

Final Thoughts:

If we live out our vision and mission effectively, we will grow *larger and smaller* at the same time. In Jesus' life and in the early church, we see this reality described in the Gospels and in the book of Acts (2:42-47; 5:42). Jesus drew crowds wherever he went, and later the early church met in the temple courts (larger gatherings). Jesus had a small group of twelve disciples, and the early church met in houses (smaller gatherings). God's desire is that people are saved, and we see in the book of Acts that God added to the Church daily those who were being saved and became maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. So let us join God in His work of becoming larger and smaller through building relationships within the Grace Group opportunities. Let's commit to living out these verses:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13:34-35

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."
1 Peter 4:9-11

"Take care, brothers & sisters, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today', that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."
Hebrews 3:12-13

"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'"
Matthew 22:37-40

"And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"
Matthew 28:17-20

Our desire is for the Grace Family to
build loving relationships with one
another through

GRACE GROUPS

WILL YOU JOIN US?



Our Need For Deeper Relationships:

God made us to live relationally. In fact, we could say that life is all about relationships. We want to provide a large variety of relational opportunities for deeper relationships to develop within the Grace Church family, which can draw us into deeper relationship with God and each other.

Ideally, everyone in the Grace Family would become part of a Grace Group, in order to build trusting relationships with one another, care for one another, and foster growth as followers of Jesus Christ. It is the only way we can fulfill our vision and mission as a Church so that God is glorified.

Grace Church's Vision is to **glorify God through joining Him in the reaching of every man, woman, and child with the gospel of grace in Jesus Christ, and connecting them into a loving relationship with God and others, so that they will worship the Triune God in their everyday lives...**

So we will accomplish our vision through the five "G" network of connecting relationships through the **GRACE** of God by **GATHERING** together to love one another, **GROWING** in Christlikeness, and **GOING** with intentionality to live out our mission to make disciples so that God is **GLORIFIED!**

At the heart of everything in life is our relationships...with God and with others (Matthew 22:37-40). God's Word is very clear that being part of the Body of Christ means we need one another as we live out **our mission as a FAMILY of MISSIONARY SERVANTS sent as DISCIPLES who make other DISCIPLES of Jesus Christ** (Matthew 28:16-20).



If you are interested in participating in any of the opportunities listed on the following page, and are unsure who to speak to, please contact Carol in the office for assistance.

Please email office@gracechurchfdl.org or call 920-922-7211 during office hours.

Grace Group Opportunities:

DNA Grace Groups—are the foundational way in which we care for one another and foster growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. Ideally, everyone should be part of a DNA group which consists of three people—men with men, and woman with women—who meet together weekly. It can also be facilitated within a family unit as well. The DNA booklets provide the template for the focus of these groups. The DNA Booklet is a guide to equip you to be more effective in caring for one another and help one another grow as followers of Jesus. (Contact the office if you need a current booklet!)

Grace Small Groups—are gospel communities (Family) consisting of 6 to 15 people who meet regularly to live life together. Generally each small group would meet to have fellowship together, enjoy food, prayer, Bible Study, and commit to a mission that they can serve in together. The Bible study would usually focus on the message that was preached on Sunday Morning or follow the daily Bible reading from the *Bible Project*. Some groups use book or DVD- based study materials.

Discipleship Classes on Sunday mornings—are currently offered for every age group. The children and youth are using the *Gospel Project*, which is a chronological journey through the entire Bible. There are also adult classes offered that focus on the message from the worship service and as well as a Bible Study which delves into the truths of individual books of the Bible more indepth.

Women's Bible Studies/Groups—Several women's Bible studies meet throughout the year, as well as a women's ministry to help women connect with each other through small groups and one-on-one contacts.

Men's Bible Studies/Groups—Two men's gatherings are currently meeting. A men's prayer and fellowship that meets on Thursday mornings at 8:00am, and a "No Regrets" gathering meets on Saturday mornings at 7:30am.

Recovery Bible Study—gathers on Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Anyone who is in recovery or knows someone in recovery is welcome to come and participate.

Young Adults Group — meets weekly for topical discussions, study, and fellowship at 7pm on Wednesday evenings at the DelPonte's, and includes a meal every 2nd week of the month.

Youth Group—Jr. High and Sr. High meet every week, usually Sunday evenings, to grow together as young people learning what it means to be followers of Jesus.