
WE ARE
BRIDGE
Grace in Relationships
Sunday, September 27, 2026

Vision:

Everyone Discipled – Everyone Transformed

– Everyone On Mission

Mission:

Love the Lord. Make Disciples. Love All to Christ

Core Values:

1. Lost people matter to God. He wants them found.

2. Prayer is the primary work of the people of God.

3. Everything we have belongs to God. We are only stewards.

4. Knowing and obeying God's Word is fundamental to all true success.

5. Completing the Great Commission will require the mobilization of every fully devoted disciple.

Core Values:

5a. Each person needs to be engaged in their Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth.

5b. A multiethnic ministry and focus is essential for us to reach all the nations.

5c. The family is the natural place for love, nurture, modeling, and discipleship to take place.

5d. Making disciples that evangelize the lost and disciple the responsive is essential for multiplication.

5e. Leadership development is essential to effectively minister now and to reach the next generation.

5f. We glorify God by going and sending our people into the world as Jesus was sent.

Core Values:

6. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish nothing.

7. Achieving God's purposes involves taking faith-filled risks. This always involves change.



CORE VALUE #8: GRACE IN RELATIONSHIPS IS ESSENTIAL IN BUILDING EACH OTHER UP IN LOVE INTO THE MATURITY OF CHRIST.

DEFINING THE CONTEXT

THE CHURCH

DEFINING “GRACE IN RELATIONSHIPS”

RESEMBLING GOD’S CHARACTER AND DESIRES TO EACH OTHER

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[16] For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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Ephesians 4:1-16



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EPHESIANS 4:17-32

- Verses 17-24: Put off old self/ Put on new self
- Verse 25: Speak the truth
- Verses 26-27: Be angry and do not sin
- Verse 28: Work so that you can be generous and compassionate
- Verse 29: Talk so others experience God's grace
- Verses 30-31: You have the Holy Spirit so live like it
- Verse 32: Treat others as God has graciously treated you



APPLICATION

If grace in relationships is essential in building each other up in love into the maturity of Christ, then:

- **How should I/we relate to one another?**
- **How often should we be seeing each other and how involved should we be in each others lives?**
- **How should I/we deal with tension and conflict?**
- **How should I/we be maintaining peace, unity, and harmony in the Body?**
- **How can I/we practically show each other love?**
- **How should I/we be practicing loving accountability for greater maturity?**
- **How can I/we cultivate an environment that only speaks what is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear?**