GRACE IDENTITY

Mission Statement
Our church exists to glorify God by being and making disciples who make disciples.

Matthew 28:19–20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What is a disciple? A disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ who has been reconciled to God by faith in the Gospel, and in response to his mercy, seeks to submit every area of their life to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

What is the Gospel? The Gospel is the Good News that God the Father has sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem fallen mankind from the effects of sin through the substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Strategy
We strive to fulfill our mission by three main efforts.

- *Bring In* – Bringing people into a personal relationship with Jesus.
- *Build Up* – Building one another up to become mature followers of Jesus.
- *Branch Out* – Branching out to the community and world with the Gospel.

Values
These three values inform our strategy, and cannot be separated from each other.

- *Gospel Truth* - we are committed to the truth of scripture, and believe its central message is the Gospel; the message of God's gracious work to redeem sinners.
- *Gospel Community* - we are committed to knowing, loving, and serving one another as brothers and sisters united in Christ.
- *Gospel Mission* - individually and corporately, we are committed to declaring and demonstrating the Gospel to our communities, our cities, and the nations.

Acts 2:42–47 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers… And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."