



2021 Annual Report



Grace Central Coast





The Story

WHY AN ANNUAL REPORT

To God Be the Glory, great things He has done!

Thank you for taking the time to review this year's Grace Central Coast Annual Report! God has done great things in the life of our church this year, despite the real struggles, hardships, and challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. This annual report is intended to bring you into the story God has woven through the last year of our life together at Grace Central Coast. It's filled with stats, pictures, and narratives that serve as snapshots of the ways God is working in our church.

This year's annual report is extra special as it also represents the climax and culmination of our two-year NEXT Generosity Initiative. God has powerfully met us in the vision He has given us through your joyful, sacrificial, extravagant giving! Thank you so much. By God's grace, we've accomplished nearly every NEXT project on our list, and our SLO Campus Improvements are underway.

As you review this 2021 Annual report, please remember the WHY! Everything we do as a church is focused on helping people find and follow Jesus. Every expression of ministry serves this one singular goal. Every number and stat represents faces, people, and souls.

We hope our 2021 Annual Report fills your heart with joy, thanks, and faith as we trust God for the year ahead to help people find and follow Jesus!

With you,
Pastor Tim with the Elders

Last year at

GRACE CENTRAL COAST



5,377

Total impacted and involved

645

Current average attendance across three physical campuses

57

Total Growth Groups

32

New Covenant Members

718

Total involved in Growth Groups

27

Staff employed at Grace Central Coast

18

Trusted Jesus

467

New to Grace

15

Baptized

110

GraceCollege average Tuesday attendance

115

GraceYouth average Wednesday attendance

150

GraceKids average Sunday attendance

SLO CAMPUS

Though it was a very challenging year, God has shown His faithfulness in so many ways to our SLO Campus. Our outdoor Sunday services have brought many new faces, joining us in finding and following Jesus.

Our GraceKids have loved being together and there has been sweet fellowship as we worshiped together in song and word week after week on the Peet's Property. During the week we have also seen many finding and following Jesus in Growth Groups, college and youth groups, and in our men's and women's groups. To God be the glory!

88

*average GraceKids
and Teachers
attendance*

404

*current average
Sunday Service
attendance*

181

*men and women in
mid week groups*

484

*people actively involved
in growth groups*

37

*total
growth groups*



FIVE CITIES CAMPUS

The word of God has not been bound throughout this last year and it has been bearing much fruit at the Five Cities Campus on Sundays, in Growth Groups, and throughout the week!

140 *current average Sunday Service attendance*

103

people actively involved in Growth Groups

50

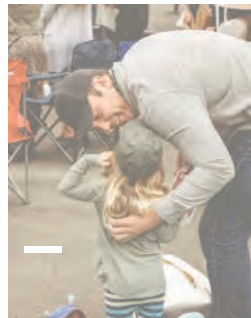
average GraceKids weekly attendance

8 *total growth groups*

GOD AT WORK:

A neighboring business owner, who doesn't yet know Jesus, pulled me aside and told me about people he knows who live in the neighborhood surrounding the Five Cities Campus who have started to attend on Sundays! I was so encouraged and I told him that I've heard dozens of people say, "Yea, I live just around the corner" or "We heard the singing on Sundays" and then decided to come and join us. To God be the glory!

- Pastor Ben



NORTH COUNTY CAMPUS

God has been moving in the North County! Many new people have joined our campus during this time of worshipping outdoors. People new to town, from the neighborhood, new to church, and people searching for a new church home.

God works through so many faithful volunteers, amazing Growth Group leaders, a growing staff team, and so much more. People are finding and following Jesus in the North County!

26

average GraceKids and Teachers attendance

101

current average Sunday Service attendance

97

people active in serving at our North County Campus

120

people actively involved in growth groups

9

total growth groups



ONLINE CAMPUS

Last year, the Online Campus didn't even exist. Now, this campus continues to help people find and follow Jesus all over the state, country, and even the world.

This past year, we've transitioned from providing a video for people to watch online to creating a space where people can worship together, even when we can't be together physically. God is merciful, He is faithful, and His glory is unstoppable.



46,398

total views across Youtube, Vimeo and Church Online Platform

800

average Online Campus attendance during the Pandemic

50

families found Grace Central Coast through our Online Campus

35,556

website page views from unique visitors

1,059

instagram followers

621

Youtube subscribers

People all over the nation were seeking community this year and individuals from **15 different states** joined in to worship with us at our Online Campus to hear God's word and find community. Some people even worshipped with us from other countries.

NEW TO GRACE



467

new to Grace in 2021

319

*new to our
SLO Campus*

59

*new to our
Five Cities Campus*

44

*new to our
North County Campus*

45

*new to our
Online Campus*

GOD AT WORK:

Our new people attendance has thrived this year! Many people have searched for community and found it here at Grace Central Coast. With a prominent Online Campus and our physical campuses meeting outdoors, our church has become so much more accessible to our community. Many of our new guests have become regular attenders over this past year and are really jumping into the life of our church and getting connected!

One of the exciting ways people have found our church has been while walking through their neighborhood and hearing our worship music. New guests have heard the worship playing throughout their neighborhood and followed the music to the campus! God has used our Outdoor Worship services to reach the community like never before.

GROWTH GROUPS

As the pandemic started and we figured out how to do online services, we quickly jumped on Growth Groups and God began to work. Our Growth Groups went online, our leaders adapted, and groups began to grow. Many groups took on new members during Covid and new leaders rose up to start new groups. As we rounded the New Year we could feel our leader's fatigue and held a training event for these leaders in January 2021. We thanked them and cast vision for the next several months of online ministry.



718

total number of people involved in Growth Groups

57

total Growth Groups

138

Growth Group leaders

GOD AT WORK:

"You should come to our Growth Group!" This phrase is heard almost every week at every campus. We hear the stories and the impact that these invites are having. Many people have been invited to join a Growth Group on their first Sunday at Grace and have decided to come that same week. The people of Grace are inviting those who are new with us into this family-type connection and it's making a difference in people's lives!

Two families in particular at the North County Campus received a Growth Group invite on a Sunday morning, and attended that group that same Sunday afternoon. These families are now committed to Grace Central Coast as their home church. Praise God!

GLOBAL MISSIONS



In 2020 we had greater personal contact with our missionaries, many of whom were especially affected by Covid-19, and we were able to provide additional financial support during a time when many were experiencing financial hardship.

\$204K

total given to Global Missions

We were also able to provide aid for relief work in Haiti and additional support to our partners in South Asia, who provided Covid relief and the hope of the Gospel to many. Grace supported the work of Lifewater, sharing clean water and living water with those who have neither, Gideons in their Bible distribution, and Child Evangelism Fellowship as they reach children worldwide.

29

missionaries supported across the World

MEXICO MISSIONS:

In August of 2020, because we were unable to send a team of Youth students and families to Mexico to build houses for Amor Ministries, our church built a "Mexico Shed" in the back of Pastor Ken Peet's property. This shed acts as the home for many of our Mexico supplies that are needed yearly to make our Mexico Missions trip possible!

51

youth and adults worked together to build the Mexico shed

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This year, Grace Central Coast reached into the community and tried to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbors through many outward facing ministries.

God's Storehouse not only provided groceries, but also proved to be a social outlet for those who were isolated. Grace supported First Fruits Farm in SLO, both financially and with volunteer workers. **17,750 lbs of fruits & vegetables were distributed from First Fruits Farm to God's Storehouse.** Our volunteers brought encouragement and the hope of the Gospel, even as they bagged groceries.



7,640

total number of people served through God's Storehouse

424

families served monthly through God's Storehouse

113

volunteers serving in community outreach

45

average weekly grocery home deliveries

\$2,500

donated to First Fruits Farm

374

foster and adoptive parents supported with training seminars

1,272

babies saved nationwide through 40 Days of Life ministry.

GRACEWOMEN

Grace Women's ministry is a community of women who desire to find and follow Jesus by gathering both online and in-person to study the Bible, live life together, and serve our neighbors in love.

40 *women participated in Bible Study for the first time this year*

This past spring, through a women's event, we were able to donate proceeds to Lifeline Pregnancy Center in Grover Beach.

We've had new moms from all around our county join our MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) playdates and through these interactions, a number of those families have begun attending Grace Central Coast.

70 *women participated in MOPS Central Coast*

God has been working through this season in the lives of the women at Grace Central Coast. To God be the glory!

155 *Women participated in Bible Study this year
virtually and in-person*

NORTH COUNTY

34

*women in Bible
Study*

6

Bible Study leaders

SLO

84

*women in Bible
Study*

12

Bible Study leaders

FIVE CITIES

37

*women in Bible
Study*

5

Bible Study leaders

GRACEMEN

During this year our men's studies have adapted and changed in various ways. Our GraceMen have continued to meet in seven different weekly Men's Groups across the Central Coast. Many men have joined a group this year for the first time.

127

men involved in a mid-week Men's Group

This year a Men's Hiking Group has started up. They hike up Madonna Mountain every Tuesday early morning, at 6:30 AM, for a little exercise, fellowship, and connection. Even a Kayak fishing group started up during this past year. Men are finding new and creative ways to connect and fellowship together weekly.

Many of our men have also continued to faithfully lead their Growth Group.

71

men leading Growth Groups in our community



GRACE SENIORS

Our ministry to seniors took place on several levels. Especially during the early months of the pandemic.

A calling team made regular phone calls to **50+ seniors** who were particularly isolated. We scheduled **7 online Senior Zoom Chats**, which gave people a chance to see and talk with one another, and to take part in fun activities, as well as devotionals to encourage.

As conditions allowed, we mixed in some live events outdoors. Our seniors gathered together for a luncheon at the O'Brien's nursery in September. They took a trip to the wildflowers in April. And in May, they went on an outing to the Botanical Gardens. God is moving in the lives of our GraceSeniors.



GRACEYOUNGADULTS

As we continue to build a Christ-centered community amongst our Young Adults, we have seen many join Growth Groups and attend small group meals as a way to build relationships that foster spiritual growth.

122 *young adults in Growth Groups*

During this past Winter, we began regular worship nights together. These nights have been so encouraging to see young adults gathering together to worship in song and prayer with one another.

Our young adults have also participated in many young adult small group dinners together and continue to foster community in small group gatherings.

24 *young adults attended small group dinners*





GRACECOLLEGE

This year in college ministry has been full of spiritual fruit and changed lives. We've seen so many of our students growing in hunger for God's Word, a passion for missions, and a desire to experience deep community here at Grace Central Coast.

9

*college students
baptized*

110

*average Tuesday
College Group
attendance*

4

*adult
mentors*

8

*college Growth
Groups*

125

*college students in
Growth Groups*

16

*students on
leadership team*

GOD AT WORK:

Our College Ministry thrived as many students had no mid-week commitments to pull them away from community. One College student reached out to Pastor Darren asking clarifying questions about Scripture. In this initial conversation, he shared that GraceCollege has led him to a true relationship with Christ despite growing up in the church. He is now walking with Jesus and committed to following Him.



GRACEYOUTH

This year has seen many strategic programming pivots as we have hosted youth group online, in homes, outdoors in the SLO Campus Courtyard, and now back indoors. Much has changed, but we have been consistently encouraged by students finding us in a season where they needed community and love.

Our new GraceYouth format includes 6th graders and we are in the beginning stages of expanding our youth ministry to all three of our physical campuses. Graham Ferrell is excitedly joining the Staff team as the North County Campus Youth Coordinator.

65

*average student attendance in
GraceYouth High School*

50

*average student attendance in
GraceYouth Middle School*

2 0 2 1 H I G H L I G H T S

8,200

*Youtube views on
GraceYouth Live
content*

29

*GraceYouth leaders
and volunteers for
both Middle School
and High School*

\$3,349.11

*raised for Hume and
Amor Ministries with
"Make it Rain"
Fundraiser.*

GRACEKIDS

During the shutdown, the Kids Team rallied to care for our kids and families! We produced 10 episodes of GraceKids Live, bringing the Gospel and fun into the homes of our families. We played Ding Dong Ditch with 1560 Ding Dongs attached to activities and family devotions. All this was done to help our GraceKids find and follow Jesus!

In September, **90 Kids volunteers** opened up our Outdoor Sunday School classes to **242 kids**. **15 kids** were dedicated this year. God has been faithful!



ELEVEN

GraceKids trusted Jesus this year

326

*GraceKids enrolled
in Sunday School*

66

*new kids to
Grace Central
Coast*

15

*GraceKids
dedicated this year*

GOD AT WORK:

"The reason I am writing is because of the impact your church has had on our 6-year-old grandson. While we were at their house recently, he told us two different times about a little note he got in the mail from his Sunday School teacher. He even had it memorized. The simple note just stated how they were so glad he was in their class - and 'even all the boys said so! His comment to us was, "I have never gone to a church that sent me a letter like that before." He was just beaming about it. For a church to have this much of an impact on a 6-year-old boy says a lot. It warms my heart and brings tears of joy to my eyes every time I think about that smile on his face."

Sincerely,
Teresa Ortmann



"Helping
people find
and follow
Jesus"



Grace Central Coast



OUR NEXT VISION



God has been abundantly faithful to Grace for 90 years. He's blessed us to be a blessing! To whom much is given, much is required.

In April 2019, the Elders embarked upon what we believe was a God-given, God-sized vision to raise a total of \$9.4M over two years to help people find and follow Jesus through the completion of 4 strategic projects across our 3 physical campuses. It was a step of bold, risk-taking faith!

Things began with a bang and we were so encouraged by the \$8.2M in pledged commitments. Though short of our \$9.4M goal, we prayerfully decided to go for it and trust the Lord!

Then in March 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic hit. We began to run "worst-case scenarios." Sensitive to hardships that our families might be experiencing, we were afraid to talk about NEXT for many months. But, to our surprise, the family of Grace kept giving! And giving! And giving! New people jumped in and started giving, too!

Throughout the process, we were overwhelmed by our Generous God who invites us into the joy of generous living before Him. And this Generous God met us and moved us!

As we come to the end of NEXT, let's remember the wild journey that the Lord led us through together.

NEXT CHECKLIST

NEXT MINISTRY LOCAL & GLOBAL | \$4M

- Maintain support for local and global missions
- Grace Central Coast employees
- Maintain two full years of ministry
- Online Campus launch during Covid-19

NORTH COUNTY CAMPUS LAUNCH | \$500k

- Complete merger with Berean in June 2019
- Public launch of North County Campus in September 2019
- Campus improvements
- Support two full years of ministry

FIVE CITIES CAMPUS PURCHASE | \$3.8M

- Purchase the 995 E Grand Ave property
- Campus improvements
- Pay off loan for campus purchase (in process)

SLO CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS | \$1.1 M

- GraceKids classroom improvements
- Living Room renovation (in process)
- Courtyard improvements (in process)
- Worship Center renovation and remodeling (in process)

FINAL NEXT GIVING TOTAL

\$9,408,378.91

April 14th, 2019 - June 3rd, 2021

HOW PEOPLE GAVE BACK THIS YEAR

719

*unique
givers*

46.48% *by mail*

52.01% *online*

1.51% *offering box
(just two weeks)*

2020/2021 MINISTRY FUND GIVING BY CAMPUS

\$367,467

North County Campus

\$3,614,454

SLO Campus

\$609,576

Five Cities Campus

2020/2021 GIVING TO GRACE

\$4,690,241

*total giving to
Grace Central Coast*

\$4,591,498

*ministry fund
giving*

\$98,743

*care fund
giving*



Looking
ahead to
2021/2022



Grace Central Coast



2021/2022 MINISTRY FUND BUDGET

\$3 MILLION *total
budget*

\$221,397

North County Campus Budget

SLO Campus Budget

\$928,813

\$398,031

Five Cities Campus Budget

*Central Services
Support Budget*

\$1,076,759

\$375,000

*Future Campuses, Growth,
Projects, and Opportunities*

2021/2022 BUDGET

\$221,397

North County Campus Budget

- Facilities | **\$40,814**
- Men, Women, & Leadership Development | **\$9,000**
- GraceKids | **\$3,000**
- GraceYouth | **\$3,500**
- Worship & Production | **\$1,500**
- Staffing | **\$163,583**

\$928,813

SLO Campus Budget

- Facilities | **\$94,006**
- Welcome & Outreach | **\$14,000**
- GraceKids | **\$14,000**
- GraceYouth | **\$17,000**
- GraceCollege & Young Adult | **\$8,100**
- Adults & Families | **\$7,490**
- Worship & Production | **\$22,700**
- Staffing | **\$751,517**

\$398,031

Five Cities Campus

- Facilities | **\$146,634**
- Welcome & Outreach | **\$8,000**
- GraceKids | **\$1,500**
- GraceYouth | **\$1,400**
- Worship & Production | **\$1,350**
- Staffing | **\$239,147**

\$1,076,759

Central Services Support Budget

- Administration | **\$62,694**
- Global Missions | **\$260,000**
- All Campus Events | **\$17,000**
- Staffing | **\$637,065**
- Capital Expense Reserves | **\$100,000**

\$375,000

Future Campuses, Growth, Projects, & Opportunities

For a detailed version of this 2021/2022 budget, contact our book keeper at Julie@gracecentralcoast.org

GRACE CENTRAL COAST LEADERSHIP

Ministry Staff



Tim Theule
Lead Pastor



Debbie Johnston
Business Administrator



Ken Peet
SLO Campus Pastor



Ben Collins
Five Cities Campus Pastor



Miles Nelson
North County Campus Pastor



Chris Rhodes
Online Campus Pastor



Ron Johnston
Business Administrator



Al Streder
Adults & Missions Pastor



Jessica Jantos
Women's Care Director



Eric Flores
Tech Director



Darren Nelson
College & Young Adults Pastor



Nick Shorts
Youth Pastor



Erik Anderson
SLO Middle School Director



Graham Farrell
North County Youth Coordinator



Dori Junker
Kids Director



Rachael Spencer
Five Cities Kids Coordinator

GRACE CENTRAL COAST LEADERSHIP



Emily Head
North County Kids
Coordinator



Marina Garcia
SLO Early Childhood
Coordinator



Bethany Coddling
Outreach Director



Bekah Nicklas
Communications
Director

Support Staff



Julie Spiller
Accounting and HR
Manager



Ethan Lee
SLO Campus Facilities
Manager



Ian Redin
SLO Campus Facilities



Jeniene White
Administrative Assistant



Heidi Hill
Administrative Assistant

GRACE CENTRAL COAST LEADERSHIP

Current Governing Elder Team

- Wayne Brown | SLO Campus | Chair
- Jim Bureson | North County Campus
- Kristopher Couch | SLO Campus
- Pat Curtis | North County Campus
- Todd Talley | SLO Campus
- Donny Valliere | SLO Campus
- Steve Potratz | Five Cities Campus
- Tim Theule | Lead Pastor

Returning from Sabbatical

- Jeff Martin | Five Cities Campus

Proposed New Elders (to be introduced this summer for congregational feedback)

- Dave Beals | SLO Campus
- Roland Rounsevell | North County Campus

Current Deacon Team

- Blake Rowan | North County Campus | Chair
- Scott Campbell | SLO Campus
- Kris Couch | SLO Campus | Elder Representative
- Dave Gray | SLO Campus
- Jake Rothman | North County Campus | Treasurer
- Shane Williams | SLO Campus

Current Missions Team

- Don Barton | North County Campus
- Kaitlyn Cutler | Five Cities Campus
- Rex Johnson | SLO Campus
- Susan Johnson | SLO Campus
- Al Streder | SLO Campus | Pastoral Representative
- Donny Valliere | SLO Campus | Elder Representative
- Brad Zimmer | North County Campus

SECRETARY

Scott Campbell | Five Cities Campus

- Scott has been attending Grace for 6 years, since 2015.
- Scott has been married to Heather for 22 years. Together they have 3 kids, Jeremy, Luke, and Jillian.
- Scott has worked in the agriculture industry for 28 years.
- Scott has served as a Finance Deacon for the past 2 years



TREASURER

Jake Rothman | North County Campus

- Jake has been attending Grace for 7 years.
- Jake has been married to his wife, Nour for 4 years.
- Jake works as a Portfolio Manager at Rothman Investment Management in Atascadero.
- Jake has served on the Finance Deacon Team for 4 years.



According to the Grace Central Coast constitution and California state laws, we ask that you cast your vote for these two officer positions. You can find the link to vote in the email sent 6/6/2021 from Pastor Tim.

Remember,
it's all about
helping people
find and follow
Jesus!