

GRACE CHURCH BETHLEHEM

DEFINING

LIVES



In Jesus Christ... "we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28

God made us for himself, and has spent all of human history pursuing a relationship with us. His pursuit culminating in God sending his son Jesus, who gave his life so that we can have ours. His love evokes a response of making Jesus the center of our lives. This is the most important defining decision we can make. That decision defines every part of their life.

At GRACE Church, we are a community of people who have made that decision, living a different kind of life because of our commitment to Jesus. Every part of our life. Our breath, our decisions, our relationships, our ups and downs are dependent on Him. We live **DEFINING-LIVES** through Jesus.

This past year has been a year where we have had a front row seat to God working in our church. That work has happened in and through you. You are living **DEFINING-LIVES**, inviting Jesus to be Lord of all parts of your lives, including the resources that God had given you to steward. You are a generous!

That generosity is not only a mark of your Defining-Life, it is also an invitation to others to live **DEFINING-LIVES**. You are meeting

spiritual and physical needs in our church, in our community and around the world, in the name of Jesus.

In the next pages, you will see the many ways we have together lived **DEFINING LIVES** and how your generosity has been used by God to fuel our mission of "inviting all to know the GRACE of Jesus."

You have been so faithful in your support of this life-giving mission. You will find your 2025 giving statement reflecting your giving enclosed. Thank you!

Now it's time to be invest again in this work.

Our ministry budget must keep pace to take on all that God has placed before us. To make that happen, our annual giving must continue to grow. With that in mind, I want to ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your annual giving. Your generous giving will allow us to live into our mission and expanded ministries. And most important, your generous giving is a response to God's incredible generosity and faithfulness to you and to our church.

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Marnie". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M'.

Dr. Marnie Crumpler, Senior Pastor



Through Worship

WORSHIP IS VITAL FOR OUR DEFINING-LIVES.

Each Sunday, we come together in the presence of our Holy Triune God. We lift up the name of Jesus and we re-set our lives with the Lord at the center. Worship re-enforces our identity as God's people.

162
WORSHIP SERVICES

WE CELEBRATED COMMUNION TOGETHER
38
TIMES.

OUR WORSHIP ENGAGEMENT CONTINUES TO GROW.

Adult attendance grew by
22% in-person & 10% online.

Average weekly worship
In-person attendance

855
Adults

Online average attendance

200
Devices

Every week, we have
50 Choir Members
12 Worship/Production Members
leading us in worship.



Through Prayer

PRAYER IS VITAL FOR OUR DEFINING-LIVES.

Prayer isn't a formula. It's not a ritual or a last resort. Prayer is a relationship. It's honest conversation with the God who made you, loves you, and is with you. When we pray, we are thank God. We invite God to be at work. We invite Him to change our lives and show us His ways. We pray for each other and for those we love.



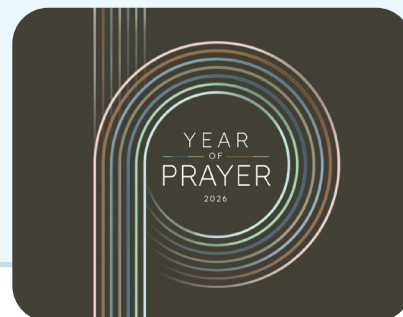
THE RING A NEW PRAYER INITIATIVE

Scan QR Code to Learn More
About Our Prayer Ring Team

On Sunday mornings, teams of people are praying for worship services, for people after each service and for each other in the atrium. The Ring is a new prayer initiative that invites people to specifically surround all of our ministries with prayer.

25
people

serve on the Prayer Core Team with many other praying through the Ring, or other prayer initiatives.



2026 will be GRACE's YEAR of PRAYER
inviting us all to grow in this vital mark of

DEFINING-LIVES.



Through Groups

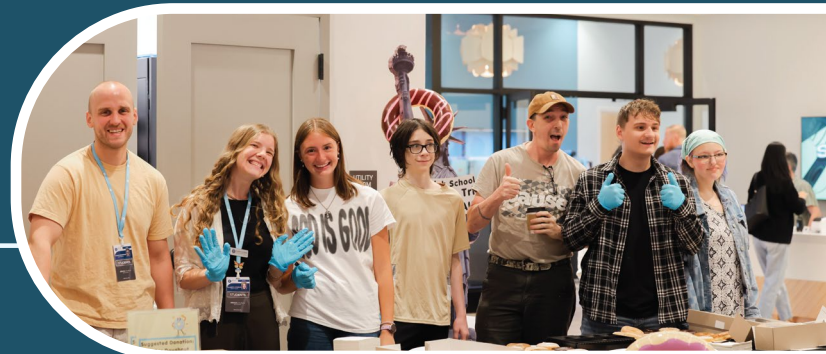
GROUPS ARE VITAL FOR OUR DEFINING-LIVES

We know that in community we grow in our faith and in the likeness of Jesus Christ. We can't do that alone. As an all-generations church, groups of all ages meet everyday of the week on our campus to grow.



114 Kids in Programs

68 Students in Programs



37 Young Adults in Programs



27 Adult Grow, Life & Care Groups



Through Mission

MISSION IS VITAL FOR OUR DEFINING-LIVES.

Once Jesus defines our life, we live differently. Our daily lives and our life together are full of opportunities to be a compelling community that loves.

326

Angel Giving Tree gifts

625

Freemansburg / Marvine
Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

562

Feed Bethlehem Bags
of Food Donated

14

Local Mission Partners

14

Global Mission Partners

Countless neighborhoods,
gyms and workplaces where
we live out our DEFINING-LIVES.



Through Growth

GROWTH IS EVIDENCE OF A COMMUNITY FULL OF DEFINING-LIVES.

We grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus. And we grow wider as more and more people come to faith and desire to grow as disciples in our community.



117
New Members



13
Infant Baptisms



15
Profession of
Faith Baptisms



DEFINING LIVES

Through Giving

↳ Giving is a response of
our DEFINING-LIVES.

Giving evidences that God is at the center of our lives.
He is the giver of all things. We are stewards of His generosity.





MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT TO
THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF GRACE CHURCH FOR

2026

1

PRAY

Thank God for His work in your life and His work at GRACE Church.
Ask him to guide you in your **DEFINING LIFE**.

2

DISCERN

How does my giving demonstrate my **DEFINING -LIFE**? How is God calling me to to support the mission and ministry of GRACE Church??

3

COMMIT

Return the enclosed commitment card by mail, bring it to one of the worship services on Commitment Sunday, January 28th, or make your commitment online today at gracecb.org/2026giving.



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