

SEPTEMBER 2024

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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MINISTRY IMPACT



LIVE!

FOR GOD'S WORLD

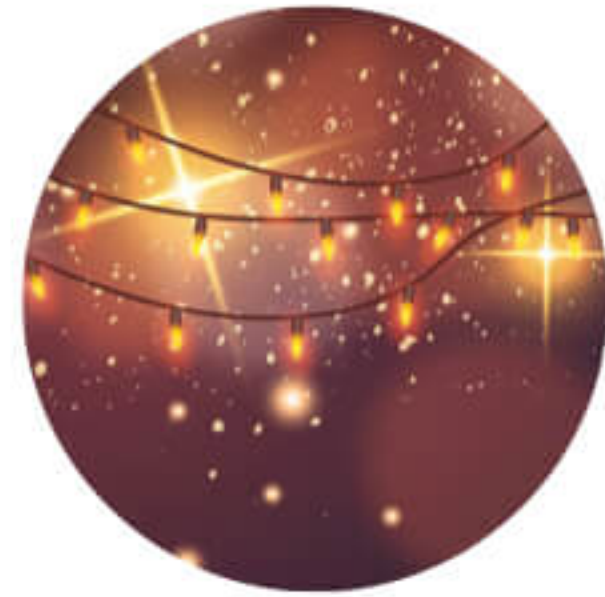
AS GOD'S FAMILY

IN THE JOY OF GOD'S GOSPEL

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL & GROWTH



Monthly Renewal Nights



**Christmas Eve &
Christmas Day Services**



**Good Friday &
Easter Services**

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL & GROWTH



Discipleship Classes Offered

Questioning Christianity

What's the Bible About?

Prodigal God

Pop Culture & The Gospel



Women's Bible Studies

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Newcomers Meet & Greet

Mom & Kids Play Dates

Sunday Lunch Gatherings

2nd Annual Stepp's
Apple Orchard Event



Stepp's Apple Orchard Event

BUILDING COMMUNITY



1st Annual Women's Soup Social

2nd Annual Women's Retreat

2nd Annual Cookies & Carols

Women's & Men's Hikes

2nd Annual Men's Retreat

Annual Men's Cookout

Men's Mountain Biking



Women's Hike

REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

Sunday & Wednesday Youth
Bible Studies, Small Groups & Outings

Sunday Children's Classes

Children's Ministry Volunteer Training

Art & Drama Camp

Youth Retreats

Tuesday Morning High School
Breakfast at the Lieb's House



Drama Camp

SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Year End Giving
Roof Project & GMR Budget

Black Mountain Home for Children
Donation trailer filled

TerraBella Services

Backpack Program
Food Donations

Blessings in Boxes



ARTS & OUTREACH



20th Annual Juried Art Show

New Art Exhibits & Receptions

Drama Improv Night

Honduras Fountain of Life Mission Trips

New Global Mission Partner established: Life 107

Annual Global Mission Fundraiser





60 Men Attended
the 2nd Annual Men's Retreat

58 Women Attended
the 2nd Annual Women's Retreat

52 Worship Services offered

25 New Members
joined the GMR Family

**5 New Elders, Deacons
& Deaconesses** installed



10-20 High School Students
attending HS Breakfast at the Liebs' each week

32 Attended the
High School Retreat

35 Attended the
Middle School Retreat



High School Girls Retreat

13 Members Cared For

through yard work, household chores, home organization, home repairs, car maintenance, meals, childcare and financial assistance

Annual
Global Missions
Fundraiser

\$27,920
Raised

83 kids

heard the Gospel at
Art & Drama Camps

Camps filled up in
record time... 2 days!

55 Artists

work displayed in
the Grace Art Gallery





14 Meal Trains

served families going through surgeries, illnesses, family loss, & other difficulties

310 lbs of food
donated to Storehouse

Over
1,500 Bags of Food
were given to Rugby Middle School
for the Backpack Program

LOOKING AHEAD...



Equip couples through Grace Marriage to intentionally cultivate, protect, and cherish their relationship with one another

Expand our emphasis on prayer through *A Praying Church Seminar* and other avenues

Host an event to equip parents to lead their children with God's love & grace at the center

Serve Grace missionaries, Edward & Christine Isingoma and Anne Kieser by sending a Grace Team in Summer 2025

Update the Grace website creating a more user friendly web experience

Continue to explore how arts and outreach can impact our surrounding local community

WELCOME!

New Grace Staff Members!



Casey Bedtelyon
Finance Director



Cindy Stashenko
Director of Soul Care



Kevin Stipe
Communications Director



Sarah Crawford
Children's Ministry Assistant

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Musical Worship Leaders & Musicians

Reach out to Andrew Kerhoulas

Need: **6-8** new leaders & musicians
per week / **24-32** per month.

Cafe

Reach out to Molly Angel

Need: **4-6** subs
(It takes **6** volunteers per week
or **24** per month for the cafe.)

Juried Art Show

Reach out to Molly Angel

Need: **8** volunteers

Building & Grounds

Reach out to Jamey Racine

Need: **3-4** volunteers
(Some to work on smaller projects
and some to work on larger on-going
maintenance and projects)

IMMEDIATE VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Children's Ministry

Reach out to Christen Stewart

Need: **10-12** volunteers.

(It takes **15** volunteers each Sunday or **60** each month to provide classes for children)

Youth Ministry

Reach out to Greg Lieb

Need: **304** men & women

(It takes **4** men & **4** women to provide Wednesday night discipleship and it takes **8-12** men & women to support the Sunday morning Youth gathering)

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FINANCE UPDATE



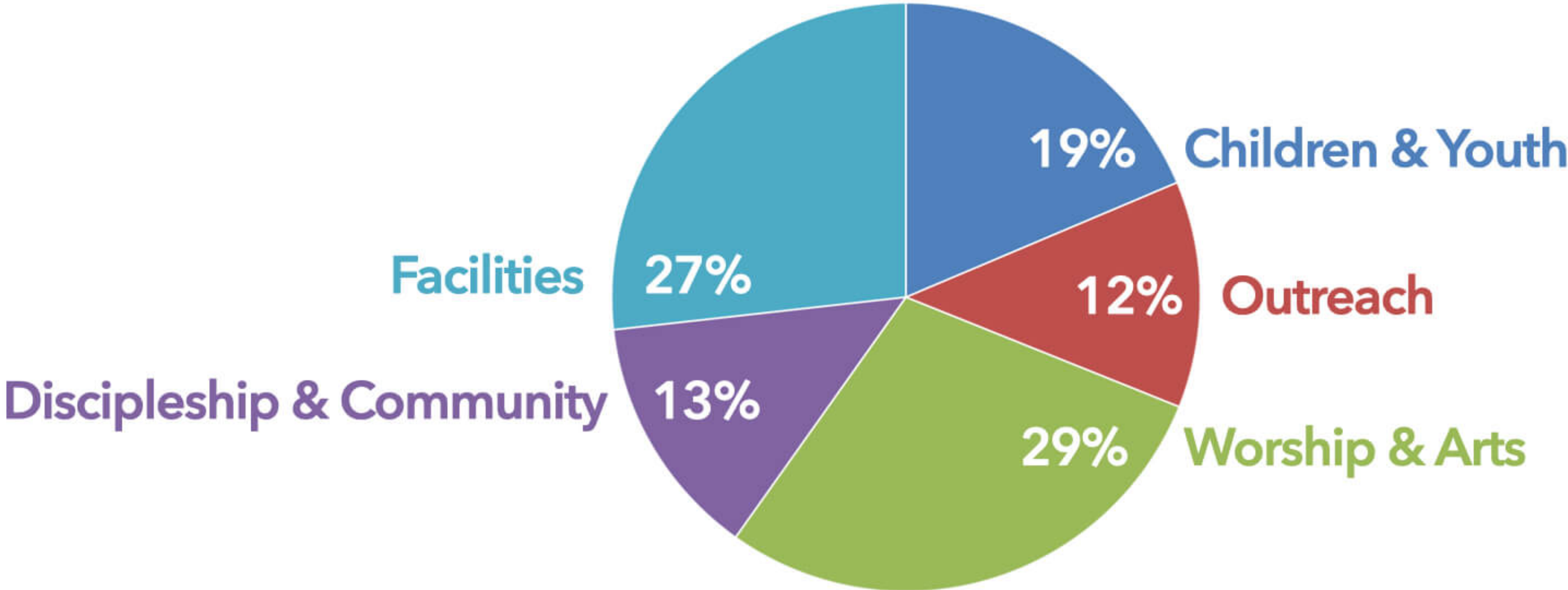
2023-2024 GIVING

BUDGETED GIVING	\$1,340,000
ACTUAL GIVING	\$1,301,593
SHORTFALL	\$38,407

*97% of budgeted giving received.

2024-2025 BUDGET

\$1,460,000



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ROOF PROJECT UPDATE

THANK YOU!

from your Grace Mills River Financial Team

Casey Bedtelyon, Finance Director

Patrick Lafferty, Lead Pastor

Allison Rickman, Executive Director of Ministry

Joe Dement, Ken Downer, Lee Hunt & Rick Hebert

For additional financial information see our website:

[GraceMillsRiver.org/give](https://www.GraceMillsRiver.org/give)

THANK YOU for being here!

**We look forward to what God will do
in the next ministry year!**