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Introduction

At Grace Church, we are a community of people who gather to worship God, engage with our local community, and grow together in faith as we proclaim the Good News of God's kingdom. The community explores and learns what it means to be followers of Jesus Christ.

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."
Acts 20:35b*

The community resources – our time, talent, and treasure – help Grace Church to translate God's mission into action, to show and share God's love, and to fulfil the church mission in the community and wider church. Grace Church invests those resources to do God's good work and serve others through the delivery of a variety of ministry programmes.

*¹² Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all.
In your hand are power and might;
and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And
now, our God, we give thanks to you
and praise your glorious name.
I Chronicles 29:12-13*

The four key ministries that Grace Church supports are:

Faith Development
Worship
Community Engagement (Outreach)
Congregational (Pastoral) Care

*Why do we come to Grace Church?
Why do we keep coming?*

"I come to Grace Church because it is close to where I live, but I keep coming because the church members are nice and have become like family."

Followers of Jesus Christ in Faith Development

*⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple. . . with
glad and generous hearts,
⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.
Acts 2:46-47*

As the seed is planted in us, we need to embrace the opportunity to learn more about our ancestors and the ways of Jesus as we strive to follow him in our daily lives. Through learning together, we learn how to be better people, a better church, and a better community. We develop skills that enrich not only our Christian life, but also all other areas of our lives. We are blessed at Grace Church with many opportunities to learn together, and learn from each other.



- **Bible studies**
- **Annual retreat**
- **Messy Church**
- **Sunday School**
- **Classes for baptism, confirmation, and marriage preparation**
- **Video discussion series (movies and television)**
- **Christian Foundations course**
- **Training workshops for ministry participants**
- **Preaching & teaching series**
- **Choir Practice**

I benefit from our Bible Study Group at Grace Church because we examine the word of God in detail. We add in the cultural background of Jesus' day. I gain a fuller perspective from everyone in the group for addition meanings. We are at different stages on life's journey.
– Alma

Bible Study is our constant reminder of who we are called to be and what we are called to do. It provides more time to concentrate, reflect, and meditate on these things than do lectures, sermons, and ordinary readings. We do well to supplement these three methods of presentation with Bible Study.
– Charles

Followers of Jesus Christ in Worship

¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore. *Psalms 133:1-3*

Worship is time spent with our Lord, either as individuals or with a group of believers, where we focus on his goodness and how he loves us unconditionally. It is expressed through prayers, songs, honour, and adoration. It gives us an opportunity to think about his mercies, and it brings us closer to the Holy Spirit. We are blessed at Grace Church with a building that has been re-decorated and a congregation of 4 churches combined who work together. The furnishings from the 4 churches have enhanced the beauty of our place of worship.

We have 3 priests who witness with us and participate in the Holy Sacraments, and presenting and teaching of God's words. We are blessed with different points of view, which complement each other; sermons are therefore interesting and informative.

Many people participate in various functions of worship, giving generously of their time and talents which make the services joyful, enlightening, and meaningful.

Sunday School children are encouraged to participate in the services by assisting in taking up the offertory and the elements for Communion. They also play instruments during the final hymn and lead us in the dismissal.

- **3 services a week (2 on Sunday, 1 on Wednesday)**
- **Altar Guild**
- **Anointing Sundays**
- **Readers/Intercessors**
- **Servers**
- **Lay Leaders**
- **Sidespeople and Greeters**
- **Music director, choir members, and musicians**
- **Audio & visual technicians**



Followers of Jesus Christ in Community Engagement

⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have
a common purpose, and each will receive wages
according to the labour of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working
together; you are God's field, God's building.
I Corinthians 3:8-9

We at Grace Church foster community engagement through various programmes that help feed the flock emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

- **Pancake supper**
- **BBQ Wednesday**
- **Good Food Box**
- **Cooking club**
- **Community lunch**
- **Women's shelter relationships and interactions**
- **Crafts for shelters**
- **Boy Scouts**
- **Concerts**
- **Delegates to Synod**
- **Website and social media**
- **Donations to other organisations**
- **Supporting Food banks**
- **Low cost space for community groups**
- **Garage sale**

Our pancake supper is an opportunity for the congregation to interact with the wider community at the beginning of our most sacred Lenten season. It is the time when people make decisions as to what sacrifice they will make during this season. This is a very popular event for the congregation, for our families and friends.
– Linda



The Boy Scouts allows children from the community to meet in a Christian environment, learn about teamwork, sharing, camping, overnight stays, performing simple tasks, preparing sleeping accommodation and clean-up. It is an opportunity for these children of different backgrounds to experience each other's customs and to learn about their social and civic responsibilities.

– Glenn

Followers of Jesus Christ in Congregational Care

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation,
⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console
those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we
ourselves are consoled by God.
II Corinthians 1:3-4

We continue to grow in relationship with God and with one another. We support each other and invite others to experience the joy we share in gathering together in Jesus' name. Grace Church offers the congregation opportunities to be involved in activities that connect us as we live out our faith as a body of Christ. Belonging, learning, sharing, and growing are all ways that congregational care help us to enjoy the life God has given us here at Grace Church and in this community.



- **Pastoral counselling**
- **Support for those who mourn**
- **Pastoral visiting, anointing, healing, and prayers**
- **Hospitality such as coffee hours and dinners**
- **Mothers' and Fathers' Day breakfasts**
- **Games night**
- **Knitting and quilting group**
- **Craft group**
- **Young adults group**
- **Bus trips**
- **Newsletters**
- **Advisory Board**
- **Staff**
- **Growing Healthy Stewards Group**
- **Financial ministries**
- **Welcoming ministry**
- **Building committee and grounds upkeep**

As one of the five licensed Lay Anointers at Grace Church, I am exceedingly blessed to be part of this ministry of anointing, which is one of the Sacraments offered for those in need of this ministry. I am often advised that God does not call the equipped but he equips those that he calls.

– A Lay Anointer