

IT'S TIME TO GROW CALENDAR

Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, February 1
Information packets will be handed out

Informational Meetings

February 15, 10:30 a.m.
February 22, 10:30 a.m.
Grace UMC Chapel

Inspiration Sundays

March 1-22

All Church Event

Sunday, March 1
Mark your calendars...
more information to come soon!

A MEMBER'S VIEWPOINT

Why do you support the campaign?

We are growing. We are currently using every possible space in our current building. We need a place large enough for us to worship together in a building dedicated for that purpose. Also, as we continue to grow, provisions have been made in the new sanctuary to provide additional space by adding a balcony at a fraction of the cost of building another building. A new building, with the opportunity to expand, will meet our congregational needs for some time in the future.



What is your vision of Grace? What would you like to see happen?

My vision for Grace is the same as those in the district a number of years ago who saw the need to minister to a growing area in Lee's Summit and voted to build a church here. And, that Grace will continue to be a place to worship and enjoy Christian fellowship. My desire is that we continue to find new, creative, and effective ways to encourage our members toward an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

Why should others support this campaign? Why is this important to our church?

There is power in numbers. What one person would find impossible to do on their own, a congregation of like minded believers can easily accomplish. In addition, there is a collective enthusiasm as we work together to build something new. Everyone should have the opportunity to construct a building that they and future members can enjoy. How fortunate we are to have enough property to grow on this site and not have to move to another location.

Ron Ostland
Founding member since 1993



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GRACE WORSHIP TIMES

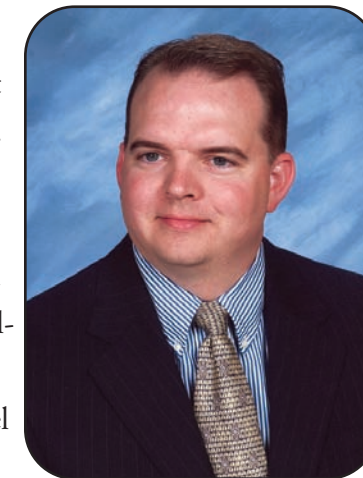
8:00AM • TRADITIONAL SERVICE
9:15AM • CONTEMPORARY SERVICE, Sunday School
10:30AM • CONTEMPORARY SERVICE, KIDS Worship
Nursery provided during 9:15am & 10:30am services.

2009-2012

IT'S TIME TO GROW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Dear Grace Family,

As we begin this bold venture for Grace we thank and praise God for all His blessings. Over the past few years we have seen a huge turnaround at Grace. Our worship attendance has dramatically increased, our youth and children's ministries, choir, praise team, missions, UMW and Men's Ministry have all seen wonderful growth and have all strived for excellence. We have a happy, healthy and vital church that is continuing to reach out and share the Gospel with all we encounter.



Our next step at Grace is pursuing God's vision to fulfill our long term goal of moving our worshipping community into a sanctuary. In a new sanctuary we will be able to greatly enhance our worship services and be able to really reach out to the community. As you prayerfully consider what role you might play in this new adventure, I encourage every person at Grace to attend one of our information gatherings and ask questions. We have several key leaders ready to explain and share our vision and answer any questions you might have as we move forward. I thank you in advance for your support and hope that you will help us fulfill God's vision for His church.

Peace and Grace,
Jeremy Vickers
Pastor, Grace United Methodist Church

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

Informational meetings to discuss building plans will take place on:

FEBRUARY 15 and 22
Grac UMC Chapel
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Leadership Team

- Administrative Leader
Carla Grider
- Advance Commitment Leader
Lori Knoche
- Major Gift Team Leaders
Carmen Kynard & Gene Fellows
- Program Leaders
Gary Peace and Beth Fellows
- Involvement Leader
Jetta Lentz
- Shepherd Leaders
Carol Cunningham & Robin Mishler
- Print Leaders
Shawn & Shawna Arni
- Visual Leaders
Lee Smith & Travis Loyd
- Information Meetings Leader
Ron Ostlund
- Information Distribution Leaders
Grays on Fire
- VisionResource.Net Manager
Laura Kramer
- Prayer Leader
Steve Mulford
- Children's Leaders
Kathy Sloan & Dee Robinson
- Student Leader
Stephanie Smith
- Web Leader
Monte Persinger
- All Church Event Leaders
Teresa Wright, Kim Stripling & Carol Smith
- Response Leader
Mike Gooding
- Bridge Leaders
Phil Boedecker & Tom Morrow

SOME OF YOU MAY BE ASKING...

WHAT IS OUR NEED?

WHAT IS OUR PLAN?

IS OUR GOAL ACHIEVABLE?

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

WHAT ARE YOU ASKING OF ME?

WHAT IS OUR NEED?

Over the past few years we have seen our attendance go from below 200 to near 350 in worship. Our current facilities are placing serious constraints on the existing ministries of our church and will prevent us from expanding into new ministries in the future. Our current facilities cannot accommodate the existing or anticipated growth of our congregation nor will they support the expanded ministries envisioned by our church leadership. Over the next ten years, we anticipate growth to over 500 in worship. We have tried to make changes to the current facility through the Chapel renovation in 2005 and the Student Ministries Center in 2007. We have utilized to the best of our ability all of the space available for worship and Sunday school. Our building is full nearly every night of the week. Our preschool continues to grow and add classes. The struggle is that in the next three years we will be completely out of space at Grace.

- Worship went from Below 200 to close to 350 in 5 years

- Sunday school has doubled in size these past 5 years

- Membership has seen a 20% increase

- We had 40 new followers of Jesus Christ this year make a public profession of faith.

WHAT IS OUR PLAN?

Over the past few years as we experienced rapid growth in worship and ministries, several of the church leaders and committees have been discussing our next step. Through a great deal of prayer and discernment the leadership of Grace feels that we have been called to build a New Sanctuary. This new building would seat 400-500 people for worship. We also envision a large lobby for gathering before and after worship. In addition to worship space, we anticipate adding a new nursery and several classrooms. This New Sanctuary would be connected to our current building via the hallway from our current main lobby past our preschool and nursery rooms. We would also like to see a renovation on the outside of our existing building so that it will match the new one. Many of us know this is a leap of faith. We feel that this is the next step for Grace to build for future growth, the next generation and to reach those who are far from God.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why are we considering such a large project during difficult economic times?

A: We all can agree that this might be the worst economy nationally that we'll ever see, yet research would suggest that we experience a recession of some variation every 3 and 1/2 years and they average about 12 months in duration. This means that a campaign such as this (where the commitment is for a 3-year period) has very little chance of not being impacted at some point by a recession. Even respected economists and financial professionals don't know what the short-term future holds, but most probably would agree that the economy should experience much improved results during the duration of our campaign (mid 2009 through mid 2012), and this would lead us to believe that the time is right to initiate this process.

Q: Then what exactly is the timeline for the campaign and construction processes?

A: Certainly nothing is "set in stone" regarding the timeline other than the commitment portion of the campaign will conclude in April 2009. A possible scenario might be something like: Groundbreaking at Easter 2010, first services in the new sanctuary during the Christmas season of 2010 and the existing building "re-skinned" to match the new sanctuary in the Spring of 2011.

Q: How much will it cost and what will happen if we don't receive the needed commitments?

A: Some fairly significant variables will become clearer as the design phases move forward, but the "best guess" for total cost of the project (with the anticipated seating capacity) would be around \$1 million to \$1.2 million. This is a substantial project in the life of our church and if we fall short of the needed commitments to proceed as planned, the order of the project might shift such as "re-skinning" the existing building as the first phase, which would allow for additional efforts towards the needed commitments.

Q: What are you asking of me and what might an average commitment be?

A: At this time we are asking you to prayerfully consider your participation in the process. Much additional information will be forthcoming in the next few months that should answer any remaining questions and most of all we hope that each and every family can find comfort in knowing that all gifts are truly a blessing to a very worthwhile cause.



Architectural Rendering of the current church (left) with the new Sanctuary addition