grown both numerically and spiritually. Honestly, we humbly feel that we're walking in his blessing.

We believe that in this next season of ministry, our Grace family will continue to rise up so we can reach these twin goals of retiring our short-term debt and excelling at the equipping process.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- First, please pray for our Equipping the Next Generation campaign.
- Second, please participate in our ETNG events and meetings. Make a commitment to learn as much as you can about the campaign and the vision it will help us realize.
- Third, be an ambassador for accurate information, and then serve as a conduit of that information to others.
- Fourth, please consider making a three-year financial commitment to give. This would be a commitment over-and-above your regular giving. We believe that if we join forces in prayerful stewardship, we can indeed equip the next generation to go the distance and thrive in Christ.



CREATIVE WAYS TO GIVE



DECREASE: Are there things in your life you can take advantage of less frequently? Maybe it's fewer coffee runs or one less dinner out each week. By decreasing a weekly expense, regardless of what it might be, you can save a significant amount to contribute.

DO MORE: Often, there are creative ways to save money. Maybe it's been a while since you got a quote for an existing service (ie., cell phone and cable service). Perhaps you could do some extra comparison or bargain shopping to save funds. For your kids, it could be as easy as saving extra change to give.

DELAY: Are there plans you might be making that involve a financial commitment? If so, prayerfully ask God about delaying those plans and using the extra income to contribute.

DONATE: A great way to contribute is to give existing assets. Consider giving appreciated assets (stocks, bonds, real estate) to the church. Letting us sell your assets eliminates potential capital gains taxes and may increase after-tax proceeds. Other items (such as antiques, jewelry and sports memorabilia) are better off being sold and cash is given to the church.

Our Financial team is available to discuss gifts of stocks, bonds, and other assets at 918-333-2030. All gifts are tax-deductible.



GOAL

Building and planning for the future takes wisdom and faith. Pastor Rod, along with the leadership of Grace Community Church, has been seeking wisdom and praying earnestly to hear God's will in this process. We have three potential goals in this campaign. The first goal is set at an attainable \$1.7 million. The second goal may take a little faith, set at \$1.9 million. Our third goal of \$2.2 million is attainable as well when we give generously with our finished goal in mind. After all, we serve a BIG & MIGHTY God and with Him, we can do BIG & MIGHTY things!

TYPICAL COMMITMENTS YOU CAN MAKE OVER A 156-WEEK PERIOD:

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY	3-YEAR TOTAL
\$2000	\$8,667	\$104,000	\$312,000
\$1000	\$4,333	\$52,000	\$156,000
\$500	\$2,167	\$26,000	\$78,000
\$100	\$433	\$5,200	\$15,600
\$75	\$325	\$3,900	\$11,700
\$50	\$217	\$2,600	\$7,800
\$25	\$108	\$1,300	\$3,900
\$20	\$87	\$1,040	\$3,120
\$10	\$43	\$520	\$1,560



I / WE ARE COMMITTED TO GIVE

\$ _____

I/WE PLAN TO GIVE ACCORDINGLY:

\$ _____ Weekly for 156 Weeks

\$ _____ Monthly for 36 Months

\$ _____ Annually for 3 Years

\$ _____ As Follows

I/WE BEGIN COMMITTING ON ____ / ____ / 20____

FOR GIFT ASSETS OTHER THAN CASH

Description _____

Approximate Value \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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