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GRACE WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH
LEGACY REPORT

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTORS

2025 was the Year of the Great I Am. This was a year to pause and reflect on the goodness and greatness of our God, and to seek His presence in our everyday lives. As we look back, I am in awe of His faithfulness.

This was a year where discipleship took center stage. Grace Leadership Academy continued to grow in its third year. Southeastern University celebrated its first graduating class. ASCEND Students and Grace Kids each experienced Spirit-led growth and momentum, and we completed and published *The Journey*, which now anchors discipleship across our entire church.

What follows is just a glimpse of what God has done through your faithfulness:

- \$358,676.00 disbursed to missions
- 9.28% growth in our church family
- 6% increase in overall giving
- 3,300 families served through Compassion Food
- 6,250 family members received groceries through Nature Coast Outreach Center
- 564 homes personally reached with the Gospel
- 120 students enrolled in Grace Leadership Academy
- 18 students enrolled in our Southeastern University cohort

Each number represents a name. Each name tells a story of grace. Every story points to the goodness of our God.

Thank you for your faithfulness and for being part of this church family.

Now, on to 2026, the Year of ***“All Things New.”*** This is a year for new beginnings and fresh outpouring. Let’s continue to be thankful for all the Lord has done, and let that stir your faith with expectation for even more!

Pressing forward into All Things New,

Pastor Daniel & Jenna Norris

SUNDAY BY THE NUMBERS

527

FIRST TIME FAMILIES

341

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

110

WATER BAPTISMS

42

NEW MEMBERS

6%

INCREASE IN
OVERALL GIVING

120

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
(ONLINE)

789

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
(IN PERSON)



GRACE KIDS

God moved powerfully through Grace Kids, Grace Kids Junior, Royal Rangers, and Grace Girls as children and families encountered His presence week after week, were disciplined in biblical truth, and encouraged to respond to Jesus in faith in 2025. From weekly services to summer experiences and missions generosity, it is clear that God is at work in the next generation, with one of the most meaningful celebrations being children publicly declaring their faith through water baptism, marking real spiritual growth and life change. As we look ahead to 2026, our heart is to continue partnering with families to raise up children who know who they are in Christ, walk confidently in their God-given calling, and live out their faith with boldness and power. By strengthening leaders, creating intentional and engaging environments, and keeping Jesus at the center of everything we do, we believe God will continue to use this generation to bring hope, revival, and lasting impact to our church and our community.

60+

ADULT VOLUNTEERS SERVING WEEKLY

30+

STUDENT LEADERS

18

STUDENTS WATER BAPTIZED

109

GRACE KIDS SUMMER FIRE

\$8,512.36

BGMC MISSIONS GIVING



ASCEND Student Ministry

2025 was an incredible year for ASCEND as we witnessed powerful, life-changing moments week after week, with students encountering Jesus and responding in faith. Wednesday nights remained a consistent, life-giving environment where students grew in community and discipleship, reflecting a healthy and thriving ministry culture. City Week became a defining moment as students and leaders served together across our city, putting faith into action through love and service.

Through intentional leadership development, a growing Student Serve Team, thriving HUBs, a full Summer Internship, and faithful leaders who invest consistently, ASCEND continues to be a place where students are known, discipled, and empowered to grow in Christ. Looking ahead to 2026, our heart remains the same: to see every student know Jesus, discover their gifts, and influence culture while protecting the relational, Spirit-led environment that defines ASCEND as we move forward.

\$11,069.39

GIVEN TO SPEED THE LIGHT MISSIONS

219

STUDENTS SAID YES TO JESUS

46

STUDENTS WATER BAPTIZED

48

**STUDENTS SERVED IN OUR SUMMER
INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

133

**ATTENDED CITY WEEK 2025 FULL TIME
WITH MORE THAN 250 SERVING
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**



ASCEND 

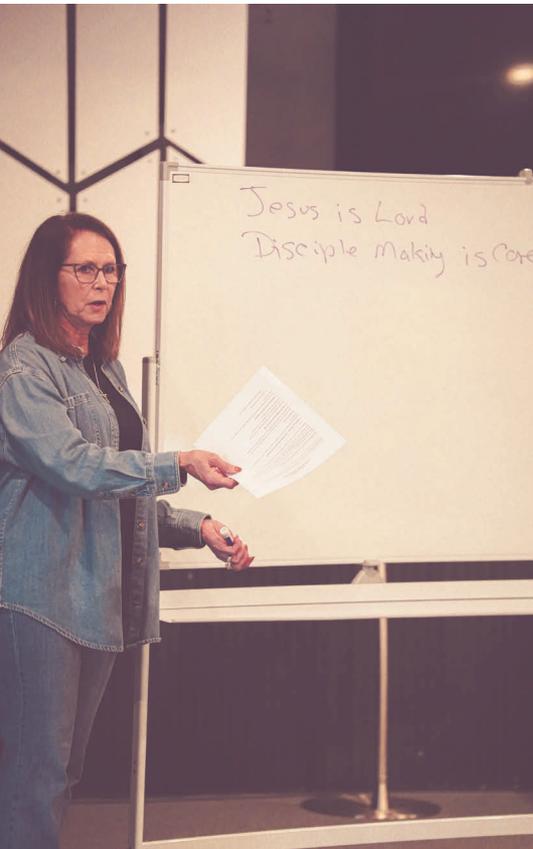


SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



SEU at Grace exists to cultivate Christ-centered leaders grounded in biblical truth, formed in authentic Christian community, and equipped through hands-on ministry. In 2025, we saw this mission lived out as students engaged in coursework, chapels, devotions, and small groups while serving across Grace, receiving pastoral mentoring and leadership experience. A defining highlight was SEU CONF, where students joined peers nationwide for three days of worship, teaching, and spiritual renewal, and we celebrated the graduation of three bachelor's degree students. Looking to 2026, our vision is to grow into a thriving regional campus serving at least 40 traditional students, increase awareness of our program's affordability and excellence. In the Fall of 2026, we will launch Dual Enrollment, where high school juniors and seniors will earn college credits as they learn, serve, and grow in leadership, preparing for God's calling on their lives.

- **16 Bachelor Students And 2 Master Students Enrolled—Spring Enrollment**
- **15 Bachelor Students And 3 Master Students—Fall Enrollment**
- **3 Bachelor Degree Graduates**



GRACE GROUPS



Grace World is built on life-giving community, and in 2025 we saw God move powerfully through Grace Groups as our church family gathered to grow in God's Word, build authentic relationships, and walk out discipleship together. Faithful leaders shepherded groups with prayer, teaching, and care, while new opportunities like the Business Connection Group encouraged Kingdom purpose in the marketplace. Lives were transformed through Breaking Free Seminars and Encounter Weekends, marriages were strengthened at Rendezvous with Love, and women encountered God during Women's Encounter Weekend. Looking to 2026, our heart is to see every person connected in Equip, Connect, or Serve Groups believing God restores His people through His Word. Through alignment, we pursue renewal, growth, and discipleship.

- **23 Connect Groups**
- **26 Equip Groups**
- **36 Serve Groups**

A woman with long hair, wearing a dark, textured sweater and dark pants, stands on a stage singing into a microphone. She is illuminated by a warm, reddish light. In the foreground, a man is seen from the side, wearing headphones and operating a professional video camera on a tripod. The background is dark with some blurred lights, suggesting a church or event space.

GRACE WORSHIP CREATIVE

2025 Ministry Update

2025 was a transition and alignment year for Grace Worship & Grace Creative. With Sarah Brosher installed as Worship Pastor and Aaron Strickland stepping in as Creative Director, the ministry was relaunched with clear leadership, structure, and vision. Departments were intentionally segmented to strengthen cohesion and unity. Throughout the year, worship was cultivated across the house engaging multiple generations through Sunday services, choir, and special moments while intentionally mentoring and raising up new worship and creative leaders within a culture rooted in hunger, humility, and excellence.

Vision for 2026

As we step into 2026, we believe we are entering a season of high praise. Our vision is to steward the sound and creative voice of the house through worship that is multi-generational, celebratory, and centered on Jesus. We are committed to cultivating a healthy culture, stewarding excellence as worship, strengthening healthy systems, and building unity across teams. Anchored in Acts 2:17-18, we are committed to worship and media across the house empowering sons and daughters, young and old, to worship, serve, and lead together.

Health Indicators

- Weekly worship and creative volunteers serving across worship, media, and production
- Relaunched choir now serving weekly with continued growth
- Worship leaders mentored and developed across ministries
- Media and production teams trained, mentored, and serving weekly
- Workshops and training days facilitated for worship and creative teams
- Rehearsals, production run-throughs, and Night of Worship gatherings held

OUTREACH

In 2025, Grace World Outreach Church and Nature Coast Outreach Center had the privilege of serving our community with open hands and open hearts. What began as simple acts of kindness became powerful moments of connection, hope, and restoration. Week after week and season after season, our church family showed up to meet real needs with compassion and dignity, pointing people to Jesus through love in action. None of this would be possible without faithful volunteers, generous partners, and a community willing to serve one another. Every meal shared, every gift given, and every prayer prayed represents family caring for family.

2025 COMMUNITY IMPACT WINS

- 20 individuals said yes to Jesus through outreach efforts and are now part of our church family
- Compassion Food Outreach served 3,300 families with groceries and essential food support
- 750 families were blessed with full Thanksgiving meals through our Annual Turkey Giveaway
- New socks were collected and distributed to our local homeless community
- 721 children experienced the joy of Christmas through our annual Toy Giveaway
- Approximately 300 bicycles were given at our annual Toy Giveaway
- Nature Coast Outreach served 6,250 family members with groceries, fresh produce, meat, clothing, beds, household items, tents, and bedding
- Hot meals were provided at Nature Coast Outreach weekly to our community at no cost to those in need
- Over 300,000 pounds of food was distributed throughout the year
- 130 faithful volunteers served throughout the year
- 13 Evangelism Outreaches
- 546 homes visited, praying with 128 families
- 18 people said yes to Jesus at the doorsteps of their homes through evangelism
- Over 32 hours were given to active collective outreach
- 3000+ man hours of individual evangelism



MISSIONS

Grace World continues to send laborers into the harvest field, advancing the Gospel both locally and globally through faithful giving and active sending. Through strategic partnerships with Assemblies of God World Missions and U.S. Missions, we supported missionaries around the world while strengthening relationships with trusted ministry partners such as Convoy of Hope and Immerse the Nations, bringing nations and in our own community. We also sent teams from Grace into the field, including a Belize missions team that served at the VoTech School for Boys through mentoring, ministry, and construction, and a men's missions team to Slovenia that encouraged pastors, missionaries, and their families. Looking ahead to 2026, our heart is to increase awareness, engagement, and participation in missions by regularly celebrating what God is doing through our generosity and obedience, while calling our church family to invest their time, talents, and treasure in fulfilling the Great Commission. With at least one international trip already planned and prayerful pursuit of additional opportunities, we believe God will continue to expand our global impact as we go, give, and serve together.

- **\$358,676.00 Disbursed To Missions**
- **2025 Missions Trips: Belize & Slovenia**
- **\$8,512.36 BGMC Giving**
- **\$11,069.39 Given To Speed The Light**
- **\$5,000.00 Light For The Lost**



MISSIONS



GRACE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Grace Leadership Academy experienced a landmark year of growth and academic excellence under the theme Speak Life, Live Truth, and Lead with Grace. Enrollment increased from 84 to 120 students, reflecting trust in our mission. Students excelled academically, earning more than 30 Honor Roll awards per quarter, and served others by raising \$600 for clean water in Africa. Weekly chapels, special projects, and a Christmas production with over 290 guests created moments for worship, leadership development, and Gospel impact. We celebrated key milestones promoting 14 students into high school, launching 10th grade, and adding new electives. In 2026, we'll raise the academic bar through measurable growth, invest in teacher development, expand high school offerings, and strengthen our SEU dual enrollment partnership all while remaining rooted in faith and excellence as we prepare students to impact the world for Christ.

- **120 Students Enrolled In 2025-2026**
- **43% Year-Over-Year Enrollment Growth**
- **30+ Honor Roll Students Recognized Per Quarter**
- **\$600+ Raised For Global Clean Water Missions**



YES GIVING



In 2021, our church family boldly said “yes” to expanding our campus and creating a new front door that reflects our heart for families and the next generation. Through prayer, faith, and generosity, our church pledged \$2 million toward this vision.

In 2024, we reached a major milestone by breaking ground and laying the foundation for what’s ahead. This project is about more than buildings it’s about creating spaces where lives are changed, families are strengthened, and people encounter Jesus.

In 2026, renovations to the Family Life Center renovation is continuing, and we are excited to celebrate the grand opening of this newly renovated multipurpose space in Spring 2026. Because of your faithful generosity, work on the new atrium is underway, creating a welcoming place for connection and community.

Financial Milestones: Total Given to Date: \$2,115,768.00



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

all things *new*

“All Things New” is not just a theme. This is a prophetic declaration for this year. We are standing at a divine intersection. Naturally, it’s a season of fresh starts, but spiritually, it’s a moment for renewed vision and a fresh outpouring. God has been undeniably faithful, and that faithfulness must now fuel our faith for even greater things ahead.

We believe that 2026 is a year of multiplied impact.

Here are just a few of the things we’re believing for:

- Continued growth in our church family, with more people discovering life in all its fullness
- The completion of Phase Two of our campus expansion and the opening of our newly renovated Family Life Center
- Multiplication in Grace Groups, creating deeper discipleship and authentic community
- Supernatural strengthening in our homes and marriages
- A fresh outpouring of revival across every generation children, students, and adults alike

Isaiah 42:9 declares, “*See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being, I announce them to you.*”

There are new things available to you right now. Let this be the year you say yes to all God has prepared.

Step into 2026 with faith and unity. The best is yet to come!

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