

GRACE SEAL BEACH
ANNUAL REPORT



2022 ALL-CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING
December 2022



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2022 REPORT CARD

An assessment of the church's health in the five core values by the elders of Grace Community Church of Seal Beach.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Participatory Worship	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	8.5	8.5
Biblical Worldview	7.5	8	7.5	8	8.5	9	9	9	9
Faithful Compassion	9	9	9	8.5	9	9	9	9	9
Known By Name	7	8	8	8	8.5	9	8.5	8.5	9
Missional Life	8	7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	8	8.5	8.5

GRACE VALUES

2022 YEAR-IN-REVIEW



PARTICIPATORY WORSHIP

HAVE YOU SPENT TIME WITH GOD TODAY?

- Worship service attendance continues to rebuild after COVID (up to 277 on average in 2022)
- Devotional resources table in January 2022
- Return to summer retreats and camps this year (Middle School, High School, and College)
- Student Morning Student Ministry (StuCo) Sunday morning - Learning to practice spiritual disciplines
- Discipleship Explored - Take home devotional resources
- Family Ministry - prayer calendars and "Twas the Morning of Easter" walkthrough
- 120 people have volunteered in leading worship this year (musicians, technicians, liturgy leaders, set-up/tear-down team, Security team, etc)
- Re-opening task force provided wise leadership
- Threefold Communion

2020 GRADE: 9

2021 GRADE: 8.5

2022 GRADE: 8.5

BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

ARE YOU GROWING IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD?



- Sermon series in 2022
 - 1 Thessalonians
 - John 14-16 - Now What?
 - What the Gospel does
 - Psalm 73 - Doubt
 - Acts - Unity
 - A Tale of Three Gardens
 - The Gospel of Mark
- Teaching position on Unity
- Elder training group - Six participants in this Spring's elder training group
- "Grace Conversations" - Life Group helping bridge cultural divides through the gospel to be able to talk about difficult subjects, such as gender and politics
- "StuCo" (Sunday Morning Student Ministry) - encouraging discussion, debate, and learning on complicated topics

- "StuGov" - High School student leadership team
- Bible Lunch Bunch - 4th/5th grade leadership team
- Grace Kids (9:30) through Genesis to Revelation
- "Future Spies" VBS reached dozens of kids in our church and community
- Charis Symposium - "Image of God and Gender"
- Pastoral Letters on abortion and politics
- Seminarians
 - Randi - Graduating this fall, BS in Ministry Leadership from Moody Bible Institute
 - Greg Bartleson - Graduated this spring, M.Div. from Talbot
 - Josie Ramirez - graduating next spring, MA from Grace Seminary
 - Pastor Tim and Lois Sherwin, D.Min. programs
- Relaunch of sermon podcast

2020 GRADE: 9

2021 GRADE: 9

2022 GRADE: 9

FAITHFUL COMPASSION

WHO AM I SHOWING GOD'S LOVE TO?



- Stephen Ministry continues to provide significant care for members of our church and community
- Baby showers for 5 women through Horizon Pregnancy Clinic and World Relief
- Women's Ministry - 15 grief boxes for Horizon Pregnancy Clinic for women who have had miscarriages; gift bags for new moms
- World Relief "Good Neighbor Team" helped families of refugees from Nicaragua and Afghanistan
- High School and College Ministries have been involved with "Heart of the City Food Bank"
- Pentecost Threefold Communion – Serving our compassion partners through donations
- Compassion Sunday helped our congregation connect with our partner organizations and served those organizations to connect with one another
- Middle School World Vision fundraiser
- VBS fundraiser for "Shadie Shares" (hungry kids in India)
- Continue to partner with great organizations including:
 - Precious Lamb Preschool (Precious Lamb's 20th anniversary is this year)
 - Long Beach Rescue Mission
 - Precious Life Shelter
 - Prison Fellowship
 - Heart of the City Food Bank
 - World Relief
 - Horizon Pregnancy Clinic
 - Habitat for Humanity
- Caring Fund – Helping people inside Grace and in the broader community
- Our church continues to be a leader nationally and regionally in the Charis Fellowship

2020 GRADE: 9

2021 GRADE: 9

2022 GRADE: 9

KNOWN BY NAME

WHO ARE YOU DEVELOPING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH?

- New groups this Fall:
 - It's All Under Control with Christa Heideman
 - Men's life group led by Matt Wissmann
 - Faith and Work with Greg Bartleson
- Bearing with one another in love during a time of deep divisiveness in the culture
- All-Church Picnic
- Welcome lunches and Grace 101 (20 people attended the Welcome Lunch in 2021 compared to 45 in 2022)
- High School Ministry leadership retreat
- Women's Ministry - GROW monthly events
- Moms of Grace
- 4 people became members of Grace in 2022
- Summer Dinner Parties
- Men's Ministry breakfasts
- Return of the Grace Newsletter
- Partnership with Grace Long Beach for expanding college ministry
- Expanding student ministry by returning to age-specific Sunday morning programs
- Dads and Kids events on the lawn
- "Parent's Night Out" with Grace Kids
- 32 people volunteer each Sunday in Grace Kids

2020 GRADE: 8.5

2021 GRADE: 8.5

2022 GRADE: 9



MISSIONAL LIFE

WHO AM I HELPING TO KNOW GOD?



- Involved missionaries in worship services and prayer gatherings
- Student Ministry staff have spoken at Los Alamitos High School and McCauliffe Middle School Bible Clubs.
- Middle School hosted “Operation Christmas Child” event
- Supported Don Shoemaker in his role as chaplain with the Seal Beach Police Department
- Eagle Commission (Military Chaplains) - Dan Ruiz and John Jacobsen
- Women’s Ministry prayer walk

- Branches Church launched weekly services
- Sierra Leone mission trip
- 8 people were baptized this year!
- We continue to support 15 missionaries (individuals/families) around the world
- Participation in the Seal Beach community events, including “Patriots in the Park, the Seal Beach Christmas parade, and Main St. Trick-or- Treating
- Outdoor worship services have given us the opportunity to reach out to people walking by
- Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day services at the bluff in partnership with the Lion’s Club

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PROJECTED BUDGET

	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Personnel	\$ 858,753.00	\$ 915,134.00
Missions	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 99,500.00
Christian Education		
<i>Grace Kids</i>	\$ 20,600.00	\$ 18,000.00
<i>Middle School Ministry</i>	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<i>High School Ministry</i>	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
<i>College/Young Adult Ministry</i>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
<i>Adult/Life Groups</i>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<i>Men's Ministry</i>	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
<i>Women's Ministry</i>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<i>Library/Classrooms</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<i>Camps and Retreats</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<i>Grandparent/Seniors Ministry</i>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Christian Education	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,300.00
Compassion		
<i>Precious Life Shelter</i>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<i>Heart of the City Los Alamitos Food Bank</i>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree</i>	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<i>Precious Lamb Preschool</i>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<i>World Relief</i>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<i>Long Beach Rescue Mission</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
<i>Horizons Pregnancy Center</i>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<i>Compassion - Other</i>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total Compassion	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Outreach	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
Worship	\$ 13,550.00	\$ 13,550.00
Pastoral Care/Stephen Ministry	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Leadership Development	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 27,100.00
Charis Fellowship Partnerships	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,600.00
Facilities	\$ 60,300.00	\$ 60,850.00
Hospitality	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 9,600.00
Office	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 44,300.00
<i>Staff Expenses</i>	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800.00
Stewardship	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Communications and Advertising	\$ 17,450.00	\$ 18,750.00
Safety and Security Team	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 10,200.00
132 8th St.LLC	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Misc	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,293,653.00	\$ 1,327,184.00

ELDER BOARD CANDIDATES



GLEN FUKUMURA

Glen serves with Grace Kids, the Finance and Facilities Ministry Teams, and our Opening Task Committee. He's been married to Liz since 1993 and have been part of Grace since 2002. They have two adult children who are also a part of Grace (Gaby and Aaron). Professionally, Glen is a pediatrician. Glen previously served as an elder from 2013-2018.



PAUL KNEELAND

Paul leads our Safety and Security ministry team, as well as serving on the Mission Commission, and is an active part of multiple life groups at Grace. He has been married to Patricia since 1986 and they have two adult children Alissa and Brendan. Paul works as a Senior VP for Gelson's Market. This is the first time Paul has been called to serve as an elder.

RENEWING ELDERS



TRAVIS GREENE

Travis has served as a worship leader and music ministry volunteer for years at Grace. He's been married to Karin for 25 years and they have two sons who are a part of Grace, Tyler and Logan. He's also served as the elder board chairman multiple times, including in 2022. Travis works as a Senior Director in the software industry. Travis served as an elder from 2013-2018 and 2019-present.



ILYA WILTZ

Ilya is married to Beth and they have one young daughter, Ellie. Ilya serves with the worship band and Compassion ministry team, as well as the elder board secretary. He's currently finishing his first time on the elder board (2019-present).



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