

## Why We're Here and Where We're Going

What is our purpose in life as individuals and as a church? Stated as simply as possible: we help people FIND and FOLLOW Jesus. Discover how to do that in your own life, and hear about how God is calling Grace Bible Church to do that in our community and our world.

### Who We Are (values)

#### 1. Grace of God in Christ

Ephesians 2:8–9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

#### 2. Power of God's Word

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword....

#### 3. Strategic value of students and adults together

Raymond Ortlund, Jr.

"The church is always one generation away from extinction...."

Psalm 71:18

And even when I am old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to all who are to come.

#### 4. Obligation to the nations

### Why WE ARE Here (mission)

Matthew 28:19-20

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...."

We help people **find** and **follow** Jesus

Ephesians 2:1-2

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked...

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man [Jesus] has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God...

Acts 16:31

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...."

### **What You Can Do (your mission)**

- Pray  
2 Corinthians 4:4  
...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Pray: where you live, work/study, and play

- Speak
- Love
- Pass it on

2 Timothy 2:2

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

- Connect

### **What we can do together (our vision)**

- Plant
- Partner
- Participate
  - pray
  - give
  - go

### **Grace Bible Church Fall 2017 Challenge:**

Initiate spiritual conversations with at least two people who are far from Jesus

Theodore Williams

We face a humanity that is too precious to neglect. We know a remedy for the ills of the world too wonderful to withhold. We have a Christ who is too glorious to hide. We have an adventure that is too thrilling to miss.