

IMPACT REPORT

FOR JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024

WATCH 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

Grace has celebrated three **BAPTISMS** over the past three months:



July 14

Dillon Christopher Wertz & Allison Marie Wertz
son and daughter of Claire & Allan Wertz

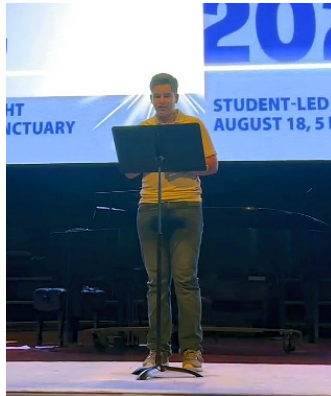


August 25

David Hunter Reynolds
son of Kristin & Tommy Reynolds

GRACE812 continues to grow, adding five new participants. People from last year are still actively reading the Bibles we had passed out.

Grace Student Ministries had at least 195 people at the **ACTIVATE** student-led worship night in August! The congregation showed up in force as the students led in singing, prayer stations, and fellowship! We were so happy to be able to commission the students into this school year.



EQUIP



GRACE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

are equipping dozens of women this fall!

Morning Inspire—48 ladies

Evening Inspire—18 ladies

Morning Grace Moms—27 ladies

Evening Grace Moms—32 ladies

Women of Grace Circles—75 ladies

In **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**, the new school year started spectacularly! We had 45 kids on kickoff Sunday! We maxed out our fourth and fifth grade space at 20 kids, so we had to move to a larger Sunday school room! What a great problem to have! We have one new Small Group Leader joining us in Children's Ministries. And following damage from Hurricane Beryl, we are excited to be back in The Backyard, now all refreshed and repainted! We were blessed to be able to have our first Treehouse chapel in the refurbished Backyard for Grace School.

In **GRACE STUDENT MINISTRIES**, our **MINIMUM** number of students on a Sunday morning is 25—that means we've had 25 or more students every week! Our high for this quarter is at 38. Since July, we've had five students teach, talking about hard doubt questions covering apologetics and evangelism!

On September 11, Grace welcomed The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stepp for a Jarboe Lectureship-sponsored presentation, "**CULTIVATING A COVER-TO-COVER FAITH**," illustrating how the different books of the Bible and stories fit together. 102 people were there to listen to Andrew and enjoy Pioneer BBQ brisket together!

Sunday morning **EPIC** (Equipping People in Community) courses continue to help us on the journey to become fully-formed disciples of Jesus Christ. Recently, covenant partner Georgene Quirke shared how EPIC has enriched her life:

I've been involved with EPIC courses since they were initiated at Grace. Before EPIC, I was not part of a Sunday school class. When the first courses were introduced, I was so excited to read about the offerings and the opportunity to sign up for the one that spoke to me. It offered me a chance to meet with other covenant partners and learn together. Each time new courses were offered, I was eager to read and sign up again.

The EPIC classes have deepened my faith and gave me a focus for the six weeks or so they lasted. Just going to the Equipping Hour, I met and became close with so many of our members that I had not known. These faces from my classes are now my friends. There is a community feel here. Meeting new friends led to being invited into a Discipleship group a few years ago with an acquaintance from EPIC. This has enabled lasting rich relationships.

The formats of books, videos, and/or discussions keep the studies vibrant. I believe the EPIC classes have kept me focused on my growth as a Christian and challenged me to continue seeking God's will for my life.

Thank you for initiating EPIC. It was just what I needed!

EPIC

SERVE

In August, our annual **STUFF A BUS** program allowed us to help out our Westchase families with much-needed school supplies, backpacks, hygiene items, shoes, and uniforms. It was a great way to kick off a new school year!



Grace is changing lives of students in our local Westchase community by supporting mentoring and literacy in our local HISD schools. Together, **WE ARE MENTORING OVER 100 CHILDREN** and youth through our partnerships in the community.

Last December, Grace installed a **COMMUNITY GARDEN** on campus at Revere Middle School. Since that time, we have harvested over 350 pounds of fresh food that has been shared with food insecure students and their families. When our children and fed and nourished, they flourish. When our students thrive, our educators and mentors can make a life-changing impact.



TOGETHER

MEN'S LIFE BREAKFAST continues to serve up to 25 men on Wednesday mornings.

During August and September, the **STUDENT MINISTRIES HALLWAY** on the second floor of Massey-Tucker Hall was revamped—swing on by to see the new welcoming space, including a Come Live Differently mural designed and painted by one of our very own students!



THE 5:10:5 PLAN
TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT STEP.

Many of you have signed on to be a part of [The 5:10:5 Plan](#). If you haven't yet, read back through items above—all of the impacts you've just read about are possible only through your generosity and support. These steps of this plan will allow Grace to be in the black in five years, and allow us to fulfill God's mission to make disciples by equipping every generation to share both God's good news and their everyday lives. Again, we ask everyone to prayerfully discern taking the next right step.

1. For the first step, we are asking you, the congregation, to go before the Lord and discern increasing giving by 5%, which, for example, would mean a person giving a yearly gift of \$5000 would add an additional \$250 for the year. This cycle would repeat for five years.

2. The second part of the plan is a 10% increase in people who give, whether individuals or family units. This increase would be measured when new covenant partners and guests start giving for the first time, or if current partners are not giving regularly, we are hoping they will start. This will also repeat for five years.

3. After five years, we hope that you will have grown in your trust of the Lord and will have deepened your discipleship journey. We are truly grateful for this collective effort to continue to do God's will with the gifts He has given us.