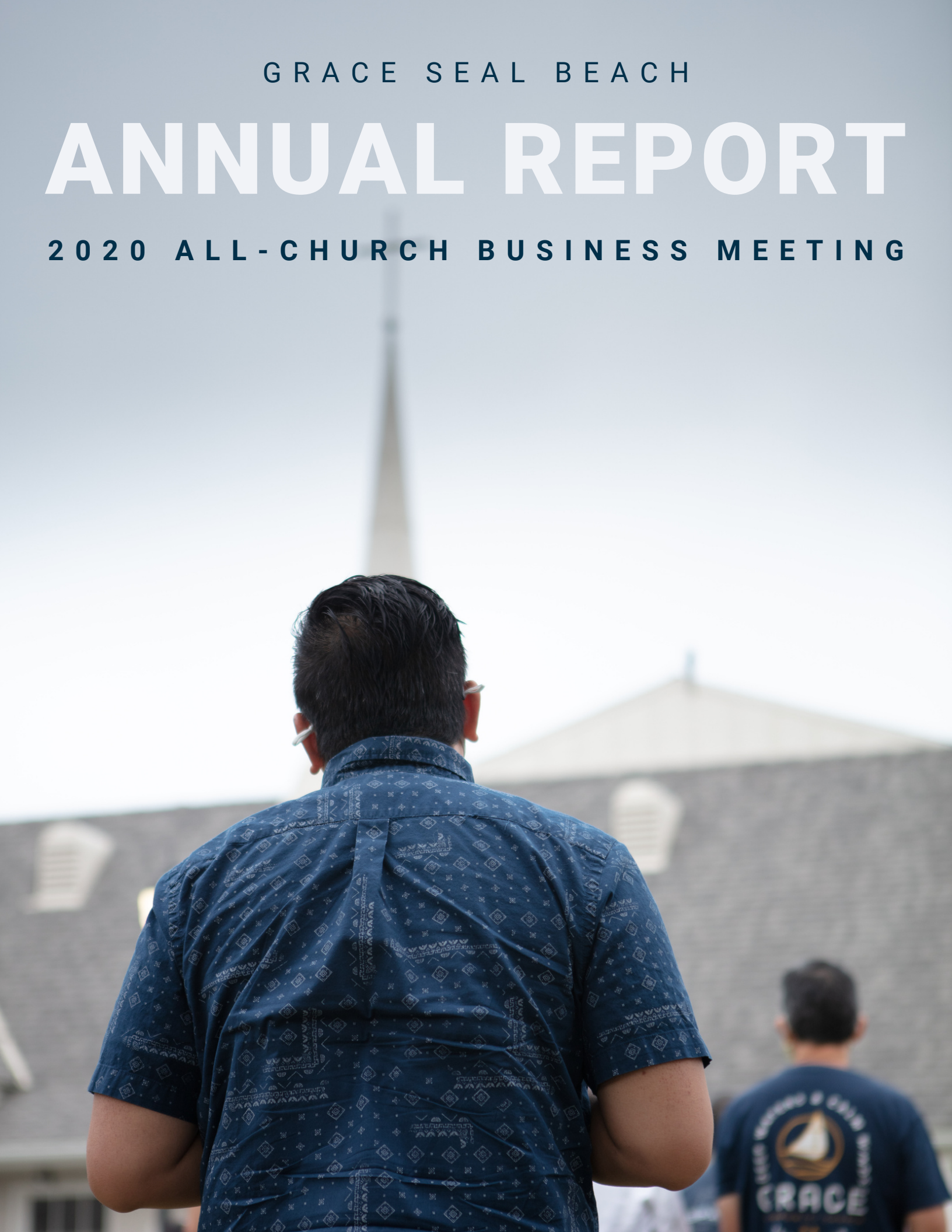


GRACE SEAL BEACH

ANNUAL REPORT

2020 ALL-CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING





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PASTOR'S NOTE

Grace family,

I am so deeply grateful for your participation in the mission of Jesus Christ through your church in this past year. God has used your prayers, time, service and giving to advance His mission even in such unusual circumstances.

In fact, as you'll see in the pages that follow, our church was able to expand and improve many of our ministries because of the

unusual circumstances. I am so proud of our ministry directors and pastors who brought exceptional efforts and creativity this year to keep moving our five core values forward.

I hope that you'll join me in praising God for what He has done through your church this year and pray with me that 2021 would be our best year ever as a church.

In Christ,
Pastor Bob

EXPLAINING THE GRADES THIS YEAR

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
Biblical Worldview	7.5	8	7.5	8	8.5	9	9
Participatory Worship	6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5	9
Faithful Compassion	9	9	9	8.5	9	9	9
Missional Life	8	7	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	8
Known by Name	7	8	8	8	8.5	9	8.5

A note about grades in 2020: Given the unprecedented events of this year, we briefly considered not assigning grades this year. But we decided that it was important to clarify that ministry did not go on hold this year; in fact, in many ways our church showed itself at its best this year.

While there may not have been clear year-over-year event attendance markers to compare, that gave us the opportunity to reflect more deeply on what success in each of these core values looks like.

GRACE VALUES

2020 REVIEW



BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

- Sermon series on the person and work of Jesus
 - Life of Christ
 - Jesus Saves
 - The Law of Jesus
 - Jesus is Lord
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - Jesus is God (upcoming)
- We had five young adults from our church complete summer internships in the church's ministries: Communications, Worship, Children's, Middle School and High School
- During COVID, we have expanded our church's teaching classes, including electives on:
 - Race and disunity in the church
 - Politics and the Christian life
 - Mormonism
 - The rise of the religious "nones"
 - Living the ordinary Christian life
 - How we Got the Bible (pre-COVID)
 - Healthy Relationships
 - 1 John
- Grace Kids online each Sunday
- VBS - 2 weeklong online programs, 1 Sunday-based VBS, and 1 in-person garage VBS
- Middle and High School Student Ministries enjoyed a great winter camp in January with at least one student coming to faith
- Behind the scenes work on starting a "Marriage Mentoring" ministry that is on hold due to COVID
- Continuing Education for staff and elders on issues of abuse and racism

2020 GRADE: 9

PARTICIPATORY WORSHIP

- Immediate transition in March to online worship services. In two weeks, we went from not having a meaningful online worship service to providing high-quality services on Facebook Live, YouTube, and SB-TV channel
 - Thank you to the volunteers and staff needed to make this happen
 - Both Sunday services and special services (Holy Week devotional services each day; Pentecost Threefold communion, etc)
- Tim Ramirez has become our worship leader for high school and college ministries, helping to mentor and train students, too
- Developing volunteer worship leaders and beginning the search for a new Pastor of Worship
- Student Sunday in the worship services
- Women’s Ministry hosted “21 Days of Prayer” time in October – November



- Re-opening task force provided wise leadership
- Additional prayer opportunities, including:
 - Pastor Tim’s Wednesday evening “40 Minutes of Prayer”
 - Women’s Ministry’s “21 Days of Prayer”
 - Devotional resources from the worship department
- Christmas Eve – 2019 was a wonderful year indoors, 2020 will (God-willing) be a great year outdoors!

2020 GRADE: 9

FAITHFUL COMPASSION

- Churches Helping Churches - Our church gave \$30,000 in grants to churches in the greater Long Beach area that are in more economically depressed communities that were struggling during COVID in a matching program with Kingdom Works, a Christian non-profit
- Caring Fund – Helping people inside Grace and in the broader community. We also distributed some Caring Fund resources through partner Charis churches in harder hit socio-economic communities in southern California (Lancaster and Bellflower)
- High School and College Ministries have been involved with “Heart of the City Food Bank.”
- Pentecost Threefold Communion – Serving our compassion partners. This will be repeated at Thanksgiving Threefold in November.
- Continue to partner with great organizations including:
 - Precious Lamb Preschool
 - Long Beach Rescue Mission
 - Precious Life Shelter
 - Prison Fellowship
 - Heart of the City Food Bank
 - World Relief
 - Horizon Pregnancy Clinic

This year we have given more to these organizations than budgeted in order to help them through COVID.

- Stephen Ministry – Continued via Zoom during COVID and working to resume training of new Stephen Ministers.
- Calling of all Grace members by elders repeatedly during COVID.
- Hosted “GriefShare” class for those in bereavement.
- “College of Elders Prayer Night” brought together all current and former elders and their wives (if married) who are still at Grace in January for a time of prayer and updates.
- Our church continues to be a leader nationally and regionally in the Charis Fellowship.



2020 GRADE: 9

MISSIONAL LIFE



- Announced the sending of Justin and Heidi Fox to plant Branches Church in Arcata, CA!
- Added two new long-term missionaries – Evan Beard and the Burgess family. We continue to support 15 missionaries (individuals/families) around the world.
- One of our newer missionaries (Evan Warzybok, who grew up at Grace and now serves with Christian Challenge at Chico State) was married this year.
- Involved missionaries through Zoom in worship services and prayer gatherings
- College ministry - partnering with Cru to start an outreach program at Cypress College.

- Jason Ricafranca regularly speaks at the Los Alamitos HS Bible club (prior to COVID).
- Middle School hosts “Operation Christmas Child” event.
- Supported Don Shoemaker in his role as chaplain with the Seal Beach Police Department.
- Eagle Commission (Military Chaplains) - Our church ordained Dan Ruiz, Air Force chaplain
- We renovated the kitchen during COVID to help expand our “Christianity Explored” ministry.
- Project Mission Wish supporting and encouraging our missionaries this Christmas

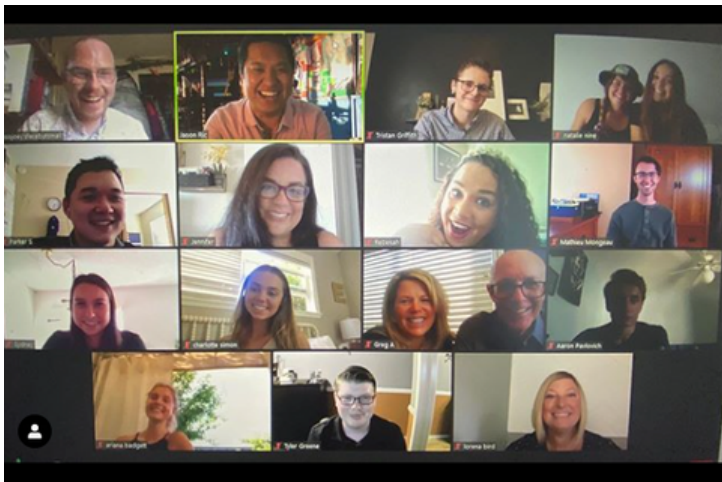
2020 GRADE: 8



KNOWN BY NAME



- Growth of Middle School ministry since reopening in August.
- Lois offered a popular “Parents Night Out” program in January and an online “Date Night” event in April with Married People ministries as part of our family ministries effort.
- In May, Lois drove to the home of Grace families with kids in the church to bring donuts and Mother’s Day presents
- 28 people became members of Grace in 2020
- Men’s Ministry has shifted their monthly breakfast online and provided helpful teaching on a number of topics via Zoom by a number of men in the church
- Groups transitioned to online during this season



- Safety and Security Team has been a terrific help in re-opening worship services, especially team leader Paul Kneeland
- Special High School graduation event for 14 graduating seniors with an online dinner celebration and prayer time
- Women’s Ministry hosted “Stress and Anxiety Workshop” in January and “At the Well” retreat in March; “Drive-By Mother’s Day” event in May; and “Coffee and Canvas” event in September

- Breakfast Club
- Choir
- Connections
- Men’s Bible Studies
- Women’s Bible Studies
- Tuesday night Life Group
- Grandparents Life Group
- Young Adults Life Group

2020 GRADE: 8.5

PROJECTED BUDGET

	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Personnel	\$ 818,019.85	\$ 846,043.00
Missions	\$ 96,800.00	\$ 108,600.00
Christian Education		
Children's Ministry	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 20,000.00
Middle School Ministry	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
High School Ministry	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
College/Young Adult Ministry	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Adult/Life Groups	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
Men's Ministry	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Women's Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Library/Classrooms	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
Camps and Retreats	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Grandparent/Senior Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Christian Education	\$ 54,750.00	\$ 55,200.00
Compassion		
Precious Life Shelter	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Heart of the City Food Bank	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Precious Lamb Preschool	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
World Relief	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Long Beach Rescue Mission	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Horizon Pregnancy Center	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Compassion - Other	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Total Compassion	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Outreach	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
Worship	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 11,900.00
Pastoral Care/Stephen Ministry	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Leadership Development	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Charis Fellowship Partnerships	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 7,100.00
Facilities	\$ 61,100.00	\$ 61,100.00
Hospitality	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00
Office	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 50,000.00
Staff Expenses	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00
Stewardship	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Communications and Advertising	\$ 15,250.00	\$ 15,250.00
Safety and Security Team	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
132 8th St. LLC	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Misc	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	\$ 1,219,619.85	\$ 1,274,293.00

ELDER BOARD CANDIDATE



P R E S T O N B A R R

I was raised in a Christian home and accepted Jesus as my savior as a young child in Sunday school. Church life has always been an important part of my life. I even met Donna, my wife of more than 44 years, in my church college group when she was a student at BIOLA. I am the father of four daughters and a grandfather of 13 grandchildren.

As I have grown in my faith, God has given me a passion to both study his word and to lead others to do the same. I am currently leading a men's bible study on Wednesday evenings, am part of the teaching team in the Connections class on Sunday mornings, and have participated as a discussion leader for Christianity Explored.