

LET YOUR LIGHT

**SHINE**



BEFORE OTHERS,  
SO THAT THEY  
MAY SEE YOUR  
GOOD WORKS  
AND GIVE GLORY  
TO YOUR FATHER  
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

– Matthew 5:16

**IN THE BEGINNING,**  
God created the heavens  
and the earth.

Now the earth was  
formless and empty,  
darkness was over the  
surface of the deep,  
and the Spirit of God  
was hovering  
over the waters.

And God said,  
"Let there be light,"

**AND THERE WAS LIGHT.**



A group of young people, mostly women, are shown in profile, smiling and looking upwards. They are in a church setting, with warm, golden light in the background. The woman in the foreground is wearing a red floral dress. The overall mood is joyful and hopeful.

# WHO WE ARE

GRACE is a young church with old roots.  
A large church with a small church feel.  
A diverse people with a unifying mission:

**INVITING ALL PEOPLE TO  
KNOW AND SHOW THE GRACE  
OF JESUS CHRIST.**





# OUR STORY IS A STORY OF GRACE



**January 21, 2018**

We met for the first time at BECA. We brought forward our Ebenezer stones and invited God to move us into our future.

**March 14, 2018**

Our first staff meeting at Locust Street.

**April 22, 2018**

Our first GRACE baby was baptized.

**May 19, 2018**

Our first wedding at Locust Street, and the first new GRACE family began.

**June 25-29, 2018**

GRACE kids were AMPED at our first VBS at Locust Street.

**August 25 - 26, 2018**

Legacy Weekend — we celebrated God's faithfulness and the legacy of our church.

**December 24, 2018**

We had our first Christmas Eve as GRACE Church — with five services!

**May 13-19, 2019**

We expanded Serve Bethlehem Day to Serve Bethlehem Week.

**March 12, 2018**

Our first memorial service — we sent a loved one to his eternal home.

**April 1, 2018**

Our first Easter — we claimed our God-given name: GRACE Church Bethlehem— An ECO Presbyterian Community.

**May 5, 2018**

Our first GRACE Serve Bethlehem Day.

**May 20, 2018**

Our first confirmation class was received.

**July 22, 2018**

Our first Congregational Meeting took place at Locust Street.

**November 2018**

More than 500 people participated in the first Master Plan gatherings.

**February 10, 2019**

We had our first Starting Point class for people new to the faith.

**September 25, 2019**

We closed on our new campus property — 4301 Hecktown Road.



We have seen God work powerfully over the last two years. God has been at work in us and asked us to reach beyond ourselves. We are an invitational people — welcoming people and introducing them to the one who is the source of our home and our joy. We want everyone to experience the GRACE we have found.



# GOD HAS PLANS FOR GRACE

“Over and over, we have been able to say, ‘Only God.’ Only God could have done that. We couldn’t have imagined it. We wouldn’t have chosen it. But God, by His sovereign hand, was leading us. He was inviting us to trust Him, perhaps more than we ever had, and He still is.”

- DR. MARNIE CRUMPLER, SENIOR PASTOR

**GOD USED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN  
A DEVASTATING BLOW TO CLARIFY,  
AND EVEN ACCELERATE, OUR MISSION.**

None of it happened outside of God’s perfect plan.

God is calling us to move into our future with faith.

THE MOVE TO BECA HIGH SCHOOL WAS A LEAP OF FAITH.

THE PURCHASE OF OUR NEW PROPERTY WAS A LEAP OF FAITH.

AND NOW GOD IS CALLING US TO TAKE OUR BIGGEST LEAP YET.

**GOD IS CALLING US TO SHINE.**





# WE ARE SHINING FOLLOWERS

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING  
SPECIAL AT GRACE.**

GRACE is shining, and our community is noticing.  
We are a people of joyful worship, changed lives,  
and open arms. We want to make an impact...

**WHERE GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE.**







# WE LONG FOR A SHINING CITY

We know that the love of Jesus can change our city. When people meet Jesus, lives change.

Almost 50% of our neighbors self-identify as "NONES" with no religious connection. We want to introduce these "NONES" to the ONE.

**AS LIVES CHANGE,  
OUR COMMUNITY  
WILL CHANGE  
FOR GOOD.**



A photograph of two women standing in a river. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is smiling broadly, looking at the other woman. The woman on the right has dark hair tied back and is looking back at the first woman. They are both wearing blue long-sleeved shirts. The background is a lush green riverbank.

We have a vision that  
is bigger than we are:

**TO INVITE PEOPLE  
INTO A RELATIONSHIP  
WITH JESUS.**

To do this, we need  
a church home that shines.

**WE HAVE A**

**SHINING VISION**



# MY STORY OF GRACE



## BEN WHITBY AND ALI WYCHERLEY

**GRACE HAS BEEN, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, A HUGE PART OF OUR LIVES. IT'S WHERE OUR RELATIONSHIP BEGAN AND GREW.**

But it is also where we started our faith journeys and formed our personal relationships with Jesus. Where we have developed relationships with people who have shaped us into the people we are today. We have created lifelong memories through the church.

We are a congregation who values serving the community and seeing lives changed. We firmly believe that we could “do church” anywhere. But we also believe that a campus of our own will allow us to have a home base for worship, fellowship, missions, education ... We will be able to do far more than we can imagine now.

Throughout this process, we and our church family have begun to fully rely on God. We trust that God was, and still is, working things out for our good. He's not done with us yet! The best is still to come.



## JOE AND ELEANOR WORKMAN

**WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT, THERE ARE ONLY THREE PLACES WE CAN LEAVE OUR MONEY:**

- **TO OUR CHILDREN**
- **TO CHARITY — SUCH AS GRACE**
- **OR THE GOVERNMENT**

We prefer as little as possible go to the latter. We like the GRACE alternative a lot better. And Eleanor and I decided that rather than wait until we were in heaven to be a blessing to GRACE, that we wanted to do it now. To feel the joy of giving now. We believe in the church's mission, and we want the joy of seeing that mission moved forward in our lifetime.

This commitment is not giving until it hurts, as some suggest it might be. We are giving until there is great joy. We feel really good about what we have done. Our assets will be reduced, but as a well-known writer has said, “We are not divesting; we are investing.”

1 Timothy 6 says, *“Command them to be good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasures as a firm foundation for the coming age.”*

That is what our gift will be doing. It will be “laying up a treasure that will build a foundation for future generations.”



## JUSTIN DANIELS

**GRACE CHURCH IS EVERYTHING BUT YOUR TYPICAL CHURCH. IT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN A PLACE YOU GO ON SUNDAY MORNINGS.**

When you come to GRACE Church, you are cared for. You are loved. The people genuinely want to learn more about you.

This is so evident in the way the church values our youth. We put an immense amount of love and care into the youth because we are confident that by showing them both our love and Christ's love, they will one day be called to lead the church with the same passion that the current leaders have. Because just as Christ loved us, we love this world.

We always have, and we always will.



WHEN WE SPEND  
SO MUCH TIME  
AND ENERGY ON **THIS**



**5** am  
TIME WE START  
SETTING UP EACH  
SUNDAY MORNING

**1** pm  
TIME WE FINISH  
BREAKING DOWN EACH  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

**56**  
NUMBER OF EVENTS  
HELD AT LOCUST  
STREET EACH WEEK —  
THAT'S ALMOST  
10 EVENTS A DAY,  
6 DAYS A WEEK!

**30+**  
NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE INVOLVED  
IN SETUP

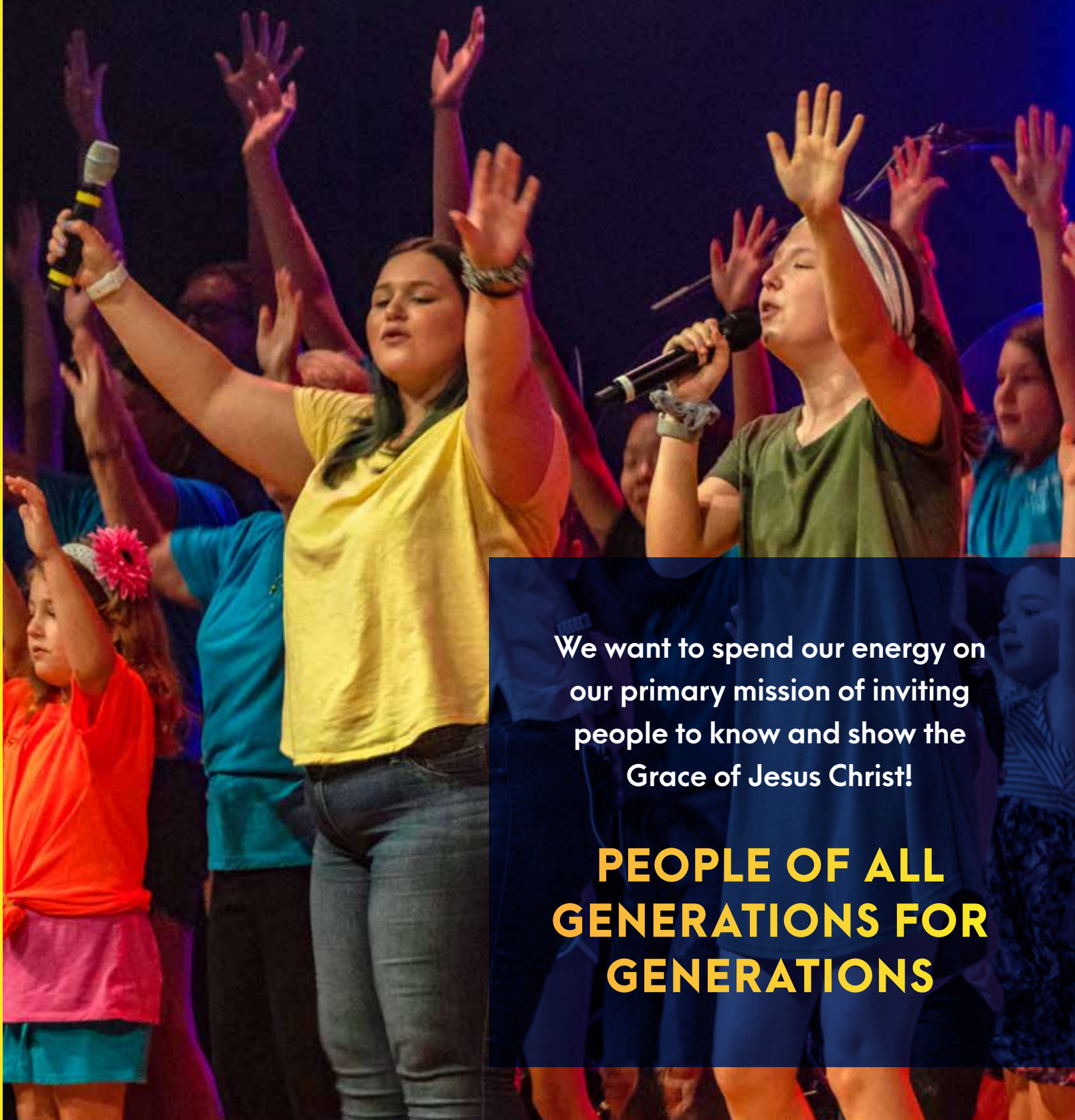
**30+**  
NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE INVOLVED  
IN TAKEDOWN

**5600**  
TOTAL NUMBER OF  
WORK HOURS IT TAKES  
TO SET UP AND TAKE  
DOWN IN A YEAR  
(SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS,  
AND SPECIAL EVENTS)

**50**  
NUMBER OF WORK  
HOURS IT TAKES  
TO COMPLETELY  
SET UP

**50**  
NUMBER OF  
HOURS IT TAKES  
TO COMPLETELY  
TAKE DOWN AND  
STORE EQUIPMENT

WE DON'T HAVE  
THE RESOURCES  
LEFT TO REALLY DO **THIS**



We want to spend our energy on  
our primary mission of inviting  
people to know and show the  
Grace of Jesus Christ!

**PEOPLE OF ALL  
GENERATIONS FOR  
GENERATIONS**



# THE TRUE COST OF TEMPORARY SPACE

The true cost of temporary space is not just measured in the rent cost each month. It's measured in opportunity — specifically, opportunity lost.

While BECA High School has been a blessing to us — and we believe we have been a blessing to them, renting space severely limits our ministry.

We are limited in our capacity to expand ministry on Sunday morning.

We are limited in the ways we can utilize the space that is not our own.

We are limited in the programs we can host and we have to turn away key ministries.

We are limited in responding to the needs of our community.

While Locust Street has provided temporary space for offices, next generation, bible studies, and special worship services, as we predicted, it is not adequate.

# GRACE WAS MADE TO SHINE!

Putting down physical roots is essential. It is time for us to move from portable to permanent. There is no substitute for a true church campus if we are serious about mission, ministry, and impact.

# THE TRUE BENEFIT OF PERMANENT SPACE

1

## BUILDINGS SHOW COMMITMENT

When we put down roots, we will be making a statement that we're here for the long haul and are invested in the long-term good of our community.

2

## BUILDINGS FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships need a place to begin and to grow. A place where you live, laugh, and share together. A place that, over time, becomes home.

3

## BUILDINGS PROVIDE TRUE FLEXIBILITY

Renting is often seen as flexible for the renter, but it's also limiting. We are limited by someone else's space and availability. At BECA we will never be able to host all of our current and future ministries. BECA is not available to us most of the week.

4

## BUILDINGS MAKE FINANCIAL SENSE

Renting may make sense in the short-term — and it has for us! However, we believe that we will be better stewards in the long-run by putting our financial resources into an asset we own and can use how and when we choose.

5

## BUILDINGS ARE A COMMUNITY ASSET

With a building of our own, we can open our doors to community groups, performing arts, schools, clubs, and other groups who might otherwise never come in contact with GRACE — and Jesus.



# A NEW HOME FOR GRACE







# AN INVITING PLACE

WHERE WE PUT DOWN ROOTS IN A STRATEGIC  
LOCATION TO WELCOME PEOPLE





# A RELEVANT SPACE

WHERE ALL AGES AND STAGES CAN  
TAKE THEIR NEXT STEP IN FAITH





# A SHINING GRACE

WHERE WE WILL EQUIP PEOPLE  
TO SHINE THE GRACE OF JESUS



# MY STORY OF GRACE



## SAMANTHA MCPEEK

**FOR THE LONGEST TIME MY HUSBAND AND I DIDN'T REALLY FEEL A PART OF ANY CHURCH. BUT WHEN WE FINALLY CAME TO A MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE LAST MAY, WE WERE BLOWN AWAY.**

The music really spoke to us, as well as the sermon, we have been coming back ever since.

I can't wait to see how this church comes together as a family as we build these new walls to call home on Sundays. A beautiful and safe place for our kids to grow up and to worship God and to always feel that they are whole. When I came to GRACE I found a part of myself that I didn't know was missing.



## JEFF AND NOREEN MOHLER

**THERE HAVE BEEN REPEATED SIGNIFICANT SIGNS OF GOD'S PROVISION AND PROVIDENCE OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS...**

From the land opportunity to the gifted, willing people He has placed in our midst, to the continued growth in membership and finances that we have experienced in our time of "locational limbo." He is certainly up to something wonderful and we're all eager to follow His leading as things come to fruition.



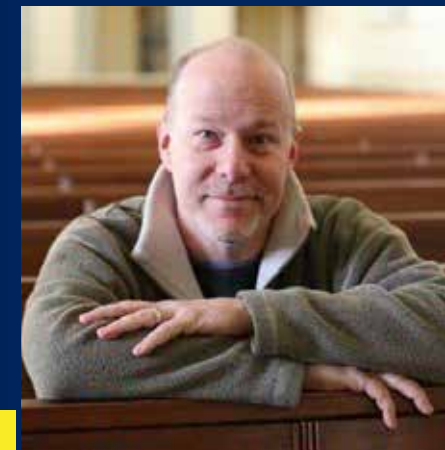
## ERICA AND MIKE BAITTINGER

**WE LOVE GRACE BECAUSE IT IS OPEN, WELCOMING, A HAVEN IN LIFE'S STORMS; IT IS A UNIQUE, INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY.**

So many individuals of different ages and stages all committed to strengthening their faith and trust in their Lord and Savior.

Yet despite our diversity, we are committed to standing firm on Biblical authority. As such, we are in the position to be a force pushing back against the messages of our society's culture. Seeking what is true, pure, good, right, and just.

Erica and I have a great sense of passing on the faith to the next generation. Our daughters are 16 and 13 and have been challenged and grown in faith tremendously due to the youth experiences at GRACE. They find relationships at our church to be among the most meaningful they have. It serves as a ballast for youth in discerning and following God's truth in their lives.



## KEVIN BURNS

**WE HAVE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE GOD'S MESSAGE AND LOVE FOR BETHLEHEM AND THE REGION.**

We are called to share the love of Christ — and we're doing it! People are reaching out to neighbors and sharing the gospel with them. We are actively reaching out to the community and it is so exciting to hear the stories of new believers whose lives are impacted by our GRACE Church family. Deus Vult!

A permanent campus is an important tool that will be used to continue to spread God's message. It has many functions! It serves as a beacon to attract people looking for God, and it is a school where children and adults come to learn. It is a place of joy (weddings) and a place of mourning (funerals). It is a place of celebration and a place of quiet reflection. It affords an opportunity to reach out to the community. And it is place where worshipers can celebrate the Living God that we know and love!



**IT STARTS  
HERE**

**MARRIAGES**

**BAPTISMS**

**MISSIONS**

**SERVICE**

**COMFORT**

**GROWTH**

**ANSWERS**







**MOST IMPORTANT,  
PEOPLE WILL MEET  
JESUS  
HERE**



# MASTER PLAN



## HIGHLIGHTS:

- 600-SEAT SANCTUARY
- 600-SEAT MODERN WORSHIP SPACE/MULTIPURPOSE SPACE
- MEMORIAL GARDEN
- COMMUNITY HUB/CAFE/KIDS' INDOOR PLAY
- CHILDREN/STUDENT SPACES
- ADMINISTRATIVE/DISCIPLESHIP SPACE

- |                                       |                   |                            |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Sanctuary                          | 6. Parlor         | 12. Youth/Discipleship     |
| 2. Fellowship Gathering               | 7. Cafe           | 13. Youth Deck             |
| 3. Modern Worship/<br>Fellowship Hall | 8. Indoor Play    | 14. Administration Offices |
| 4. Kitchen                            | 9. Kids' Check-in | 15. Memorial Garden        |
| 5. Music                              | 10. Pre-school    | 16. Courtyard              |
|                                       | 11. Children      | 17. Future Development     |



# WHY HERE?

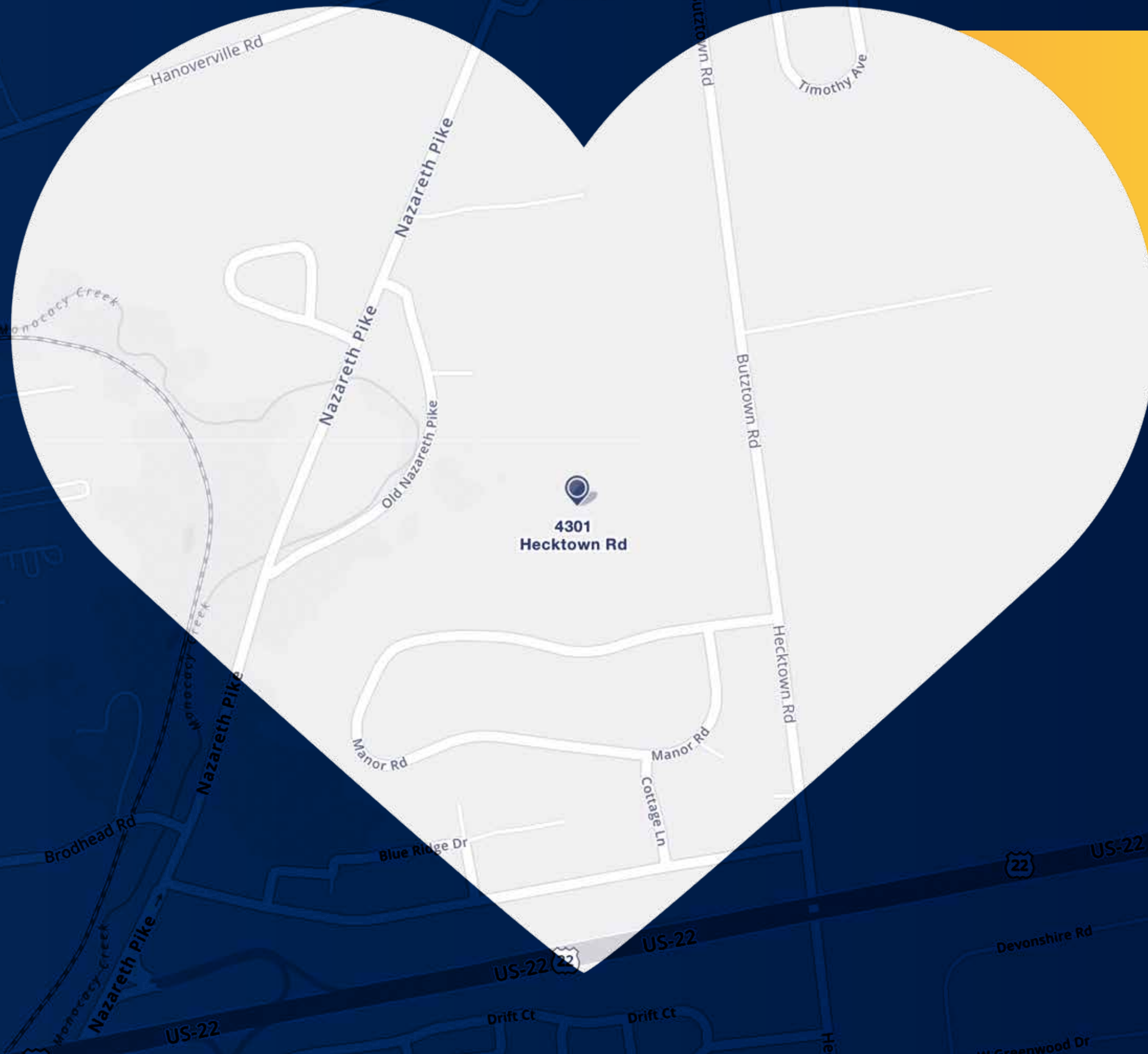
## In a word... People.

We are moving—once again—strategically  
to be where the people are.

The area around this property is  
one of the fastest growing parts of  
the Lehigh Valley.

Hundreds of houses are being built in the  
neighborhoods around our property.

A new school, new hospitals, and  
the close by 33 corridor will bring  
even more growth.





YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A  
CITY SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN.  
NOR DO PEOPLE LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT  
IT UNDER A BASKET, BUT ON A STAND,  
AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL IN THE HOUSE.

MATTHEW 5: 14-15





When I came to be your pastor three years ago, I had no idea what was in store for us. I had no idea about the highs and lows we would experience. I had no idea how we would all be called to trust God. I had no idea how many times I would see “only God” moments. And ... I had no idea how you would SHINE as faithful followers of Jesus.

There have been so many defining moments for us. We are growing — deeper and wider. We are serving in our neighborhoods, city, and around the world. But I know the best is yet to come.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for us. Together, we can plant a new permanent church campus in a strategic part of the Lehigh Valley so generations will be invited to find and follow Jesus Christ.

I’m inviting you to join me and Mark as we take a leap of faith to trust God more than we ever have and to give like we never have. To accomplish our God-sized dream, it will take all of us — not just giving but living a life of inviting all people to know the grace of Jesus Christ.

You see ... this dream is so much bigger than us. You SHINE and through you, our city and the Lehigh Valley SHINE. I’ve been praying that in the next five years, more than 1,000 people will find Jesus Christ and find GRACE. And that those 1,000 will bring 1,000 more. Would you join me in that prayer?


I know God is calling us to reach and serve and invite the thousands all around us who don’t yet know Jesus Christ. May God do “more than we can ask or imagine” in and through us as we SHINE.

*Marnie*

DR. MARNIE CRUMPLER, SENIOR PASTOR







**FOR GOD SO LOVED  
THE WORLD THAT  
HE GAVE HIS ONE  
AND ONLY SON...**

**JOHN 3:16**

**GOD ASKS US  
TO GIVE TO JOIN  
HIS WORK IN  
THE WORLD.**

When we give, something happens that is bigger than a building and definitely more important to the heart of God.

Giving changes us.

It changes our outlook.

It changes our values.

It changes our relationships  
with each other.

It aligns our heart to God and his  
heart for the world.

**WHAT HAPPENS  
WHEN WE GIVE?**



# THREE GOALS OF SHINE

**1** 100% PARTICIPATION

**2** GROW DEEPER IN OUR FAITH AND TRUST

**3** RAISE \$15-\$20 MILLION

In order to build our new campus, we need everyone to participate at the highest level they can over the 3-year campaign.

NUMBER OF GIFTS	TOTAL GIFT OVER THREE YEARS
1	\$2,000,000
2	\$1,000,000
4	\$750,000
6	\$500,000
12	\$250,000
16	\$100,000
20	\$75,000
24	\$50,000
30	\$25,000
60	\$12,500
75	\$7,500
100	\$5,000
100	\$2,500
100	\$1,000
200	Other amounts

## EVERY GIFT MATTERS

Even if you think what you can give isn't much, regular giving over time adds up.

If you think that what you can give won't make a difference, take a look at this...

**\$50 A MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS IS \$1,800.**

**\$200 A MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS IS \$7,200.**

**\$1000 A MONTH FOR 36 MONTHS IS \$36,000.**

Some can do more. Some can do less. EVERYONE can do SOMETHING.

Giving over a three-year time frame gives us all the opportunity to give an amount repetitively and watch it add up.

Ultimately, what happens to us over the next three years is more important than the gift we will give.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,

not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7





# MAKING YOUR GIFT

Once you catch the vision....  
Once you understand that God  
wants you to join in....

How do you SHINE? How do you decide what  
God wants you to give?

Over the next few weeks, will you commit to:

## 1. READ ABOUT THE VISION

Use this guide to see what we believe God is  
calling GRACE to do and be.

## 2. THINK ABOUT IT

What would participating in SHINE look like for  
you — in your specific season of life, with the  
resources and gifts that God has given to you?

## 3. PRAY ABOUT IT

Pray about how God is calling you to give.  
Use the devotionals and prayer guide throughout  
the campaign.

## 4. TALK ABOUT IT

Discuss your pledge with your loved ones — your  
spouse, if you are married, or your friends. God is  
calling us to do together what we could never  
do individually.

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## COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 10.

Mark your calendar for this defining moment where  
we will bring our pledges forward — all to the glory  
of God. After November 10th, you can still participate  
by filling out and returning your card to the church,  
making your commitment online at [gracecb.org](http://gracecb.org) or  
contacting the finance office at 484-898-8958.



# YOUR SHINE GIFT

## ... IS DIFFERENT FROM YOUR OTHER GRACE GIVING.



Giving to the SHINE Campaign is an “above and beyond” gift. This means that what you pledge to give is in addition to your regular giving to the church’s operational budget.

## ... CAN BE MADE IN MANY WAYS.

There are ways you can participate other than giving cash. Some people have found it to be advantageous to give appreciated assets such as stocks. Additionally, people who are age 70 1/2 or older can benefit by giving from their IRA via a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Your financial advisor can help you understand whether a gift like this could be a good option for you. Contact the church office if you have questions about any of these ways to give.

## ... IS A THREE-YEAR GIFT.

You can make your gift over three years: November 2019–October 2022. This allows you to give over 4 fiscal, or tax years.

	With God's help, over the next 3 years, I/We commit to the SHINE Campaign to see the vision become a reality.
NAME(S) <input type="text"/>	MY/OUR GIFT, OVER & ABOVE MY/OUR ANNUAL GIVING, WILL BE GIVEN:
PHONE NUMBER <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> WEEKLY FOR 156 WEEKS
EMAIL <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MONTHLY FOR 36 MONTHS
ADDRESS <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ANNUALLY FOR 3 YEARS
CITY <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ONE-TIME
STATE <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
ZIP CODE <input type="text"/>	
	TOTAL THREE YEAR COMMITMENT: \$ <input type="text"/>
	Your commitment is a statement of intent to give as you are able. We recognize circumstances can change. You may revise your commitment at any time.

# FAQS

## IS SHINE PART OF THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN THAT TYPICALLY HAPPENS IN THE FALL?

No. SHINE is a completely separate fund to pay for the campus at our new property. A financial commitment to the SHINE Campaign is in addition to your ongoing giving to support the ministry of GRACE Church.

Normally, we would make our commitments for the annual operating budget in the fall. However, since we are doing the SHINE Campaign at that time, we will make our commitments for ongoing ministry funding in January/February 2020. In the meantime, it is important that we all continue to give strong to the ministry fund which fuels everything the church does on a day-to-day basis.

## WHAT IF I HAVE NEVER GIVEN TO GRACE CHURCH BEFORE? IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY TO START?

If you have never given financially to GRACE, our SHINE Campaign is the perfect way to make that important first step! By doing so, you are investing not only in the mission and vision of GRACE Church, but you are investing in your Bethlehem neighborhood and neighbors.

We are not building a church for ourselves only. Yes — it will primarily be a place of mission and ministry. But we also want it to be a community resource, an inviting place where believers and non-believers alike can meet and grow in friendships. Ultimately, our goal is that at some point and in some way, every person who walks through our doors will learn about Jesus and feel His love coming from His people.

## WHAT IF I AM STRUGGLING WITH DEBT RIGHT NOW? AM I STILL SUPPOSED TO GIVE?

If you are working to pay off debt right now, congratulations! The Bible very clearly teaches that being debt-free and the financial freedom it affords is very important to God.

However, the Bible does not teach that we withhold giving until we are debt-free. When we honor God first with our giving, He promises to be involved with every other aspect of our finances as well. (See Malachi 3:10-12)

Please contact us if you need assistance with this or if you would like to speak with a budgeting counselor. We would be honored to help!



# FAQS

## WILL I BE ABLE TO CHANGE MY THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT IF I NEED TO?

Of course! No one can see clearly three years into the future. Situations change — both positively and negatively. You may want to increase or decrease your giving commitment at some point during the three-year pledge period. Therefore, you can change your pledge at any time by contacting the finance office.

## WHEN DO WE EXPECT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN? HOW WILL IT AFFECT OUR CURRENT MINISTRIES?

As you can imagine, we hope to move forward as quickly as possible. The financial results of the SHINE Campaign will be an important factor in how we can move forward. There are also many other factors that will impact a construction schedule. Given the information we have available now, we hope to begin construction in July 2020. Once construction begins, we expect that it will take approximately 18 months. This could possibly allow us to celebrate Christmas in our new home in 2021! We will continue to update the congregation as timelines become more clear.

## WHAT ABOUT THE LOCUST STREET PROPERTY? IF WE ARE MOVING, CAN'T WE SELL THAT AND USE THE PROCEEDS FOR THE NEW PROPERTY?

Good question. There are a few different ways we could choose to use the Locust Street property going forward, and selling the property is one of them. However, we have not made a final decision. There is a mortgage on the property, so we would not realize the full value of the sale price. Once the SHINE Campaign results are in, the Session will evaluate all possible funding sources, including the sale of the Locust Street property, and will make a recommendation on how we should move forward.

# SHINE SERIES

## OCTOBER 13TH: STARS IN THE SKY

The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed...” – Genesis 26:2-4

### FOR REFLECTION

Who has been a star in the sky for me — blessing me and making a profound spiritual impact on my life? What am I intentionally doing right now to SHINE – blessing and having a spiritual impact on others?

## OCTOBER 20TH: PLUGGING IN

The Lord said to Moses,  
“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.’” “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.” – Numbers 6:22-27

### FOR REFLECTION

Do people see the LORD shining in your life? Do they see it in our church? How will our new church home be a place that shines?



These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. – Revelation 2:1-5

What is the most important mark of our church?  
If we live into the SHINE Vision, what would the headlines say about our church in five years?

## NOVEMBER 3RD: THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." –John 1:1–6; John 8:12

When did you first understand the light and the life that comes from knowing and following Jesus?  
Who around you needs that light and life?

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY: INVESTING IN A LEGACY OF LIGHT

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:14-16

How am I practically living as light in the world?  
How will I invest in leaving a legacy of light?

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