

Praise the Lord for His incredible faithfulness to Grace Gospel Church over the past 90 years! In a world of constant change, we rejoice in the steadfast witness of this congregation—**loving God, serving the community of Niagara Falls, and faithfully making disciples of Jesus Christ**. For nine decades, God's Word has been proclaimed week after week, shaping lives, strengthening families, and raising up generations to know and follow Him.

Our 90th Anniversary celebration in September 2025 was an occasion to give thanks for the many pastors, leaders, and faithful members whose lives and service have been used by God to build up this church. It is a place where God's grace in our lives extends to one another and the many new people who come through our doors; the love of Christ has been made visible in the community, and the gospel has continued shine brightly.

Above all, we celebrate that **Jesus Christ, the founder and perfecter of our faith**, has carried this church every step of the way. This 90-year milestone is not a finish line, but a testimony that God is still at work. With renewed commitment, we continue to **boldly look forward**—pressing on in the mission to love God wholeheartedly, serve others with compassion, and disciple the next generation. With confidence, we declare: great things God has done, and greater things He will yet do. To God be all the glory! Amen!



My Family @ Grace

Carolynn McLean

In 1963 I moved to Niagara Falls as a new bride. I knew no one here but my husband. Bob had been employed here for three years and was already assisting in the leadership of Christian Service Brigade at Grace. When we returned from our honeymoon, I convinced Bob to try another church (*my denomination*). That evening we came to the service at Grace. Aah, I was "home". During our first year of marriage, I was being challenged by my first year of teaching: grades 9, 10 and 13 science; some 225 pupils in all. Imagine my shock, when Bob came home... ...cont'd on p.10

Embraced @ Grace

Robert & Gladys Boniface

Our journey to Canada stands as a living testimony of what happens when people choose to trust God beyond logic, comfort, and personal plans. At a defining moment in our lives, we had opportunity to relocate to different countries. There were options that seemed easier, more practical, and more familiar. But in our hearts, we knew this was not a decision we could make based on convenience alone. We prayed earnestly for God to lead us... ...cont'd on p.9



PASTORAL & STAFF REPORTS



Pastor Martin Goode
Lead Pastor

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done” (Phil.4:6 NLT). We’ve had a lot of newness in our ministry this past year... our 90th; staff changes adding Cristina, Ken, Rebekah, Pat, and saying good-bye to Pastor Terry; overflow seating; capital projects under way; new missions team and new missionaries; new Board members; new deacons. Amid the many changes, I am so grateful for our team of Elders and Directors, the strength of unity in our prayers and decisions, and the reminder that “God’s got this!” So, ‘worry’ is wasted energy that needs to turn to focused prayer and gratitude to God. As He grows His church, I am humbled at the way He uses all of us to fulfill His purpose. Thank you for faithfully praying for our staff and leaders as we have led through these changes. Thank you for your faithful encouragement as I preach (most) Sundays, and for *making every effort* to pursue unity in our fellowship, trust in our leadership, and joy in our friendships.



Pastor Bruce Miller
Executive Pastor
Family & Facility

It has been an incredibly exciting year watching the Lord work in and through our church ministry. Over the past 12 months, we have seen God provide for us, bringing the right people at the right time to accomplish His will and meet our needs. I deeply believe the greatest part of Grace Gospel Church is the people that God has assembled here...from our youngest and eager ones to our faithful saints who have walked with the Lord for many years, each taking our place in this amazing family and serving together. It is a constant joy for me to serve alongside all of you in the many different ways that we interact and get things done. It is refreshing on a daily basis to be a part of a church ministry that is focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and grounded in the word of God; and to walk daily with my brothers and sisters in such unity of purpose, striving together for the glory of God. I am excited about the future and look forward to all the great ministry of objectives we get to accomplish together in 2026-27!



Pastor Terry Miller
Associate Pastor
Youth Ministries

The last year has been an amazing adventure in youth ministry. We explored the Great Commandment: to Love God and Love Others (Matt.22:37-40), the nine Fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22-23), the book of James and 1 Peter. Students participated in two great retreats this year, in Gorgon, the MAZE, and the Tri-Sport Tournament, along with some special nights and weekend adventures. Students were involved sharing their faith at the big outreach events, in the youth band each week, and at special Sunday services. This past year, “Mel & Mel” led a girl’s Bible study twice a month on Sundays.

I am grateful for my time at Grace, and as God has led me to another church family, I will miss you all. I pray for God’s blessing on all our youth.



Pastor Jim Ball
Associate Pastor
Outreach & Discipleship

This past year, our community experienced profound spiritual renewal as we intentionally aligned our efforts around Christ’s commission to make disciples and share the Gospel. We continued our journey through our Christian Beliefs study and programs like Alpha, designed to foster deeper biblical literacy and vulnerable, supportive fellowship among believers. Simultaneously, our community outreach events (Axe Throwing, Macho Nacho, IF Conf., etc.) continue to provide opportunities to equip dozens of congregants to confidently share their faith in their everyday spheres of influence. We witnessed the beautiful fruit of these combined efforts firsthand through a number of faith professions and water baptisms. In the coming year will be continuing to offer Biblical discipleship studies to equip us to be active disciple-makers, ensuring that spiritual growth leads directly to kingdom action. We are looking forward to participating in the Will Graham Celebration of Hope event in St. Catharines. We step into this next season with immense gratitude for God’s unwavering faithfulness, confident that He will continue to draw hearts to Himself and strengthen our church as a beacon of hope and truth.



Pastor Patrick Bartley
Associate Pastor at Large

Thank you Pastors, Elders and church family for having the faith and confidence to elect me as Associate Pastor at Large, and for my ordination with the AGC. I look forward to working with the Pastor/Elder team in the coming years, and serving the congregation. I anticipate working with couples in counselling and helping them plan a God-honouring wedding. It has been a milestone year for Valerie and I. On top of these 2 momentous occasions, I turned 70 in March, we welcomed a great granddaughter on April 25 (Andie Joy, and what a Joy she is!), and we celebrated our 46th Anniversary on May 3. Indeed God is good and has great plans for his children.





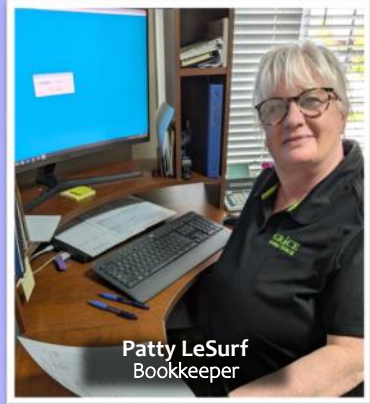
Nathan Kowalski
Worship Director

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" Psalm 100:1-2 From energetic praise to contemplative worship, we love to be able to sing together as a church, giving God the glory that He alone is due. I am thankful for the many vocalists, instrumentalists, and technicians who serve with faithfulness and joy each week. From special services on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Christmas Eve, to involvement as actors, musicians, singers, and technicians in this year's Christmas drama, this team is always finding ways to serve. We continue to teach new songs that support our Sunday messages and encourage our church to worship in a fresh way. We are thankful for God's provision and leading in the past year, and look forward to seeing what He has in store for the year to come.



Cristina Romero
Children's
Ministry Coordinator

Over the past year, we have been incredibly blessed to see our Sunday School ministry continue to grow. Attendance has increased and remained steady, and even more encouraging has been witnessing the children's faith grow immensely as they learn more about God's love and truth each week. We are thankful for all the teachers, volunteers, parents, and supporters who help make this ministry possible. Please continue to keep our Sunday School ministry in your prayers, that God would guide us, strengthen us, and continue to work in the hearts of every child who walks through our doors.



Patty LeSurf
Bookkeeper



Rebekah Panschow
Secretary



Ken Vander Eyken
Custodian





Board of Elders

Phil Osborne (Chair)

Jim Stuart

Trevor Hartwick (Finance Committee)

Norm Hill

Jeff Korody

Pat Bartley

Martin Goode

Bruce Miller

Board of Directors

Lawrence McGinn (Chair)

John-Rock Bilodeau

Plus elected Elders; Pastors (non voting)

From the Elders...

This past year we have seen a change in the Elder Team, with Don Stauffer moving away, and Pat Bartley and Trevor Hartwick joining with Pastor Martin Goode, Pastor Bruce Miller, Jim Stuart, Norm Hill, Jeff Korody, and Phil Osborne on the Board of Elders. The Elders meet formally once a month, but are engaged continually with their leadership responsibilities, as well as serving on the Board of Directors. This past February the Elders held an all day retreat as we took time to plan, review our Ministries, and spend time in prayer.

I am very thankful for each Board member who has committed to this responsibility, and it is a pleasure to work with this Elder team. We have a wonderful spirit of unity and engagement from each person. Please keep the Elders in your prayers that the Lord will give us wisdom and discernment as we give leadership to the various Church Ministries.

This past year we have seen a significant increase in the numbers of people attending our Sunday services, and many other ministry programs and events. Last year we began using the gym for overflow seating to accommodate Sunday morning Service attendance, so many thanks to those who take a turn to be in the gym. We are an active and thriving Church community of believers and it is our pleasure to work along side with you in serving our Lord. This past year we celebrated our 90th Anniversary: Sept 1935, Grace Gospel Church started and met in Gay's Bakery on Queen St Niagara Falls. What a history we have of serving the Lord and being a witness in our community for these past 90 years!

~ Phillip Osborne

From the Directors...

I am happy to report that financially we are in a stable situation, with a positive outlook going forward. We have had a productive past year, with many necessary updates completed, the lower new washrooms were completed and will serve the church well in the future. Many new projects are being done this year as part of our 2026 Capital Renewal Campaign. I wish to thank the congregation of Grace Gospel Church for all their continued financial support. We are grateful for two amazing women who care for our finances: our Bookkeeper, Patty LeSurf; and Treasurer, Alisha Kowalski. We have a new church secretary, Rebekah Panschow, a great addition to the office staff. A special thank you to Pastor Martin Goode and Pastor Bruce Miller for their generous support, commitment, fellowship and dedication to Grace Gospel Church.

~ Lawrence McGinn

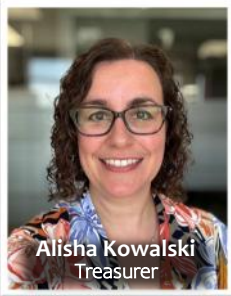


90th Anniversary
Testimonial Video
Tribute prepared
by Catherine Ball



View
Anniversary
Video





Treasurer... Alisha serves with expertise in corporate finance, advising our Board of Directors and preparing financial reports.

Hospitality Team... Officially launched in 2025, our team was pleased to be able to host 4 church baby showers, blessing moms: Laura (Oliver), Achsa (Sutton), Taylor (Leona), and Pamela (Joshua). Our first church wedding shower (Taylor Smith) was held this past spring. Additionally we organized 8 meal “trains” to assist new moms and those recovering from illness or surgery. We are thankful to Elisha Smith for coming on board to help with shower decor and food planning as we navigated this new ministry. Thanks to all those who offered to bring food...what a blessing to be a blessing!

~ Patty LeSurf and Elaine Korody, Deacons of Hospitality

Funeral Receptions... Many thanks to the hard working volunteers preparing for all the funeral luncheons. We also appreciate all the many volunteers who send in their delicious food donations, and it's been our pleasure to serve the families in this way. I welcome Elaine Korody as my back up coordinator in the leading the funeral luncheons in my absence – thanks Elaine for having such a servanthood heart.

~ Irene Osborne, Deacon of Funeral Receptions

Family Matters:

■ Births:

Oliver Smith
Joshua Gerosa

■ Baptisms:

Amazing Boniface
Praise Boniface
Mya Rosettani
Ken Vander Eyken

■ With the Lord:

Randy Gilbert
Bob Johnson
George Menard
Margaret Farewell
Jean Johnston
Marjorie Kershaw
Violet Warden

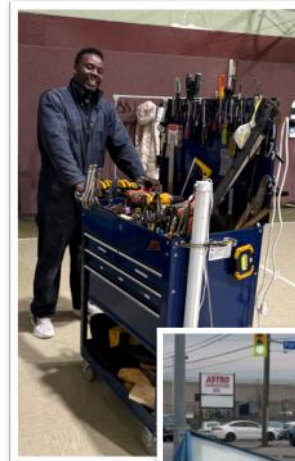


A/V Team: Praise the Lord for what He is doing at Grace. This year we have seen much happening within the technology needs, adding new wireless mics for dramas and skits, and the new overflow needs in the gym. Also the expansion of the tech team, a huge thank you to all the team members old and new. You are truly a blessing to the church and to His kingdom. Please continue to pray for us and the growing needs, as God blesses this church. ~ Mark Ridgway, Deacon of Tech



Kitchen Ministry—This past year, the KM has served many wonderful events, with volunteers filling numerous roles with soup/chili luncheons, the Easter Arise Breakfast, refreshments after the Christmas Productions, and celebratory cakes after special services! Thank you to all of our faithful team of Coffee time hosts who show up early on Sundays to prepared. A special thank you to Olive B. and Ruth T. for their years of serving. Newcomers are welcome!

~ Hilary Daley and Mellanie Romita, co-Deacons



Practical Ministry of Property Maintenance...

It has been a full year of projects in upgrading and maintaining our property. Last summer we demolished the Area B washrooms and prepped for the new 3-washroom renovation, completed by contractors as a capital project. Just in the middle of that we had a sewer back up in the lower hub—this old Church! Lots of big and little fixes! The piano got new wheels. The bell tower got a new coat of brown paint. We cleaned and coated the leaking main entry roof with a silicone coating. In August the Manse changed tenants, prompting a crew of volunteers to prepare it. The Elders decided to bless the Maintenance team with the garage as a workshop that is now equipped for a variety of jobs: we fabricated the star for the Christmas play, we're building a new ventilation system for the sanctuary, and fabricating a 10' high backlit steel cross for the bell tower—this will be installed simultaneously to the new outdoor digital sign that is being donated by one of our members. Most recently we installed a new door in the Underground hall. We purchased and modified a hay wagon to carry all of the wood used for the Maze stored outside. The sidewalk for the new Valley Way egress door has been poured. The back alley is being re-paved. The gym dividers got new toppers, an eyesore gone! We are truly blessed at GGC to have the resources and skilled people to make all this and more happen.

~ Ian LeSurf, Property Deacon

DISCIPLESHIP @ GRACE

Women's Bible Study @ Doreen's

We appreciate the importance and benefits of looking into God's word with other believers. We are thankful to not be walking this spiritual journey alone but with support of others. We gain greater insight of the world around us by discussing topics biblically with friends as it strengthens us for our own trials. We can ask questions, and speak freely in confidence. The prayer fellowship at each study creates an encouraging bond, and opens us up to the teaching and leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Our study of King David this past year was amazing and should aspire us all to desire to be *a woman after God's own heart*. ~ Participants



Intentional Women... Three Fridays of every month, these incredible, women have met to study God's Word and learn to apply what they have learned in their everyday living. We have 26 women in regular attendance and share an incredible bond of love and friendship. God has blessed us as a group and individually all season long. We look forward to what is in store for the future, knowing full well that He has it in His hands. ~ Anita Hardison

Discipleship at Grace... it is encouraged in formal and informal ways: planned Bible study groups who "go deep" into the Word together; discipleship triads; and in all our groups as we learn to pattern our lives according to the teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ. With over 110 people in group studies and many others in less formal friendships, or through receiving the Bible teaching each Sunday, let's keep growing as Christian disciples!



Ladies' Prayer Group...

"O Lord, please hear my prayer! Listen to the prayers of those of us who delight in honouring you."

Nehemiah 1:11

It is a pleasure to meet every Monday to bring before the Lord our praise and requests on behalf of the church. We have seen the Lord graciously answer our prayers and each week we have no shortage of requests to bring before Him. We constantly pray for our Pastors and families, our children and youth, the ill and shut-ins of our congregation and many personal and other requests. Amidst the everyday routines, Monday at one is a highlight of my week. Any women who would like to join us would be welcomed with open arms. ~ Donna Miller



Senior Men's Fellowship... It has been another successful fall and spring term of fellowship, praise, prayer and study. Weekly, 20+ faithful attendees are committed to growing in their faith and their understanding of God's Word, supporting and uplifting each other and our families and friends in prayer, and grateful for the Lord's faithfulness and provision for this church, our pastors and leaders.

We are so blessed to have Ray Miller as our teacher. As a theologian, he brings great depth and a wealth of reference materials to our studies. We studied the book of Revelation, and now are in a study of the Holy Spirit.

We also continue to encourage the widows and a growing number of senior single ladies who call Grace their home. Sr. Men help financially to sponsor some of the youth to attend retreats, and donate to Galcom at Christmas. We are eagerly looking forward to growing and becoming more like Christ! ~ Barry Pow

Ladies' Bible Study with Mel & Mel...

This past year our Bible study group took a deep dive into the teachings of John, studying Revelation, and 1, 2, 3 John. We all appreciated the insights into what have historically been difficult to understand passages. Our hybrid group model continues to be an encouragement to all of us since we are spread out across Niagara region. It enables us to meet with those in our area in person, but also connect with others online to pray, study and grow together. Next we look forward to studying 1 & 2 Peter! ~ Melanie Goode

HIS Ladies Fellowship...

What a blessing our H.I.S. Women are. "Hearts In Service" is our monthly gathering for the over-50 ladies! It originally started to help get to know each other better with encouragement, love, and support. Our meetings are filled with beautiful worship music, spirit-led testimonies, and a blessed time of prayer. As well, we always take time to enjoy food, fellowship, and fun. We gather on the second Friday of every month, with a summer break. Join us as we serve our Lord together. ~ Lori Karanflis



Men's Breakfast Group...

Every Thursday morning, Jo has a table set for us at Falls Manor, letting us in before opening time to meet for fellowship over breakfast. 10 to 16 men on average, from Grace and Redeemer and a few others, find laughter, encouragement, support, and a meaty Scripture and devotional reflection time that draws us into deep conversation and sharing as brothers in Christ. We've been meeting this way for about 24 years. A few of us are "originals" among the changing faces; but we are grateful for this "band of brothers" we get to meet with weekly. ~ Pastor Martin



LIFE @ GRACE

Sometimes the “heart-rate” at Grace is on high-energy! Our “pulse” during many weeks is reflected in a full schedule of regular ministries, outreaches and church family events that occupy all ages of our congregation. These pages reflect some of it—the joy of worshiping, sharing the gospel, equipping youth, and growing together as a church family.



GKPT—Grace Kids Praise Team is an amazing program for developing musicianship and leadership in Grace kids and youth. Each band learns new praise and worship songs at the beginning of the year, meets monthly to practice, and prepares to lead the congregation in worship and celebration in the spring. Songs learned this year in **Team A** teach about the almighty power of God, His worthiness of our praise, and His ability to make us new. Over the past several practices, **Team B** has been reflecting on the Armor of God and how worship equips us in our daily walk with Christ. The songs we sing aren't just melodies — they help us take hold of God's truth, share the gospel with others, stand firm against the enemy, and strengthen our faith. We have a lot of fun making a joyful noise together at GKPT. Thank you to the many volunteers who make this ministry happen.

~ Melody McClelland, Team A; John-Rock Bilodeau, Team B

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!” Psalm 95:1



Men's Axe-throwing event



Youth craft night



GKPT Crew!



MBM racers!



Sr. High's on Terry's last night



Kitchen amigos!



Getaway Retreat



a-MAZE-ing team



Outdoor service & picnic at Firemen's Park



The Boniface Family... (from p.1)

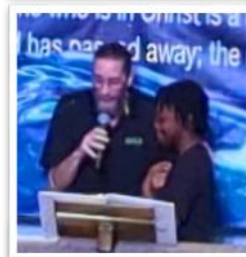
because we did not want to move ahead of His will. Through prayer, God gave us peace about Canada. It was not necessarily the most obvious choice, but we sensed God calling us, and with faith we stepped forward trusting that if God was leading us, He would also sustain us.

Since arriving in Canada, we have experienced God's faithfulness in ways that words can hardly capture. Through every season, He has provided, guided, protected, and reassured us that we are exactly where He ordained us to be. Even in moments of uncertainty, His peace has remained constant.

One of the greatest gifts God gave us on this journey was becoming part of Grace Gospel Church. From the very beginning, we were not treated like strangers. We were embraced with genuine love, welcomed like family, and surrounded by people who reflected the heart of Christ. Through this church family, we have grown spiritually, found strength in fellowship, and discovered fresh opportunities to serve God meaningfully.

God also surrounded us with incredible friends who became instruments of His care. In difficult moments, they encouraged us, stood beside us, supported us emotionally and materially, and reminded us that God never abandons His children.

Looking back now, we can say with gratitude that obedience to God will never lead a person outside His faithfulness. The road may not always be easy or fully understood, but when God leads, He provides grace for every step. ▲



Friends hanging at family camp





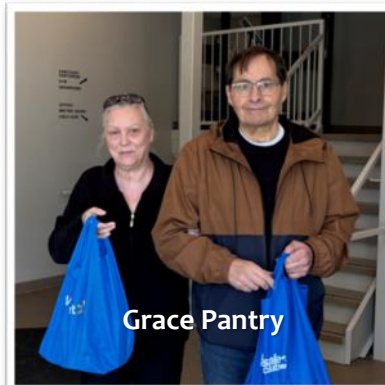
'Galentines'



Two High School Groups: Worship & MAZE



Grace Youth



Grace Pantry

Senior Home Ministry—We have the privilege of taking church services to seven retirement homes, filling the void for many seniors who experience mobility problems. Most locations we serve twice a month; Queenston Place once a month, and Cavendish Manor every Sunday. Seniors really enjoy singing familiar hymns, sharing the joy of the memories the singing brings to them. Four ladies accompany: Carol, Carolynn, Marj, and Jean from the Gate Church. Also I am grateful for those who fill in with teaching during my absence Mark B., Herman, Stew, and Pat & Val. It is a joy for us to serve, and to see the joy of the seniors as they sing. ~ Jim Stuart, Elder of Visitation



Senior Chapel at River Road Retirement Home



Carolynn McLean... (from p.1)

...from Prayer Meeting to say he had volunteered us to lead the Youth Group! Some of those young people are still special to me.

Bob was an only child, and I had only one sibling who was mentally challenged, so the friends we developed here at Grace became our family. When my mom died, our first child was just 18 months old. The women at Grace became my examples, mentors, and friends.

Through the years, Bob and I have filled many different posts. I can't remember how or when but soon I was the pianist, accompanying our choir, many soloists, and most importantly the congregation. I am able to count 8 different organists, including my husband, with whom I played. I "retired" from that position about 40 years later.

Now in 2026, my service consists simply of playing the piano for some of the chapel services with Jim Stuart at Retirement and Nursing Homes. It makes me so happy that I can still use the abilities God gave me.

I have always valued and benefitted from the faithful teaching at Grace, staying true to scripture. I am so pleased these days with the dramatic growth in our congregation. If you are new to Grace, I hope you feel at home as I did and still do. ▲

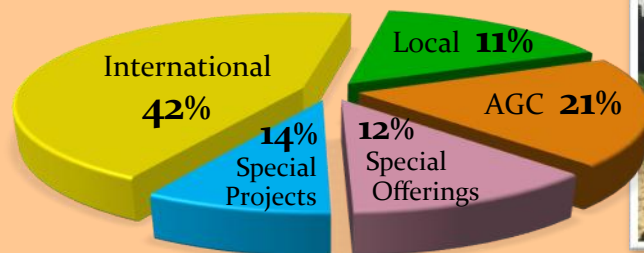


Sutton's Baby Shower

MISSIONS @ GRACE

- This year we have seen a number of changes to our missions portfolio:
 - ◆ Saying good-bye to Don & Karen Stauffer, and welcoming Isaac & Nikki Medler, who were our speakers for our "Missions Starts Here" weekend in April.
 - ◆ Saying good-bye to Daniel & Caroline Simon, and welcoming new Amazon missionaries Deimerson & Alissandra Venâncio.
 - ◆ MINAP funds now support the overall team needs rather than Samuel individually.
 - ◆ With the closing of the Motel Ministry, we now support Tearfund Canada in global relief work.
- Our committee is profiling a "Missionary of the Month" for focused prayer.
- Through our budget commitments and other faithful giving to mission efforts, we partner with fruitful mission work around the world.

~ Pastor Martin



Missions Giving: 95,690.00

from Budget and Special Mission Offerings.

This represents 15.1% of Total Giving in 2024.



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Easter Celebration Choir & Band

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Celebrating 90 Years, 1935—2025

Learning & growing to live up to our name:

GRACE—our salvation identity

...God's chosen mercy in spite of what we deserve, transforming us and working to shape us for His purpose!

GOSPEL—our salvation mission

...our "middle name" is a living, shaping priority in the life of our church; the mission by which and for which Christ saved us!

CHURCH—our salvation family

...the gathering of Spirit-reborn saints who identify locally in this city, and who participate in mission within and beyond our building walls.

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