

IMPACT REPORT

FOR JANUARY-APRIL 2025

SEE THE RHYTHM OF GRACE IN ACTION! BELOW IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE WAYS THE LORD IS USING US TO MAKE A KINGDOM IMPACT.

WORSHIP

Worship services through the spring saw new church officers ordained and installed; mission trips to Guatemala and the Dominican Republic commissioned; children, students, and Scouts assisting in the service; and the congregation singing for the Grace VBS CD! All of this culminating in wonderful Holy Week and Easter celebrations.



987 attended Easter worship at Grace, which is an increase over the 2024 attendance of 929.

Grace also celebrated a **BAPTISM** this spring:



March 23
Sadie Stevie Cobb
daughter of Sarah & Matthew Cobb

GRACE812 continues to grow, going through the 12 Steps and finding their place in the Bible and in their lives, living as apprentices of Jesus allowing for peace in a world of confusion. The Parent's AI-Anon meeting is starting to find a footing as well.

GRACE STUDENT MINISTRIES had a group of students spread VBS worship to the local community at the Easter Celebration at Camden Park on April 12. For about three hours, they led the Camden Park attendees in worship, dancing, and games. One of our students also helped lead singing with our Grace en Español band.

EQUIP

GRACE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES are equipping dozens of women this spring!

- Inspire Bible Studies—77 ladies
- Grace Moms' Bible Studies—57 ladies
- Women of Grace Circles—75 ladies

2025 Grace Women's Retreat—81 ladies attended the retreat, led by The Rev. Anna Kent, Friday and Saturday, March 28-29, at the beautiful San Luis Resort in Galveston.

GRACE MEN'S LIFE

has moved to meeting during the lunch hour, and we have had great success, with nearly 60 men attending.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES had a great turn out for *Sacraments and Sundaes*, where kids and their parents learned about the sacraments of baptism and communion. Kids joined us on Palm Sunday for the palm processional, waving palms in celebration. Families joined us on Easter Sunday for activities in the Courtyard. Our fourth and fifth graders and their parents have been working through a Bible study focusing on God and anxiety on Sunday mornings with Ms. Traci.



We welcomed Alyssa Minear to the team! As a Children's Ministries Associate, Alyssa will assist with VBS, Children's Ministries events, and fourth and fifth grade discipleship.

GRACE STUDENT MINISTRIES had 12 students walk through the confirmation class with 12 mentors. Each mentor was impressed with the students' curiosity and depth.



Student Ministries hosted a volunteer interest meeting to help adjust our volunteering needs in light of the transition to *Abide Together Groups* this fall, and we had 31 people in attendance! We are excited for the energy surrounding student ministries!

As we put together a list of students who could potentially be placed in *Abide Together Groups*, we calculated that we reach a total of 85 students—41 girls and 44 boys! Within that count, we listed that 30 girls and 26 boys are considered regular attendees to the events we hold throughout the year, meaning that about 65% of our students are consistent attendees in our ministry!



The **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY** has experienced remarkable growth over the past few months, particularly on *Monday Nights at G4: Known*. What began as a small young adult gathering has tripled in size reaching a consistent attendance high of 23 young adults. Monday night Discipleship Groups have doubled in size with six groups that consist of three to five young adults who meet weekly to intentionally pour into each other's lives. Through these groups, our young adults have reported a strong sense of belonging, with several new members inviting friends and coworkers to join.

Sunday morning **EPIC** (Equipping People in Community) courses continue to help us on the journey to become fully-formed disciples of Jesus Christ. Spring EPIC classes focused on the *Practicing The Way* study, and had 45 participants, while the follow-up *Practicing Generosity* study had 19 participants.

SERVE

The congregation teamed up to raise over \$45,000 at **LUNCH IS SERVED!** This money helps cover the cost of Student Ministries mission trips and to ensure that students can be on mission year round! We are so grateful for our Lunch is Served committee, our auction item donors, our sign-up party hosts, and our congregation as a whole who has always been so supportive of the youth!

In partnership with Houston Community College, the **YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY** has been able to connect relationally with over 25 college students at the Alief Hayes campus through our work in Community Outreach.



FRIENDS OF WESTCHASE celebrated all the Lord is doing in Westchase during our *Spring Up in Westchase Luncheon* in April. The event was a meaningful gathering that featured testimonials from school partners, a parent, community partner and a youth. The luncheon highlighted the heart of our mission—building relationships that transform lives. A

special highlight of the afternoon was honoring Susan Jernigan, whose heart to love and serve our students helped lay the foundation for Friends of Westchase.

In March, Grace sent a small group to the Dominican Republic to work with our long-term mission partners, Living Water International. Mission trip participant Candy Aldridge reflects on the trip:



This journey was not just about water. Yes, it was exhilarating and exciting to see the fresh water flow forcefully from the new well. But it was also about the fun we had with the local kids and with each other. The local men worked with us to lay pipe between the well and the village, and between the well and the storage tanks. Our work helped replace an ailing infrastructure that provided clean water to the village only on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The residents will have a new way of life because of Living Water International's water projects. Their self-elected water board ultimately will be responsible for the daily operation. Reminding the kids that the running water was Living Water was easy because they had studied the Word in school. It was moving to pray over a man who was ill and near his final days and then to see his picture four weeks later, sitting upright in a chair. My heart will never forget that, nor the happy expressions of the faces of the villagers and the children, in spite of what we call poverty conditions. God's blessings were on their faces and in their hearts.

Also in March, Grace once again partnered with Fe Maya, as a group of five from Grace traveled to San Bartolo, Guatemala, to serve the local community and continue to build the Fe Maya School, a Christian school that is growing and beginning to serve the local children in the rural communities surround San Bartolo.



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