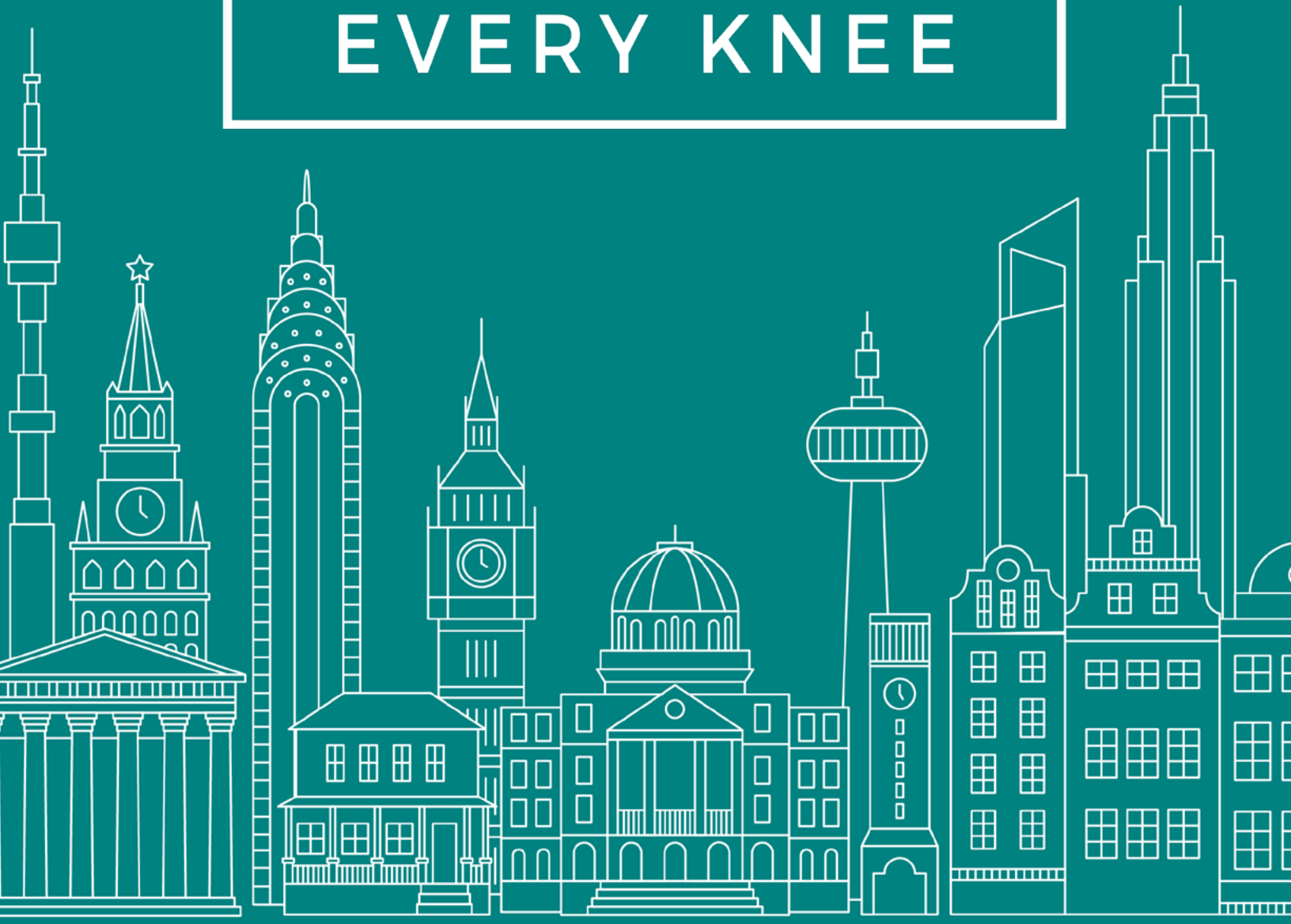


EVERY KNEE



**TURN TO ME AND BE SAVED,
ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH;
FOR I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO
OTHER. I HAVE SWORN BY MYSELF,
THE WORD HAS GONE FORTH
FROM MY MOUTH IN RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND WILL NOT TURN BACK,
THAT TO ME EVERY KNEE WILL BOW,
EVERY TONGUE WILL SWEAR
ALLEGIANCE.**

ISAIAH 45:22-23

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FROM OUR PASTORS AND ELDERS

For more than 50 years, God has allowed Grace Bible Church to participate with Him in drawing men and women from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. We have seen lives changed for eternity! Yet with so many who remain untouched by the power of Christ, we are confident God is not finished with us yet.

This spring we are embarking on a new season of ministry for Grace Bible Church that we are calling Every Knee. We believe that God is calling us to vastly expand our capacity to help people find and follow Jesus in our own community and throughout the world. In order to fulfill this calling, we believe we have no choice but to listen to God personally and to work together. Each of us will need to grow in our dependence upon the Lord and our willingness to take courageous steps of faith. Until we become more deeply convinced that God is worthy of every knee bowing before Him, and that every man, woman and child can experience life only by bowing before Him, then we will be discontent with life as usual. We will want to discard not only our foolish sins, but we will also devote all that God has given us to the eternally significant work of the Great Commission.

As you will see in the following pages, the scope of what we sense God intends to do through Grace Bible Church in this next season is both overwhelming and thrilling. This is a critical moment in the life of our church. We are praying that every person in our congregation will experience a lifestyle of wholehearted and joyful generosity in the service of Jesus Christ.

Throughout the 50-year history of Grace, followers of Jesus have sacrificially devoted their lives to His service. We are here because of their courage, and we are grateful. And now it is our turn. We pray that the next generation will look back on this moment and thank us for our courage and be inspired to give all to Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

Brian Fisher, [Senior Pastor](#)

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Matt Morton, [Teaching Pastor, Creekside Campus](#)

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**“WE FACE A HUMANITY
THAT IS TOO PRECIOUS TO NEGLECT.
WE KNOW A REMEDY FOR
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TOO WONDERFUL TO WITHHOLD.
WE HAVE A CHRIST WHO IS
TOO GLORIOUS TO HIDE.
WE HAVE AN ADVENTURE THAT IS
TOO THRILLING TO MISS.”**

THEODORE WILLIAMS



Grace Bible Church begins with 10 families stepping out in faith.

THE BEGINNING

1965



1974

MOVE TO 701

Seeking to better serve the students of Texas A&M, Grace moves closer to TAMU.

With worship services at max capacity, the Anderson campus expands with a new building across the street.

ANDERSON

1995



2008

SOUTHWOOD

With God making it clear that Grace could no longer effectively reach this community from a single location, Grace multiplies to two campuses.

Seeing the growth taking place in south College Station and the need for Gospel-centered churches in that community, the Creekside campus is born.

CREEKSIDE

2015



2018

EVERY KNEE

Recognizing the Biblical mandate to continually pursue our neighbors and the nations with the Gospel, Grace undertakes an initiative to engage our entire congregation in the Great Commission.

ESTABLISH

EXPAND

MULTIPLY

OVER 2,500 COLLEGE STUDENTS REACHED EVERY SUNDAY

2,500

161 FELLOWS TRAINED

161

367 COLLEGE LEADERS TRAINED ANNUALLY

367

OVER 1,500 CHURCHES PLANTED AROUND THE WORLD

1,500

300 ESTABLISHED CHURCH PLANTS AROUND THE WORLD

300

RAISING UP NEXT
GENERATION
LEADERS
TO REACH
OUR WORLD
FOR CHRIST.



WE ARE HERE TO
HELP PEOPLE
FIND AND
FOLLOW
JESUS.

OUR SERMONS HAVE BEEN LISTENED TO
IN OVER 150 COUNTRIES

541,595 MINUTES OF VIDEO VIEWED SINCE
2014 WITH OVER 50,000 UNIQUE VIEWS

134,840 USERS ACCESSED OUR WEBSITE IN 2017

OUR WEBSITE HAS BEEN VIEWED
IN 81 COUNTRIES

5,418 APP DOWNLOADS

OVER 5,000 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

OVER 1,100 TWITTER AND
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

OUR BIBLE STUDIES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED
INTO AFRIKAANS, SPANISH, AND MANDARIN

MISSIONS THROUGH GRACE

Because of our commitment to the Great Commission, valuing missions has always been a core pillar at Grace Bible Church. Before our founding congregation was even able to pay a full salary to the senior pastor, the church stepped out in faith to sacrificially support four missionaries at the enormous sum of \$10 per month. Today, those numbers have grown to hundreds of missionaries and hundreds of thousands of dollars.

OVER 160 LONG-TERM MISSIONARIES FROM GRACE ARE CURRENTLY IN SERVICE.

GRACE SPENDS OVER \$500,000 ANNUALLY IN THE SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF LONG TERM MISSIONARIES.

ANNUALLY, OUR TOTAL EXPENDITURES ON MISSIONS AND MISSIONS CAUSES EXCEEDS 25% OF OUR TOTAL SPENDING.

OVER 350 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES PARTICIPATE IN SHORT-TERM MISSIONS THROUGH GRACE EACH YEAR.

GRACE HAS 10 SHORT-TERM MISSIONS LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE.

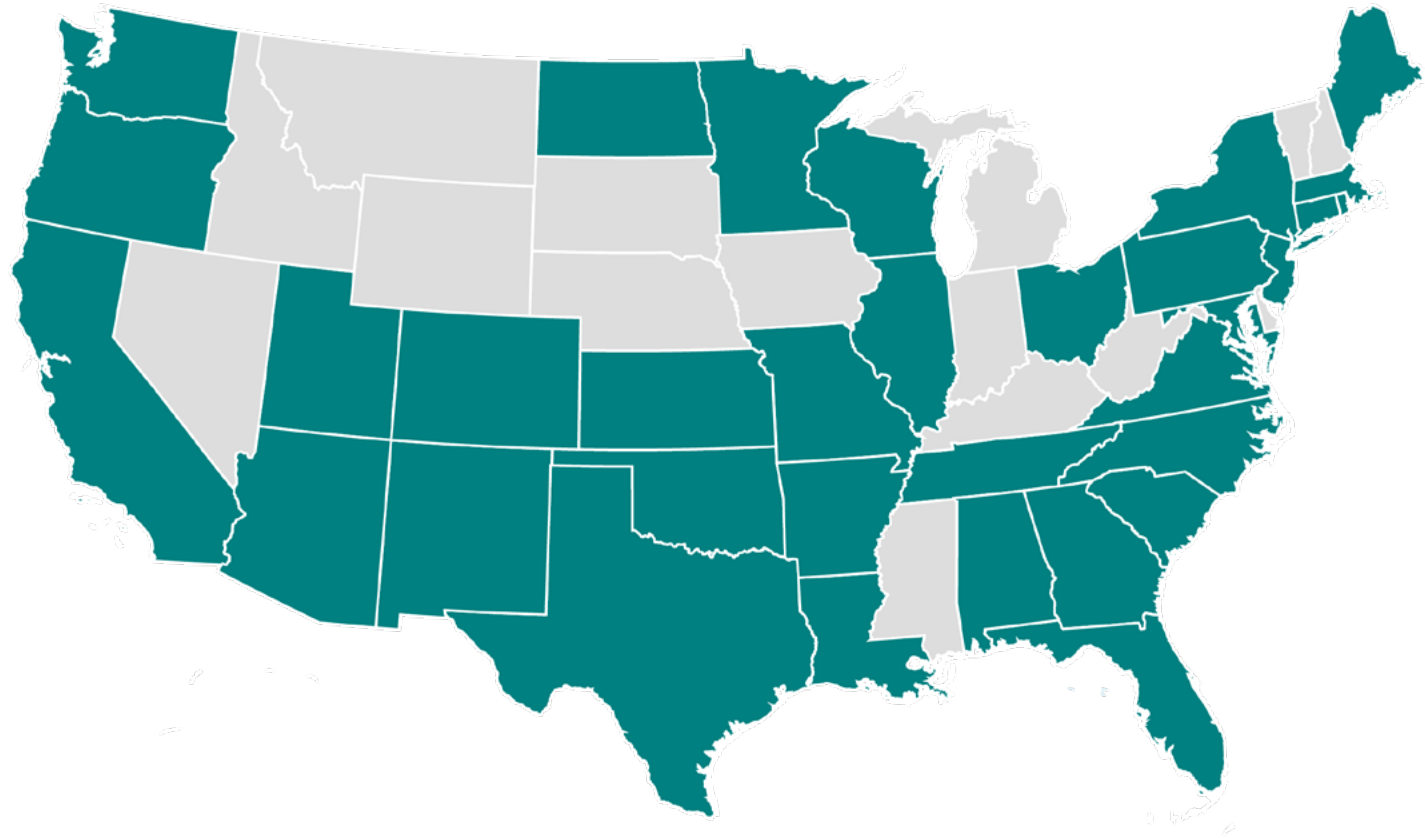
OVER \$500,000 PER YEAR IS COLLECTED BY OUR CONGREGATION FOR SHORT-TERM TRIPS ALONE.

*Gray areas represent countries to which Grace has sent missionaries.



GRACE ALUMNI NETWORK

OUR ALUMNI NETWORK CONSISTS OF 487 MEMBERS ACROSS 34 STATES AND SEVERAL COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. THE GRACE ALUMNI NETWORK EXISTS TO BRING GRACE ALUM TOGETHER, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE, HELPING THEM MAINTAIN THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE GRACE FAMILY.



*Teal areas represent states where Grace Alumni have a presence.



OUR PRIMARY GOAL 100% ENGAGEMENT

Each one of us, and all of us together, experiencing the joy of generously giving to Jesus.

AS WE SEEK TO PERSONALLY LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF GOD'S SPIRIT, LET'S HUMBLY AND COURAGEOUSLY CONSIDER...

What steps do I need to take to move away from pursuit of my own comfort and toward deeper dependence upon Jesus?

How can I honor God with 100% of what He has given to me?

What am I not surrendering to the Lord, and why am I holding it back?

Have I learned to give joyfully, from a grateful heart, or is my giving done merely out of duty?



OUR SECONDARY GOAL

\$32 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS

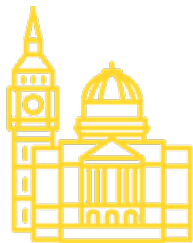
We've asked the Lord to show us what kind of impact He wants us to make over the next two years for His glory, and we believe He has identified three areas:



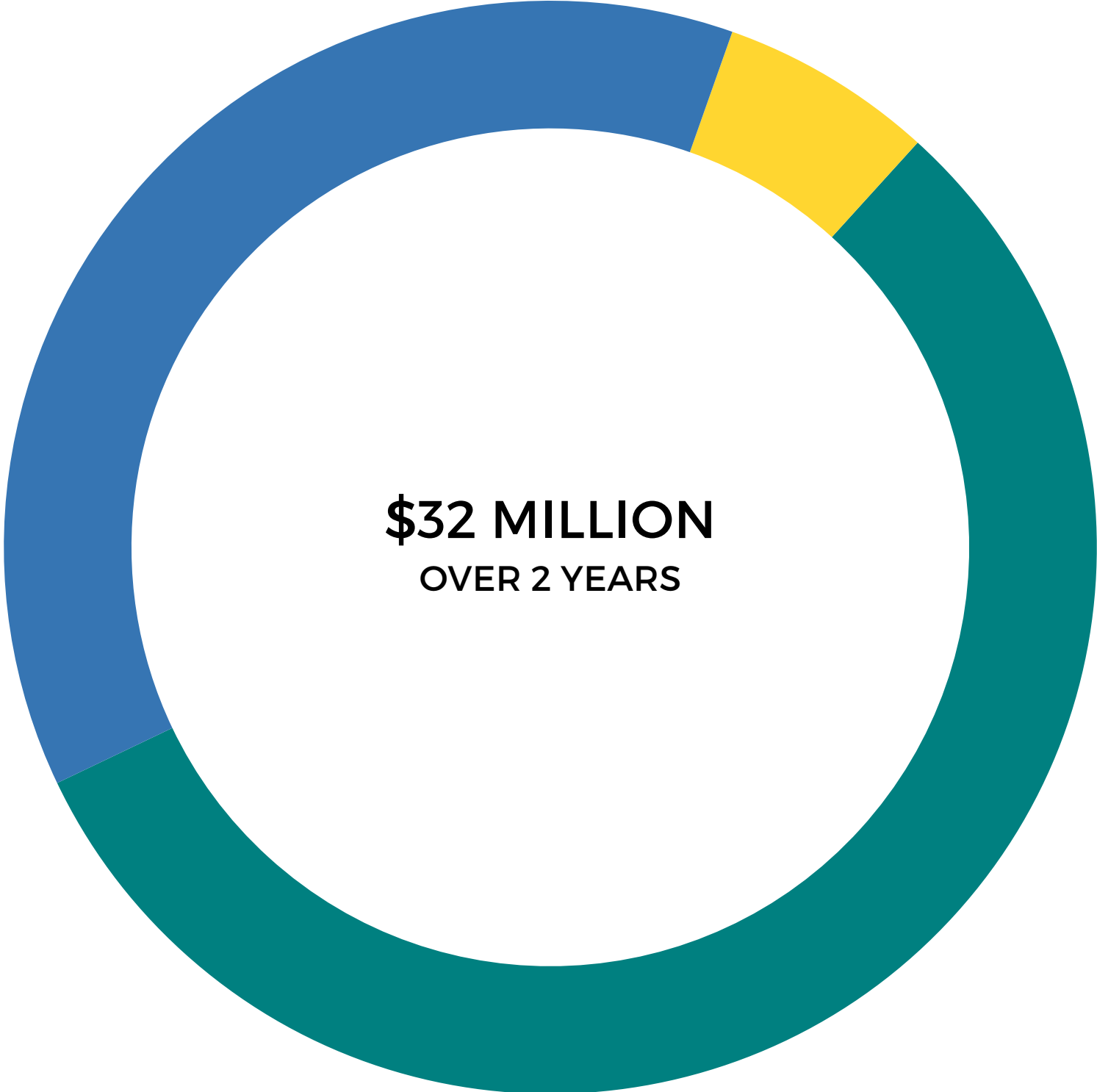
EVERY DAY
\$12 MILLION



EVERY NEIGHBOR
\$18 MILLION



EVERY NATION
\$2 MILLION



**“ YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR
GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH
ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL
YOUR STRENGTH.”**

MARK 12:30

EVERY DAY

\$12 MILLION (OPERATING BUDGET)

**OUR CHURCH'S OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS
SUPPORTS THE ONGOING MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH, INCLUDING
STAFF, FACILITIES, MISSIONS, CHILDREN, YOUTH, COLLEGE,
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND OTHER EVERY DAY BUDGET ITEMS.**





**“YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.”**

MARK 12:31

EVERY NEIGHBOR \$18 MILLION

As Bryan/College Station continues to grow, our hope is that all of our neighbors will have the opportunity to hear and respond to God’s grace in Jesus Christ and to fellowship in a disciple-making community.

THE CREEKSIDE FACILITY - \$16 MILLION

By 2025, the population of College Station is expected to nearly double, and we see south College Station as a primary place where new growth will happen. In order to serve that area of town, we are praying for \$16 million dollars to establish a permanent facility for our Creekside Campus.

THE NEXT CAMPUS - \$ 2 MILLION

As we seek to reach underserved parts of our community, we are in the process of evaluating potential locations for our next campus.



THE NEW CREEKSIDE FACILITY WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE A PERMANENT HOME FOR OUR CREEKSIDE CAMPUS, BUT WITH INCREASED SPACE FOR WORSHIP AND MINISTRY, THIS LOCATION WILL BECOME A BASE OF OPERATIONS TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS AND TO SEND DISCIPLE-MAKERS INTO THE WORLD.



**“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.”**

MATTHEW 28:19-20B

EVERY NATION

\$2 MILLION

AS A UNIVERSITY FAMILY CHURCH, WE HAVE SEEN THE STRATEGIC VALUE AND POWER OF INTEGRATING MATURE FAMILIES AND ADULTS WITH STUDENTS TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST. THROUGHOUT OUR ENTIRE HISTORY, GRACE HAS JOINED WITH LIKE-MINDED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND PLANT CHURCHES AMONG THE NATIONS. BY LEVERAGING OUR EXISTING PARTNERSHIPS BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, WE PLAN TO CONTINUE PLANTING CHURCHES NEAR STRATEGIC UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES WORLDWIDE. IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WE ARE SEEKING TO PLANT ONE CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ONE CHURCH INTERNATIONALLY.



GROWING IN GENEROSITY

IN ACTS, WE READ THAT “ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON. AND THEY WERE SELLING THEIR POSSESSIONS AND BELONGINGS AND DISTRIBUTING THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED.” AS WE WALK THROUGH EVERY KNEE, EACH ONE OF US AND ALL OF US TOGETHER WILL BE CHALLENGED TO GROW IN GIVING GENEROUSLY TO JESUS. FROM SCRIPTURE, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FOUR TYPES OF GIVERS:

INITIAL GIVER

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

Initial Givers are people who decide to give for the first time out of a response to God’s word and His extravagant generosity in giving us eternal life through Jesus Christ.

CONSISTENT GIVER

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Consistent Givers are people who have learned to joyfully exercise the discipline of giving regularly and reliably rather than just occasionally.

INTENTIONAL GIVER

LUKE 14:28-35

Intentional Givers are people who begin to think about their giving in relation to other things to which resources could be devoted. For example, these givers ask questions like, “Why am I giving more to my phone bill than I am giving to God?” For Intentional Givers, their giving begins to reflect their priorities in life.

SURRENDERED GIVER

1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

Surrendered Givers are people who recognize that God is the owner of all earthly resources and the giver is simply a steward entrusted to use those resources wisely. Surrendered Givers’ driving passion is to use 100% of their earthly wealth (not only their money but also cars, homes, time, skills, etc.) for eternal purposes. Their giving governs their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. For such people, generous giving is an opportunity to worship God with the wealth He has entrusted to them.

NOW, STEVE AND AMY WANT “TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT ADVANCES THE KINGDOM AND OUTLIVES” THEM.



LEGACY WRIGHT FAMILY TESTIMONY

Seeing the opportunity to be a part of a new church plant, Steve and Amy Wright started attending Grace for the first time to join the Creekside family in 2015. However, this was not their first exposure to Grace. As a freshman at A&M, Steve’s roommate and best buddy was a “knuckle headed guy named Jason Wiesepape.” Steve watched Jason do a “180-degree” as his priorities changed from having a good time in college to pursuing the Lord. Steve watched Jason go on to attend seminary and return to Grace as a pastor. For Steve, this stirred in him a desire to visit Grace.

At age 36, Steve experienced his own 180-degree turn to the Lord. He found himself coming to Jason for support in his new faith. As they met weekly, he began to grow in his walk with the Lord. Steve isn’t the only one who has experienced this growth. His whole family is now plugged into life at Grace. They have seen their kids benefit from the influence of college-aged leaders in youth group, and they have felt welcomed and loved at every turn. Steve and Amy are now committed to making a similar impact on others. Steve used to think, “squeezing money out of me for a church affiliation was like squeezing blood out of a beet. It was all duty.”

Now, Steve and Amy want “to be a part of something that advances the kingdom and outlives” them. They “see legacy — genuine and authentic legacy, in this Every Knee initiative.” As they consider how this initiative will impact their family, they can’t wait “for parents to come alongside each other, boldly give, and share with their kids why” because “it’s the only way this legacy thing is going to continue.”

TAKE PART THREE WAYS TO ENGAGE



PRAY FERVENTLY

that the people of Grace Bible Church will continue to listen to God's voice as He leads us each into greater participation in the Great Commission.



GIVE GENEROUSLY

from the resources God has given you, whether small or great. Let God stretch you toward a new level of generosity and trust as you seek to follow Him.



CELEBRATE BOLDLY

and encourage others to engage with God's vision for them personally and for our church. Communicate your enthusiasm for all that God is going to do in and among us in the next few years.

ONE FUND

It's possible that you've been a part of church campaigns in the past where you were asked to give a second gift "above and beyond" your regular giving. We believe that the "over and above" giving approach is potentially confusing to people who don't have a baseline for their "normal giving."

It also has the potential to diminish the significance of the ongoing generous giving of so many people. The Every Knee Initiative will last two years. In those two years, every gift given to Grace Bible Church will go to the Every Knee Initiative to help us accomplish our goals of reaching Every Neighbor and Every Nation and doing effective ministry Every Day.

We've included a sample commitment card so you can see how a "one fund initiative" works. Please take the time to fill this out, but don't worry — you will receive a new one on Commitment Sunday.



“THE CHURCH
IS THE PLACE
WHERE LIFE
IS FOUND”

SOLD OUT IAN WEBER TESTIMONY

As an 8 year old attending midnight yell with his older brother, Ian Weber fell in love with Texas A&M. He attended Impact camp as he entered into college, and there he heard Jacob Smith speak for the first time. He found himself thinking, “I want to go to wherever this guy teaches.”

Drawn to Grace Bible Church, he began to serve in Youth ministry and was poured into by Youth staff and the Launch Global team. Ian began to see a greater purpose for his time in College Station. “School is important... but the thing I looked forward to was Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights, getting to be a part of the youth group.” As a mentor to his Youth kids, he has seen the joy of not just consuming from the church but pouring out for the church. To Ian, “the Church is the place where life is found.”

Approaching graduation, Ian was faced with the decision of pursuing missions, taking a youth pastor position at another church, or becoming a Fellow at Grace. Working as a caterer part-time, Ian ended up working at a vision event at Grace. At this event, the Elders introduced the Every Knee initiative for the first time. After hearing about Every Knee and Grace’s desire to continue spreading the Gospel until the day that every nation has heard the name of Jesus, Ian found himself asking, “Are you kidding me? This is a church that I could work for!” He became sold out for the mission of Grace Bible Church. Now, he cannot wait to become a Fellow in order to participate in the Every Knee initiative in any way possible.

TWO YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool — let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ’s Kingdom.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO YEAR GIFT LEVEL	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	TOTAL GIFT LEVEL
1	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$125,000	\$3,000,000
1	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$83,333	\$2,000,000
2	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$62,500	\$3,000,000
2	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$41,667	\$2,000,000
3	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$1,500,000
5	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$1,250,000
7	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$1,050,000
15	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$1,500,000
20	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$1,500,000
25	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$1,625,000
50	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$2,500,000
70	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$2,450,000
85	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$2,125,000
95	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$1,425,000
120	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$1,200,000
205	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$1,537,500
275	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$1,375,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$962,500
TOTAL GIFT GOAL:				\$32,000,000

COMMITMENT WORKSHEET

\$ What I/we normally give in a year to Grace Bible Church

+

\$ My/Our expanded annual generosity as part of the Every Knee initiative

=

\$ x 2 YEARS

=

\$

+

Gifts from my/our stored resources (savings, stocks, property, etc.) \$

=

MY/OUR TOTAL 2 YEAR EVERY KNEE COMMITMENT

\$

June 2018 - May 2020

Name Email

Campus Address

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IF WE ARE COMMITTING TO EVERY KNEE; HOW DOES THIS CHANGE MY GIVING TO MISSIONS, THE GENERAL FUND, AND OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS?

During this two-year period, every contribution to God through Grace Bible Church is a contribution to our Every Knee initiative. Every aspect of the ministry vision God is calling us towards for the next two years will be funded through Every Knee. There will not be separate funds. Every gift made will go into the same fund and will be our Every Knee giving. Therefore, every weekend becomes a day to celebrate and contribute towards what God is doing in us and through us to help draw people towards Himself.

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING ME TO DO?

First and foremost, we are asking you to pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Spend time in the Word, reflecting on all that God has done and the life that He calls us to. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for this season of your life. We are asking that you make a sacrificial commitment to gospel-centered generosity. What could God do if you and your family were honoring Him with 100% of the resources that He has given you? We ask that you prepare to be amazed. We serve an absolutely incredible God. He is moving in huge ways, and we anticipate an unprecedented impact from our collective Every Knee commitments — something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, May 6th.

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL WAYS BESIDES CASH THAT I CAN GIVE MORE TOWARDS EVERY KNEE?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards Every Knee. You might have some stocks, property, or other stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact our Finance Director, Debbie Howard at debbiehoward@grace-bible.org to make a gift of this type.

HOW LONG IS MY COMMITMENT?

We are asking everyone to make a two-year commitment. The commitment will begin with our Every Knee Celebration and First Give Day, June 3rd, and it will culminate in May of 2020.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB RIGHT NOW? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR MY EVERY KNEE COMMITMENT?

Every Knee is about your total, radical, sacrificial generosity to God's mission at Grace Bible Church. We believe that God calls us to action in times of hardship just as much as He does in times of abundance, and that looks different for every person. But Every Knee is about a heart change — one that is only accomplished by surrendering our lives completely over to God in this area of giving. So that may mean that you are being challenged to sell things, to pick up odd jobs, or even to trust God in faith as you seek ways to sacrifice and work towards that commitment. Our primary goal is that 100% of us are a part of Every Knee so that we can all be supporting, loving, encouraging, and praying for one another through this spiritually stretching season at Grace.

WHAT IF I AM SEVERELY IN DEBT RIGHT NOW? AM I STILL SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

If you are currently seeking to pay off debt, we commend you for making progress on that. And you should continue to do so. We would be happy to help you in this journey and/or to recommend a budgeting class that might minister to you. Being in debt does not, however, exclude us from giving (2 Cor 8:1-4). Giving isn't about what God wants from you; rather, it's about what God wants for you. So it should be our joy and privilege to give at all times. Please contact us if you need assistance with this or if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor, and we would be honored to help.

WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER EVEN GIVEN TO GRACE BEFORE?

The Every Knee initiative has been crafted specifically with you in mind. Every Knee is a "one fund" generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving — thus creating two steps for people who aren't yet giving. Every Knee is a call to sacrificial, gospel-centered generosity for absolutely everyone at Grace. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a committed sacrifice.

WHAT IF I AM NEW TO GRACE?

Every Knee is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards, and we would love for you to make Grace Bible Church your home and join us in Every Knee. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. We need you on the team!



**THEREFORE GOD HAS
HIGHLY EXALTED HIM AND
BESTOWED ON HIM THE NAME
THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,
SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS
EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, IN
HEAVEN AND ON EARTH
AND UNDER THE EARTH.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:9-10

GIVE AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

How do you feel when the topic of giving comes up in church? Joyful, excited, nervous, frustrated? Why?

What positive or negative experiences have you had with regard to giving in the past?

Read Exodus 35:20-36:7. Why do you think the Israelites were so eager to give to build the tabernacle?

Read Mark 12:41-44. Why did Jesus commend only the widow? What was it about her gift that made it noteworthy?

Do you usually view your giving as an act of worship to God? Why or why not?

How would your giving look different if you consistently approached it as an act of worship?

WEEK 1 SERMON NOTES

GIVE TO INVEST IN ETERNITY

Read Philippians 1:3-7. What is the “good work” (v6) that God will complete? How does this motivate generosity?

Read Luke 16:1-13. Why did Jesus commend the dishonest manager? What did that manager do right?

How does this parable in Luke 16 inform how we ought to use our money and resources (cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)?

Read Matthew 6:19-21. Jesus said that we should store up “treasures in heaven.” What type of treasures do you think He was talking about? Why does He consider this a wise investment?

Investing in eternity means that we use our money and our resources to help spread the gospel and make disciples. Do you use your money and resources that way? What is one way you can be more faithful to invest in eternity?

WEEK 2 SERMON NOTES

GIVE BECAUSE YOU ARE RICH

Do you consider yourself “rich”? Why or why not? If not, how would your life change if you began to believe that you are rich?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and list a few principles that should guide how the wealthy think about and use their wealth.

On a day-to-day basis, do you find yourself tempted to “fix your hope” (v17) on wealth? If so, how can you more consistently place your hope in God instead?

Would you describe yourself as “rich in good works, generous and ready to share”? Why or why not?

How do you balance “enjoying” and “sharing” the riches God has entrusted to you?

What are the similarities and differences between a “steward” and an “owner” (1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10; Psalm 24:1)?

List ten financial or material ways God has blessed you in the past. Spend a few minutes prayerfully thanking God for His provision.

In what ways, other than material wealth, do you possess great riches (2 Corinthians 8:9; Acts 9:36-39; 1 Thessalonians 2:8; Luke 10:33-37)?

Choose one principle from 1 Timothy 6:17-19 to apply to your life this year.

WEEK 3 SERMON NOTES

GIVE TO BREAK IDOLS

What fears or concerns limit your generosity toward the Great Commission or toward helping those in need?

Do you think it is true that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”? If so, how have you seen this principle reflected in your own life?

In Ezekiel 14:3, the Lord speaks of “idols of the heart.” Why do we idolize things in our heart? What do we expect from these “idols”? What are the “idols” of your heart?

Take a look at your income and spending this week (if you are married, do this together with your spouse). If someone who did not know you looked at how you spend your money (or your time), what would they assume about your priorities? Does this match what you want your priorities to be?

When you think about all that God is doing, both in our community and in the world, and all the ways you could be involved, what ministries, needs, or opportunities excite you most? Why?

Are there ways in which God is calling you to stretch yourself to be more generous? Why does God stretch us to become more generous?

Theologian Abraham Kuyper said, “There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!” What areas of your life currently don’t belong to Jesus, or prove especially hard to give to Jesus? Why?

WEEK 4 SERMON NOTES

GIVE AS A WAY OF LIFE

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 8:1 – 9:15 TO ANSWER THE FIRST FOUR QUESTIONS:

What attitudes should characterize our giving?

What motivations does this passage provide for giving generously to God's work?

What temptations or sins threaten our generosity?

What does God promise to do for the generous person? Based on the rest of the New Testament, what do you think these promises mean?

Read Philippians 4:15-20 and then describe how the Philippians participated in Paul's ministry. Why did the Philippian church give so generously to his work?

What patterns or habits will you begin, or continue, in order to live your life as a joyfully generous person?

WEEK 5 SERMON NOTES

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