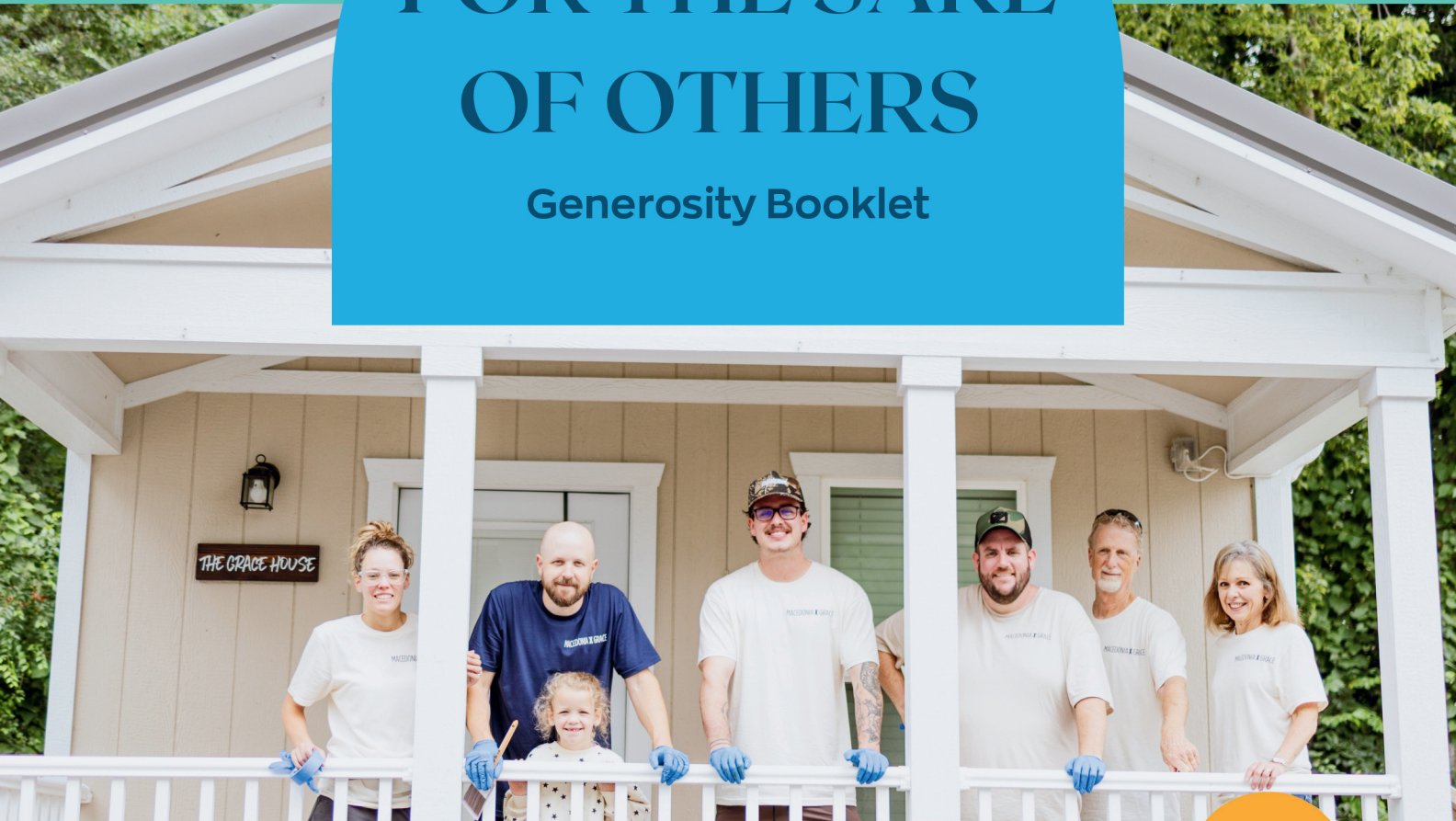




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Generosity Booklet



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A Letter from Tim



Grace Church Family,

I want to take a moment to share with you the incredible ways God is working through Grace Church and how you can be a part of it.

Because of the generosity of people like you, lives are being changed every day. Families are being cared for, students are discovering their identity in Christ, marriages are being strengthened, and people across our campuses and around the world are hearing the Gospel for the very first time.


If you haven't yet had the opportunity to give, I want to invite you to join us. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps make the stories you're about to read possible. And if you already give, thank you. Your faithfulness is making an eternal difference in lives around the globe.

Together, we are equipping people to be outward-focused followers of Jesus.

I love you,

Tim Howey

How to Use this Guide:



This guide is meant to help you see and celebrate the ways God is using your generosity to change lives. Over the next six weeks, we'll focus on a new ministry area each week. Each section includes a story of impact from someone personally influenced by your giving, a devotion from God's Word to reflect on throughout the week, and prayer requests relating to that ministry. As you read these stories, sit with the devotion, and pray through the requests, we hope you are encouraged to see how your generosity is making an eternal difference. Our prayer is that this guide not only gives you a glimpse into what God is doing, but also draws you closer to His heart and invites you to join Him more fully in His work.

Church Planting

Testimony of Impact - Local Church

Hey Grace Church!

My name is Michael Liebler, and with your help, my wife Emily and I planted Local Church on Long Island, NY four years ago! And honestly? It's felt like four years of front-row seats to watching God do one miracle after another.

We've seen God restore marriages, heal hearts hardened by bitterness, free people from guilt and fear, and inspire dozens to follow Jesus for the very first time—simply because they finally found a place where they could learn about God in a way that makes sense to them.

This is Ryan's story: He grew up like most Long Islanders—with no faith in God whatsoever. His parents were Catholic and Jewish, but they never went to church or temple. So for most of his life, Ryan described himself as agnostic.

But that started to change when he began coming to Local Church. He came every Sunday. He asked questions. He listened. He wrestled. And over time, something started to shift.

A year and a half later, I got to baptize him.

Now Ryan leads a men's group, serves faithfully, and is passionate about giving back. I've literally heard him say, "I love tithing. I actually get excited about giving away 10% of what I make—and I can't wait to give more someday."

That's just one story. There are so many more. And it's transformation stories like these that make me so grateful for Grace Church. Because of your generosity, Long Island has another church introducing people like Ryan to Jesus—so they can be inspired to love and follow Him!

If you're interested in learning more about Local Church check out the QR code below. Or reach out to me anytime. I'd love to hear from you! michael@localchurchli.com



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Devotional:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” — Matthew 22:37

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:21

As I pastor a young church full of brand-new believers, I find myself asking: How do I help people not just love their church community—but actually fall in love with God?

And I think it starts with seeing Him clearly.

To Jesus, God isn't distant, angry, or unpredictable. He's good. Patient. Forgiving. Kind. Gracious. Trustworthy. And most of all—loving. So loving that Jesus believed God was absolutely worthy of our whole hearts.

But many people don't see God that way at first. They see Him through the lens of pain, disappointment, religion, or even their earthly fathers—or the lack of one. And that's one of the reasons Jesus came: to clear all that up. To say, “If you've seen me, you've seen the Father.” (John 14:9)

In other words, “If you want to know what God is like, don't look at all that other stuff—look at me!”

That's why following Jesus changes everything. Because when you truly see who God is, you want to love Him with everything you've got.

So what does that actually look like?

Jesus gives us a practical starting point: our treasure. He says our hearts follow wherever our treasure goes. That means giving isn't just about money—it's about love. It's a way of saying, “God, I trust You. I love You. You matter more to me than anything else I could've spent this on.”

So if you're wondering how to love God more fully, maybe start by paying attention to your heart. Ask yourself: Is my treasure going where I want my heart to go? Or is it possible I'm withholding love from God by holding on to my treasure?

If those questions are hard to answer—or convicting—you're not alone. You may just need to look at Jesus again. Because when you see Him clearly, His love becomes so real, so compelling, that you can't help but love Him back—even with your treasure (1 John 4:19). And when you do, I promise—you won't ever regret it!

Prayer Requests:



- That we'd inspire as many Long Islanders to love and follow Jesus as God wants us to.
 - Most people out here don't go to church and didn't grow up with much faith at all. We're trying to create the kind of place where people can actually explore who Jesus is in a way that makes sense to them—and leads to real change. Pray that God keeps opening hearts and helping us meet people right where they are.
- That God would make a way for Local Church to become financially self-sustaining by 2026—and keep providing until then.
 - We're doing everything we can to teach and model generosity, but we're still a young church and not quite there yet. Please pray that God would keep meeting our needs and help us grow in this area—so we can not only sustain ourselves, but eventually support other church plants in a big way (like our big brother, Grace Church!).
- That one day we'd be able to own the building we're in.
 - Our location is honestly amazing—right off a main road, surrounded by families, and super visible in the community. Owning it would be a game-changer long-term. We're praying that God would make a way, even if it feels out of reach right now.



Local Outreach

Testimony of Impact - Mission Southside

Mission Southside began on January 2nd, 2011, and Grace Church has been a dear church and ministry partner from day one. Through our Neighborhood Teams (NTs), which are apartment complexes and trailer communities, we put God's love into action by extending help through HOPE in Christ. We are able to minister through direct relationships with nearly 400 marginalized and less fortunate families every week! Grace was able to adopt 2 of our NTs, one in Overland Park (Antioch Crossing) and one in Olathe (Harrison Square). Families from Grace, led weekly children's programs and provided food for the food insecure while also meeting additional needs through the community - meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

Grace Kids and Students have completed numerous service projects and food drives with us, providing what we call "Backsnacks" for 300+ middle school students. Each week, we are able to offer these Backsnacks, which provide a weekend's worth of for one student. Mission Southside has also been the recipient of many generous financial gifts that allow us to fund summer programming,

summer day camps, large material purchases, and so much more.

Grace Church's leadership has always been committed to helping outward-focused followers live out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Small groups of men, women, families, youth, and children have served with us at the Mission. There are numerous ways to serve through the Mission for every age and any size group - You ARE Mission Southside! The Mission has been deeply encouraged by the servant-hearted, generous, Gospel-driven congregation that is Grace Church!

Please join us in prayer for our new visionary staffing direction. We desire to take the ripe fruit from our high school and post high school students and turn over most of our programs and initiatives to those that have proven themselves faithful. Train, equip, let go, and let them!

Thank you, Grace Church for being Mission Southside!



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Devotional:

Isaiah 58 shows us what truly matters to God. He is not impressed by outward religion or empty rituals but by hearts that reflect His compassion. God cares for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the vulnerable. If these things matter to Him, they should matter to us. True worship is not only about songs or prayers but about letting God's love flow through us into the lives of others.

Jesus makes this clear in Matthew 25 when He separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep are those who served the least of these, caring for the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. The goats are those who did not. What we do for others is what we do for Him.

The challenge is simple. Do we want to live in ways that matter to God? May we choose to be His sheep, known by love and mercy.

Prayer Requests:

- Our new "Residency Vision" - Hiring high school and college students that have risen up through the ranks inside Mission Southside. They will be in charge with authority (not assistants) for the vast majority of our programs and initiatives.
- For the "Residents" to be faithful and teachable as they lead.
- Pray for the 400+ families that Mission Southside is in direct relationship with each week - That they would receive help through HOPE in Christ!

Community

Testimony of Impact - Central Elementary

Serving children and youth through Grace student ministries or outreach has been a vital part of my life for the past two decades. When my husband, Jack, and I headed up a Mission Southside Neighborhood Team at Harrison Pointe Apartments, we grew to know and love many of the children there who attended Central Elementary in Olathe. The Outreach Team at the Olathe campus was looking for ways to support these children further so we partnered with the amazing Principal at Central to help provide extra hands to serve at events on their school campus. Recognizing that many of the Central Elementary students are from families of little means, one of our Outreach Team members suggested that we begin

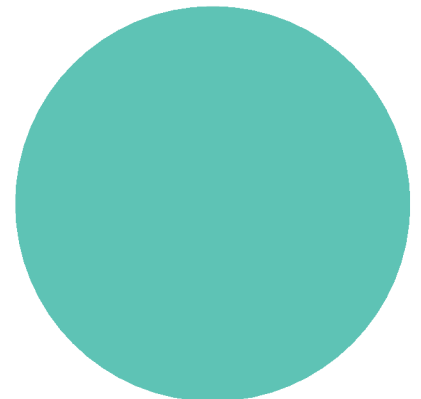
providing "Blessing Boxes" at Christmas time.

In doing so, we could bless these children while providing a practical way to allow our Grace Church - Olathe families to experience the joy of sharing Christ's love with others in a meaningful way.

Seeing our Grace family step up to this call and so richly provide for these kids in need has been both inspiring and humbling. Serving with our Outreach Planning Team and being the hands and feet for Jesus within the Harrison Pointe and Central Elementary communities blesses me so much more than I bless them. Building relationships, supporting, encouraging and loving on these little ones has been so life-giving and encouraging allowing me to live out 1 John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."



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Devotional:

Welcoming a child is more than a kind gesture, it is welcoming Jesus Himself. When we serve children in our communities, whether through simple acts of kindness or larger efforts like providing Blessing Boxes, we are living out the love of Christ in tangible ways.

The joy comes not just in what we give, but in what God does in us through serving. As 1 John 3:18 reminds us, love is not just words but action and truth. Each time we choose to support, encourage, or simply show up for a child, we reflect the heart of God.

What is one simple way you can show Christ's love to a child or family in your community today?

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the children and families at Central Elementary, that they would feel the love of Jesus through both words and actions.
- Pray for the Outreach Team and Grace Church - Olathe families, that they would be encouraged as they serve, finding joy in giving and strength in unity.
- Pray for the Principal and staff at Central Elementary, that God would bless their leadership and provide the resources they need to serve their students well.
- Pray that more hearts in the church would be moved to step into outreach opportunities, reflecting God's love in tangible ways.
- Pray that every child served would know they are seen, valued, and deeply loved by their Heavenly Father.

Next Generation

Testimony of Impact - Ava Purcell

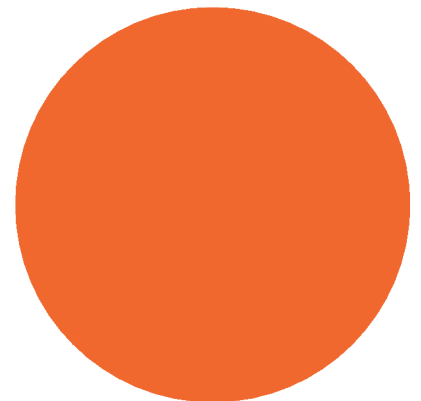
Hi! My name is Ava Purcell. I'm 11 years old and in 5th grade. I've been going to the South campus of Grace Church for three years. Grace Church is a big part of my life, and it's so important to me. I love Grace Church because it's fun and heartwarming - so many smiles, hugs, and chatting. Most importantly, it's the way they teach the gospel. How they teach people about God is amazing, and it pulls people toward God.

I got baptized at Grace Church two years ago. There are tons of fun activities too, like SBO, Tribes camp, and so much more. Volunteering is fun too. You can greet people at the doors, do the welcome desk, make hot cocoa, and help in the kids' rooms on Sunday mornings, so kids can learn about Jesus. You can even run kids' worship. I used to help serve hot cocoa in the cafe, and recently I started serving at kids' worship. It's really cool, and dancing to the music is really awesome.

I love Grace Church!



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Favorite Bible Verse:

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the father and the son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you and surely I am with you always even to the end of the age.

I love this verse because when my parents were going through a divorce, I read it and was just like, "Wow! God is always with me, which means I am never alone." Since then, I have felt happier because I know God is with me and He is helping me along the way. If you're going through a hard situation, remember this verse. God is always with you.

Prayer Requests:

- That all the kids at Grace will grow in their faith.
- That the kids at my school will know and learn about God, and believe in him.
- That any of your friends or family members who don't know or believe in God will.
- That people who aren't serving will consider stepping up to serve at Grace Church.

Discipleship

Testimony of Impact - Josh Sharp

“Somebody prayed for me,
had me on their mind,
took the time to pray for me.
I’m so glad they prayed,
I’m so glad they prayed,
I’m so glad they prayed for me.”

This song was #505 in the hymnal we used in the small church where I grew up. It was a go-to before the deacons prayed every Sunday morning. How my church sang it—full of faith and hope—I knew, even then, that my mother and grandmother had prayed for me long before I understood what prayer truly meant. Later, in the youth detention center, a volunteer leader from my church visited me and took time to literally pray over me. I could feel God’s love breaking through my pain and shame. Now I am a living testimony - the prayers of many followers of Jesus were answered! God used the faithful prayers of others—fathers, grandmothers, friends, and leaders—to shepherd me into His purposes. I am truly grateful for a church family and mentors who took the call to pray seriously. Their prayers helped me see Jesus clearly, grow in faith, and find my identity in Christ. Many of you are still praying for me today. Thank you.



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Favorite Bible Verse:

In John 17:11, 15, Jesus prays:

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one...My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”

Jesus models that praying for others—particularly those we disciple—is essential to discipleship. Jesus prays for their protection from spiritual harm, their ongoing faithfulness, and their unity—so that the world might believe through their lives. Jesus’s prayers were answered!

As followers of Christ, we are called to pray for those entrusted to our care. Prayer is an act of love and trust in God’s power to transform lives. When we pray for our disciples, we are not simply working out our plans or efforts but submitting our relationship to God.

We trust His work to bring about transformation—echoing Philippians 1:6: “being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Prayer and Reflection:

1. Let’s intentionally pray for those God has entrusted to us to lead.

- ask the Lord to protect their hearts from the evil one,
- to deepen their faith,
- and to help them grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus.
- Pray that they would stand firm in their walk, rooted and grounded in the truth of God’s Word.

2. Reflect and share your own testimony of answered prayers with those who have prayed for you—and thank them for their faithfulness.

Global Outreach

Testimony of Impact - Partner in Kurdistan

In the five years that Grace Church has been supporting our ministry, we have experienced many different seasons – from periods of evangelism and prayer to more intentional discipleship efforts among believers. More recently, however, the generosity of Grace Church has opened the door to a unique form of kingdom ministry here in our city. We serve among a lesser-known language group in the Middle East – and while the church is slowly beginning to grow among them, there are still very few biblical resources available in their native language. This means that believers must often rely on a second language like English or Arabic if they want access to Bible study materials or theological training. However, not every believer has proficiency in one of these languages, and often those that do still prefer to learn in their heart language.

However, by graciously partnering with us, Grace Church is helping to change this reality. Biblical resources – from study notes and articles to videos and even podcasts – are slowly being released and made available for free in the heart language of our local brothers and sisters.

This has allowed more believers to grow in their knowledge of the Word and in their faithfulness to Jesus. As such, our efforts have become an important support to the various discipleship and church planting efforts going on in our region. And it has also allowed some of the more mature believers in our circles to join in and participate in the process of creating study materials.

In addition to biblical resources, the generosity of Grace has also made it possible for me (Elijah) to teach weekly classes to a small group of believers who have an extraordinary interest and giftedness towards studying the Bible more intensely. I offer two courses – one on biblical interpretation and the other on biblical Hebrew – and it has been a joy to see the local believers who participate grow in their knowledge, faith, and confidence. All of these efforts are designed to fulfill the long-term vision that God has given us for this particular people group: to see the first generation of bible scholars raised up to support local church plants. This vision could not come to fruition without the cooperation and support of churches like Grace. As such, we cannot fully express our immense gratitude for your faithful partnership.

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Devotional:

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me...And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward. (Matthew 10:40, 42)

These words of Jesus have been a steadfast encouragement to us over the years which we have lived here – often for long stretches without seeing visible fruit from our ministry. In many Middle Eastern cultures, the first act of hospitality that you receive upon entering a home is a cup of cold water. So even in the seasons where it seemed that the kingdom was far from making any kind of impact in this place, we had a constant, tangible reminder before us that Jesus was present and paying attention to the way we were treated. These verses represent a wonderful promise from our Lord – that where we go, he goes. When we receive hospitality, so does Jesus. And he remembers every cup of cold water that he has been offered. Having consumed hundreds of cups of cold water here among this people – not to mention the many cups of tea and meals and treats – we are confident that God has his eye on this place. We believe that Christ will do a great and generous work here in response to those who have shown kindness and hospitality to his disciples.

We pray that these verses can be an encouragement to you as they have been to us. You may or may not be a gifted evangelist; you may or may not possess the ability to preach or teach or prophesy. But there can be no doubt that you know how to eat and drink! These verses teach us that God in his grace has sanctified these seemingly mundane human activities to play a vital part in his kingdom mission.

As disciples of Jesus, it is your duty not just to proclaim the gospel, but to do so in someone else's home, sitting around someone else's table. To be sure, we as Christians are called to practice hospitality, but perhaps even more important is our calling to receive hospitality. When we humble ourselves and take a position of neediness – that is, the position of a guest – we follow in the footsteps of our Lord. So, is there someone on your mind with whom Christ is calling you to share the gospel? Go visit them! Be served by them! Be nourished by them! You may be surprised to find how quickly the Spirit starts moving when you ask for a cup of water (John 4:7).

Prayer Requests:

- We ask for grace and energy for our family. Between ministry, school, and raising two little ones, we find ourselves in constant need of sleep and refreshment. Pray that the Lord gives us supernatural refreshment.
- Please pray for the biblical resources we produce – that they would find their way to the believers and seekers that need them the most. Pray also that they would be a blessing to the young local churches that have started here.
- Pray also for the students who participate in our Bible classes, that God would raise them up to be the first generation of Bible scholars and teachers among this people group – and that they too would be a blessing to the community of faith.



Give. Transform. Impact.

At Grace Church, generosity changes lives. We give because God is generous, because He calls us to, and because it's a joy to follow Jesus. Every gift—big or small—helps fuel ministries, support outreach partners, and send people on mission trips.

Our Vision in Action

We dedicate the first 10% of all tithes to outreach and missions, reflecting our goal to help everyone become an outward-focused follower of Jesus. Long before there was a law, people of faith knew 10% was the starting point for financial worship (see Genesis 14 and 28).

One Fund, One Mission

Instead of giving to multiple funds, all contributions go into our One Fund, supporting the full ministry of Grace Church and allowing us to embrace God's bigger vision for our church family.



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Trusted & Accountable

Grace Church is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), a membership we have held since July 21, 2008. This reflects our commitment to financial integrity, accountability, and transparency. We prioritize these values in all our financial practices and are audited annually to ensure our statements demonstrate faithful stewardship. Learn more on our ECFA member page.

Ways to Give

Mail: Send checks payable to Grace Church, Attn: Contribution Processing, 8500 W. 159th St., Overland Park, KS 66223.

Online: Give one-time or recurring at visitgracechurch.com/give.

Text: Text "GIVE" plus the amount (e.g., "Give 50") to 855-734-7223.

In Person: Use the offering drop box in the lobby. Include your campus on the envelope or check memo.

*For questions about giving at Grace Church contact Susan VanElders at svanelders@visitgracechurch.com.



Challenge

We believe generosity is one of the most beautiful ways we get to participate in God's work. Seeing it as an opening and surrendering of ourselves to the Spirit and learning to trust Him more each day. That's why we want to invite you into a simple challenge: Ask. Listen. Obey.

Ask God, "Lord, how are You inviting me to give?"

Listen for His voice, through Scripture, prayer or conversation with others. Obey with faith, knowing that whatever step you take, big or small, will draw you deeper into His love and purposes for your life.

It's all about taking the next step in faith. There's always room to grow, always room to trust more deeply, and always room to be surprised by how God uses our generosity to bless others and transform us.

