

THE DIFFERENCE IN A DAY

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"For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." (1 Corinthians 16:8-9)



STEVE RIGGLE
SENIOR PASTOR

The year 2024, which began with the miraculous provision of our Cathedral Life Centre, is coming to a close with a massive open door beyond anything I have ever experienced.

Every ministry initiative detailed here is poised for launch, contingent on the financial support available to fund them. This, in my view, is a defining moment for all of us called Grace.

Friedrich Schiller (November 1759 – May 1805), a German playwright, poet, philosopher, and historian, is often considered Germany's most important classical playwright. He observed, "History brought forth a great moment, but the moment found a mediocre people."

George Bernard Shaw said, "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world, the unreasonable man attempts to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man." If you and I are willing to be unreasonable, perhaps we can change our world.

To bring everything you read here (and in the details contained in the accompanying brochures) to come to pass, we need people like you and me who are willing to step into this incredible story God is writing with uncommon generosity.

May God find a faith-filled people who will step into the largeness of the doors He is opening with great anticipation of His power at work through all of us.

THE CHURCH

Here are a few stats from what has happened this year in a variety of church ministries. Your tithes and offerings are what make all of this possible. If you haven't yet become a regular tither or giver, please consider that everything that happens at Grace is because people like you give regularly. **Year-end giving is very important to fund everything we do. Please consider the most generous year-end gift possible.**

- This year, we launched our Family Conferences (1000+ registered over 2 conferences), a Date Night for Married Couples (614 registered), and a Marriage Conference (577 registered).
- We had 330 children at our on-site Kids Camp (largest ever).
- The Polar Express event attendance surged to 2,500+, mostly families who do not attend Grace yet.
- 527 people have come to our monthly Grace Movie Nights in 2024.
- Our Wednesday Family Fun Days from parents and kids had 1,167 people register.
- In addition to multiple large outreach youth events, Anthem Youth went on two missions trips over the summer blessing thousands of people locally and in Utah.
- Since introducing baptisms every Sunday in every service, we've celebrated more than 200 baptisms.
- Baby dedications have also grown, with a projected total of 71 dedications this year (most ever in one year).
- Serve Day saw significant growth once again with 35 outreach projects and 425 volunteers on one day.
- This year's Merry and Bright women's event sold out in 24 hours, and 50% of attendees do not attend Grace yet.
- The Grace Garage helped 110 women and families this year with car repairs, tire replacements, oil changes, etc.
- The monthly Car Show at Grace continues to expand and reach hundreds of people each month.
- Many new groups were launched, including a group for Business Owners Group, New Marriage Group, a Women's Fellowship & Bible Study, Men's Watchmen Group, Parenting Class, Engaged/Newly Married Class, etc.
- We launched a new Grace Latino ministry called VOZ Firme. This ministry equips and raises up clear, firm voices among the Hispanic community in defense of LIFE and family values from a Biblical perspective.
- Grace Outpost, our ministry for first responders and veterans, continues to grow and connect these heroes.
- We now offer monthly seminars for in-depth teaching on theological and biblical topics, along with weekly Zoom workshops focused on ministry training, Bible study, and life coaching.

FORGE

SHAPING PASTORS WHO WILL SHAPE THE NATION

FORGE is uniquely designed to use the model of Grace Woodlands to train pastors to build a growing, dynamic local church that will impact the community and the nation. What is needed to take back our nation is for local pastors to step into this current window of opportunity God has given our nation to return to Biblical values and lead in their communities by building a congregation that understands that they are the King in America and their voice, vote, and presence in the culture is critically important. By equipping the congregation to stand up, speak out, and some to run for office, the pastor builds a church that influences and impacts the community. By leading a weekly congregational Prayer Meeting that is prioritized as the most important service of the week, the pastor builds a praying army that knows how to deal with the spiritual nature of the day in intercession and spiritual warfare. By developing ministries that serve the community, the pastor establishes the local church as a family-friendly community center.

RESIDENTIAL ON-SITE INTENSIVE TRAINING

Utilizing a portion of the Life Centre, is a program for pastors that will immerse them in ministry philosophy, give them the tools for practical application, launch them into a community, and provide a network of ongoing training and support as they build a church that will impact that community. Using Grace Woodlands as a model and being immersed in its ministries, the pastor will learn how to be a courageous visionary leader, how to build a praying army that spiritually engages the day, and how to motivate the congregation to be engaged in informed voting with Biblical values and how to raise up candidates to run for office. Through a multi-interview, very selective process, applicants will be accepted who want to establish a Grace Woodlands congregation in another area. The length of time spent in this program will depend on the level of training needed to equip them. We can have 30-40 in this program at a time with a capacity to train between 100-150 pastors per year.

ONE WEEK INTENSIVE TRAINING

This training will be for twenty pastors at a time and is designed to equip pastors to build a community-impacting congregation that will be a part of shaping the nation. Using Grace Woodlands as a model, the pastors will learn how to be a courageous visionary leader, how to build a praying army that spiritually engages the day, and how to motivate the congregation to be engaged in informed voting with Biblical values and how to raise up candidates to run for office.

TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS, AND CONFERENCES

Through a variety of opportunities, we will be training pastors in courageous visionary leadership, practical ministry development, and in-depth Biblical and theological education.

INTERN TRAINING

This is an on-site training program for those called into pastoral ministry who are just starting to step into their ministry calling.

CHURCH PLANTING

This is the way we measure the success of the program. Grace New England, planting fifty churches in the historic birthplace of Christianity in North America, has already begun with the first church in Weare, New Hampshire.

We currently have two church buildings where we will plant a Grace Church in 2025: Grace at the Circle in Orange, CA and Grace Sikeston in Sikeston, MO.

We will also look to plant another five to ten churches by the end of 2025 by establishing small groups that become the core of the church plant.

EXISTING CHURCHES THAT JOIN US

In addition, there is a strong congregation that approached us about joining Grace Woodlands in early 2025. Their leadership has voted to become a Grace Church under the direction of Grace Woodlands.

We strongly feel that we should offer these ministry programs at no cost to those who participate. To do so, we will need many partners who see how this could become a wave across the nation and will support it financially. At this time we anticipate the cost to get a pastor ready to launch a church to be about \$8,000. The cost to launch a church would depend on the location and approach we take.





LIFE CENTRE... THE FACILITY

One morning in January we toured the Woodlands Medical Resort, and by 5pm we had a signed Letter of Intent with the owner to purchase the property with approved financing, and the lender wrote the loan down by several million dollars. In one day everything was in place for this incredible facility to become the Cathedral Life Centre, which would house battered women, pregnant women, single moms who need a fresh start, and many other compassion ministries. It will also house the residential programs for FORGE, our pastoral training center.

Just a few weeks later, God moved on the heart of a donor to pay off the debt on the facility. **We now need partners who will carry the monthly expenses necessary to operate the facility and also the amount it takes to furnish the 70+ rooms.**

OPERATIONAL COSTS FOR JUST THE FACILITY: \$20,000/MONTH

The miracle acquisition of this facility and how it happened in one day began a new chapter in the story God is writing over Grace Woodlands... an incredible story that continues to unfold.

CATHEDRAL LIFE CENTRE

RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

We provide a safe haven for individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. We seek to not only provide shelter but also equip residents with essential life skills and a strong foundation. We aim to empower residents to reenter their communities with renewed confidence, personal responsibility, and a bright, hopeful future.

- Women in Crisis
- Families in Crisis
- Disaster Relief Temporary Housing
- Families in Medical Crisis
- Foster Transition Housing (18+)
- Crisis Pregnancy (18+)

FOSTER CARE

Becoming a foster parent is a powerful expression of God's love and compassion, as we are called to care for those in need. At the Life Centre, we provide essential resources, including information, classes, and personal stories, to equip you with the knowledge and support you need to make informed decisions and embark on this rewarding path.

ADOPTION

Adoption is a journey that reflects God's love and plan for families. It is an opportunity to provide a loving, stable, and nurturing environment for a child in need. The process of adoption involves careful consideration, preparation, and patience, but the rewards are immeasurable. We offer resources, guides, support groups, and classes to prepare you on your path to adoption.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Not only will we provide care in significant areas of personal need, but also in the concerns of everyday life. Our community ministries bring assistance for transitional housing, vehicle maintenance, second-hand clothing, and more!

- Fresh Start Ministry
- Beauty Salon
- Grace Garage
- Library
- Resale Shop

COACHING

Coaching can help you achieve personal and professional fulfillment by enhancing life skills and aligning your journey with God's purpose for your life. We offer supportive guidance, skills development, and a clear path toward healthy living, all taught from a Biblical worldview. Our coaches will help you identify your goals, develop effective strategies, and create an action plan to bring you confidence and see meaningful progress in your life.

- Finances
- Job Skills Training
- Marriage / Parenting
- Home Management
- Church and Faith
- Nutrition and Health

GROUPS

We encourage personal growth, facilitate the sharing of experiences, and offer community, hope, and prayer support through groups for you and your loved ones.

- Safe Haven: Abused Women Support
- Healing Hearts Grief Support
- Stronger Together: Single Moms Support
- Infertility/Miscarriage/Infant Loss
- Postpartum Support
- Abortion Recovery
- Divorce Care
- Celebrate Recovery
- Parents of Medically-Fragile Children
- Parents of Special Needs Children
- Parents of LGBTQ+
- Parents of Prodigals

CLASSES

Join us for classes designed to equip you with essential life skills and Biblical study. Our instructors are here to provide you with the support and knowledge you need.

- Health and Nutrition Classes
- Affordable Meal Planning and Cooking
- Physical Education Classes
- CPR and First Aid Certification Course
- Car Care 101
- Job Preparation Class
- Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Disaster Preparedness
- English Language Courses
- Bible Study and Theology Classes



CORNERSTONE + CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

We have started construction on the restroom addition to the new auditorium and will start on the foyer building in a matter of weeks. The steel frame will be delivered to the site by the end of December. We have received 4.5 million in Cornerstone income. It will take an additional 4.5 million dollars to complete the 47,000 sq ft building not counting seating and audio visual.

BECOME A PARTNER

We need generous partners who share the vision for these transformative ministries. We invite you to contribute a one-time gift or a monthly financial commitment to help launch and sustain the ongoing ministry expenses to fund these ministries. Whether it's becoming a monthly Life Centre partner, sponsoring the FORGE training of a new pastor, or funding ongoing ministry efforts through the tithe and increased offerings, your financial gift is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for considering a partnership at this crucial time. Through your participation, lives will be transformed, families will be impacted, and generational blessings will be established.

WAYS TO GIVE

 **ONLINE**

[GRACEWOODLANDS.COM/GIVE](https://gracewoodlands.com/give)

 **MAIL OR OFFERING BOXES IN LOBBY**

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 **ASSET DONATIONS / LEGACY GIVING**

To set up an estate legacy gift, life income plan, or to give stocks, bonds, mutual funds, vehicles, property, etc., call our Legacy Giving Department (832-381-2306) or email legacy@gracewoodlands.com

CREATING A LEGACY INTRODUCING OUR NEW PLANNED GIVING DEPARTMENT

One of the most exciting elements of this great door of opportunity the Lord is opening is two men with unbelievable credentials and experience who the Lord has led to create a planned giving department for us. The potential is huge. Please read their credentials and welcome them to this great adventure. More to come as this vital ministry develops.



PASTOR HOWARD KALOOGIAN
20+ years building the Planned Giving Department at Hillsdale College
Attorney, JD Pepperdine School of Law
Former California State Representative
Founding Pastor of Grace New England



BILL PHILLIPS
20+ years as the Executive Director of Planned Giving at Hillsdale College
Executive Director of Planned Giving at Young America's Foundation
Taught U.S. and British History at California State University

