

## **Living Grace Church**

### ***Mission:***

Seeking to introduce people to the Person of Jesus Christ through evangelism, personal relationships, education, and discipleship (Matthew 28:19)

### ***Purpose:***

To provide a church community (local body of Christ) **in which** a person can acknowledge their relationship to God in Christ, and **by which** a living and practical understanding of God's Word is exemplified (Matthew 28:19, 20)

### ***Motto:***

Motivated by the love of Christ to serve others (Galatians 5:6)

### **Core value statements**

**1. We believe the Word of God is the basis and authority of our lives (Ps 19:7-10; 119:89, 165; 138:2b; Mt 24:35; II Tim 3:16, 17).**

- We place high value on the preaching, teaching, and the personal study of the Word of God. While the church provides the resources and tools for understanding the Word of God, it is the responsibility of the individual believer to appropriate and utilize these tools.

**2. We believe in the Finished Work of Christ and its application toward all people (John 19:30; Eph 1:3; Col 2:9, 10).**

**3. We are motivated by the love of Christ to serve others (John 13.1-17; Gal. 5.13b).**

**4. We're motivated by the love of God to share the good news of salvation through Christ (II Cor 5:14-21).**

- We believe that it is the responsibility of the church to facilitate, model, and encourage the creative sharing of the good news of Christ's accomplishments to all mankind.

**5. We believe that a personal relationship is the most effective way to bring people to a decision for Christ (Mt 28:18-20; Isa 53; I John 1:1-4).**

**6. We believe that every member should commit to a lifestyle of consistent spiritual growth with honest accountability (Phil 1:27; I Thes 4:3; II Pet 3:18).**

- We believe that the pursuit of Christ is the one and only way of honoring the giver of eternal life. We should pursue Christ above all things.
- We believe that spiritual growth is best fostered through authentic personal relationships.
- We believe that service is a means of continued spiritual growth.

**7. We believe that the responsibility of the local church is to be a representation of Christ, a refuge to the community, and to equip its members for service (Eph 4:11-16; Mt 16:17-20).**

- We believe that the local church was established by God as the most effective method for educating and maturing the new believer in their relationship to God, His word, and the world in which we live. It is the means by which leaders are identified and the primary source of their training.
- We believe that the local church should primarily be a teaching institution in all facets of a believer's learning of God's Word, both academic and practical.
- We believe that the revelation and expression of the kingdom of God is the ultimate result of the local church fulfilling its role as educator and mentor. True progression should be measured in the reproduction of transformed lives and Spirit-led believers.

**8. We believe that every member is a minister who has been given gifts to be discovered, developed, and deployed within the local church (I Cor 12:4-13; Rom 12:3-8).**

- We believe that God gives spiritual gifts to His children for the service of others. Therefore, God's creative expression finds its fullest display in the gifting of individual believers to function together in unity as unique individual members of a local church for the edification of the Body of Christ.

**9. We believe that doing church as a team is God's design for effective ministry (Luke 10:1; Eph 4:16; I Cor 12:12-31; 14:24-25).**

- Team ministry approach provides a method for identifying and training future leaders. Team ministry should be consistent and integrated with the overall purpose of the church.

**10. We believe that partnering with like-minded ministries is the most effective way to further the kingdom of God on earth (Rom 15:26-27; II Cor 9:10-15). Kingdom partnerships are identified by agreement on these principles:**

- Love the Lord
- Love His Word
- Love the lost
- Don't exalt secondary issues to a primary position

***The distinctives of kingdom ministry are identified as:***

- It isn't comprised solely by individual organizational ability or power but in corporate organic power.
- It is the recognition of the revelation and expression of the kingdom of God through various portions under the headship of Jesus Christ the King.
- It demands organizational humility personified in the furtherance of the kingdom being placed primarily above the benefit of the organization.
- It entails the sharing of resources for the benefit of the kingdom of God.
- It places thanksgiving and praise for victory on a community wide, regional, and global scale through partnership and not merely a private organization.

***11. We believe that biblical stewardship and sacrificial giving is the responsibility of every believer (I Cor 4:1, 2; 6:20; Eph 5:15-17; Heb 13:16; Gal 6:6-10).***

## Ministries (Internal/External)

The ministries which are currently active at LGC:

### Internal

1. Leadership team – Pastor Powell
2. Worship and music – Pastor Kevin
  - a. Audio Visual department – Rick Fortin, Kenny Kong
3. Welcome team
4. Pastoral care – Pastor Jim
  - a. Family & marriage counseling
5. Deacons – Rick Fortin
  - a. Greeters/Ushers – Larry Hansen
6. Security – Rick Fortin
7. Church media – Dawn Bussey, Chris Reese, Martin Rodriguez
  - a. Website (DB)
  - b. Realm (MR)
8. Honored seniors – Pastor Wheelock
9. Children’s ministry (Youth Education: Sunday school, etc.) – Becky Fortin, Donna Wilder
10. Women’s ministry – Becky Miller
11. Mom’s ministry
12. Men’s ministry – Larry Hansen, Pastor Kevin
  - a. Men’s Bible studies/small groups – at LGC Saturday’s @ 9 AM (Doc Hansen),
13. Bolder teens – Chris Wilder – Fridays at 6:00 PM
14. Fellowship meals – Becky Fortin
15. Espresso Bar – Karin Krout
16. Panera Bread pickup – Sherry Stansell
17. Metropolitan food pickup – Stacey Moore
18. Prayer ministry – Stacey Moore
  - a. Weekly (Tuesday mornings’
  - b. Bi-weekly (Intercessory prayer group)
19. Pay of the mortgage – Brenda Cornwell
  - a. Scrip cards
20. Drama – Elvin & Pamela Rice
21. Pay off the mortgage (scrip cards) – Brenda Cornwell, Kathy Jackson
22. Small groups
  - a. **Chris Wilder’s – every other Saturday, 5:30 PM**
  - b. **Susan Keller’s house – Sunday’s @ 5PM**
  - c. **Knitting group @ church**
23. Card writing ministry – Sherill McBroom
24. Flag ministry
25. Gift of Grace gift shop – Katie Rodriguez
26. Choir – Susan Keller

## External

1. Food bank
  - a. LGC (Saturday, 11-1:00 pm) (moving to 12:00-2:00 starting 11/4)
  - b. FRO (Thursday, 1-3:00 pm)
  - c. Church in the Woods (pickup on every other Friday)
2. Saturday Night Feed at the Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRM)
3. Christian Athletic Program (CAP)
4. Food transportation (food bank: Freedom River Outreach (FRO) & LGC)
5. Fred Meyer food gathering for the food bank
6. Hospital visitation
7. Prayer ministry
  - a. Corporate prayer (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month @ 1:30-2:30)
  - b. Wednesday night prayer service (Wednesday 7:00-8:00)
  - c. Last Friday of the month @ Hilltop Christian Assembly
  - d. 24-hour prayer chapel
8. Mission teams and support: (Goal to have 2-3 countries represented in the conference every year)
  - a. International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM) (Dr. Daniel Lewis, St. Petersburg, Florida)
  - b. Dominican Republic (Pastor Emanuel & Liz Cepeda)
  - c. Venezuela (Pastor Adam & Diana Nathanson)
  - d. Chile (Pastor Fabian & Erica Lopez)
  - e. International Association of Grace Ministries (IAGM) (Dr. Daniel Lewis)
  - f. Rome, Italy (Pastor Todd & Christie Kincaid)
  - g. Uganda (Pastor Herman & Annie Lukwago & school children)
    1. Pastor Joshua & Prossy Naluswa
  - h. Cambodia (Pastor Joseph & Makara)
9. Local & affiliated American churches (Goal to have 2-3 ministries represented every year at the conference):
  - a. Freedom River Outreach (Tacoma, WA)
  - b. Marine View Presbyterian Church (Tacoma, WA)
  - c. Church of the Woods (Roy, WA)
  - d. Hope Community Church (Pastor Eric and Debbie Lind, Tacoma, WA)
  - e. Indianapolis, Indiana (Pastor Terry & Jane Fleck)
  - f. Las Vegas, Nevada (Pastor Dominick & Niki Rodriguez)
  - g. Westfield, Massachusetts (Pastor Chet & Diana Marshall)
  - h. Newark, Delaware (Pastor Jeff & Nancy Wisot, Pastor Elliot & Toni Taylor)
  - i. St. Petersburg, Florida (Pastor Tim & Peggy Kelley)
10. Mission Trips (There is a desire to visit the various missionaries that we)
11. Tuesday Street Ministry
12. New Life Program (Thursday evening at TRM)
13. Homeless Blessing Bags
14. Care Net

### **Internal & External Ministries**

1. School of Urban Ministry (SUM)
2. Dorms

### **Yearly Internal & External Events**

#### **Fundraising Events**

1. Pie Auction (Youth Education, Northwest Conference / Missions)
2. Cupcake Wars (Pay off the mortgage)
3. Chili Cookoff (Teens)
4. Bottle Drives (Care Net)

#### **Questions:**

- a. Do you see the need for these events?
- b. Do you have any ideas for an event that may be more effective, or better serve our community?

#### **Non-fundraising Events**

1. Northwest Conference
2. Youth Camp
3. Vacation Bible School (LGC, FRO & Church in the Woods)
4. Men's Camp
5. Women's Retreat
6. Ignite the City Prayer Seminar
7. New Year's All-Night Prayer
8. Toy & Coat Drive for Roosevelt School
9. 253 Multi-church Evangelistic Event

### **A rough sketch of questions to be asked of the congregants**

1. What would you like to see the church doing in the next one/five years?
2. Do you understand the guidelines described in the "Introduction to Living Grace Church" class for working with other ministries?
3. An integral part of the vision the School of Urban Ministry is the education of students for urban church evangelism and work (both theological and experientially).
  - a. Do you see the need for such an education?
  - b. If yes, have you attended it?
4. How can SUM better communicate its purpose and serve the church and community?
5. What ministries do you consider to be crucial for you to attend this church?
  - Bolder Teens
  - Youth Education
  - Worship and Audio Visual
  - Small groups
  - School of Urban Ministry
  - Women's Ministry

- Men's Ministry
- Security Team
- Church Media
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6. Has the church done an adequate job of informing you of its ministries? **Y / N**
7. How could we better this aspect of communication?
8. If you are interested in any of the above ministries or events, are you will to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to assist in some way in this area?

**I am interested in:**

- Mission trips (foreign / domestic)
- Helping with food transportation for the food bank
- Hospital visitation
- Prayer ministry
- Saturday night feed
- Saturday Food bank
- Tuesday Street Ministry
- SUM Classes
- Youth Education
  - Teacher's assistant
- Northwest Conference preparation team
- Christian Athletic Program
- Street Ministry
- Youth Camp Counselor

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