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Ministry

Guide



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GRACE MINISTRY GUIDE

The Ministry Guide is an overview of all the exciting things of what God is doing in and around Grace.

Each Ministry Team is comprised of Grace people who have joined together around a common interest and who work together to make a difference in the lives of others. Each ministry has its own unique focus and offers you the opportunity to serve and get connected with other Grace people.

SERVING

The first section of this guide, you will notice a list of our ministry teams that have a distinctive **servicing** emphasis. You will notice a brief overview of these ministries on the following pages.

If you are looking for a place to help others, take a look at the teams listed on pages 3 - 20 and join a Ministry Team.

CONNECTING

The next part of the ministry guide is the **connecting** segment. These ministries highlight some opportunities for you to connect with people who have a similar concern or need.

The unique purpose and focus of each team is varied. You will read a short team description, however, the opportunity to build relationships and get connected is the same as those for the serving ministries.

CAN WE HELP?

If we can help you get connected to any of the teams listed in this guide, give us a call at the church office or send an email to:
[serving@gcconline.org](mailto:-serving@gcconline.org)

We will be happy to assist you as you desire to help others and get connected.

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Places for you to connect with others with similar concerns or needs.

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SERVING AT GRACE

Over the next few pages, you will see many different opportunities to serve our growing and dynamic church body.

Many of these serving opportunities take place on Sunday mornings with different time commitments and duties that make the Sunday worship experience better for us all.

SERVING AT GRACE

TOTZONE & KIDZONE

On Sunday mornings, children are ministered to with worship, teaching, and small groups designed for their spiritual, physical and emotional development.

Our **totZone** area is for children **newborn to 4 years old** and is located on the East end of the building.

Nursery Director
Martha Graf

Preschool Director
Jill Maddox

Our **kidZone** area is for children in **Kindergarten through 5th grade** and is located at the West end of the building.

KidZone Director
Gwen Everett

To serve with any of these teams, email serving@gcconline.org or call the church office 240.553.1090 - ask for Laura.

SERVING AT GRACE

"A PLACE FOR ME" MINISTRY

Serve, assist and minister to children with special needs at Grace. Join our 'buddy' team of "one on one" ministry partners who encourage and support our special needs kids.

Michelle Bowers

GRACE ADVENTURE DAY CAMP

A summer day camp experience designed to positively impact your elementary age child for the kingdom of God. Please visit our website for more information.

www.graceadventurescamp.org

Hillary Pennington

Michelle Conner

Children's Ministry
REFRESHMENT TEAM

Be a part of a team that provides light refreshments on Sunday morning for all the Children's Ministry servant volunteers.

Dana Knight

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SERVING AT GRACE

GREETERS MINISTRY

Our team welcomes people on Sunday mornings as they enter the building at Grace for Sunday worship services.

9:15 Leaders

VJ & Kim Carfine

11:15 Leaders

Robert & Kimberlea Bartholomew

USHERS/COMMUNION

This ministry team welcomes people to the worship center, takes the offering, and distributes communion once a month.

Shawn Young

NEWCOMERS COFFEE MINISTRY

This team meets with and serves our new guests who are seeking to learn, understand and possibly take their next step at Grace. We welcome and host our newest members at our monthly NewComers Coffee on the first Sunday of each month.

Tom & Becky Moran

SERVING AT GRACE

TRAFFIC MINISTRY

This ministry is responsible for assisting people as they enter and or leave the Grace campus by directing incoming and outgoing traffic and helping people with special needs at the entrance of the lobby.

Ron Warrenfeltz

SUNDAY COFFEE MINISTRY

Our team sets-up, brews and serves coffee and tea to people and guests as they fellowship in the lobby before and after worship services on Sunday morning.

Paul & Laura Mooty

INFORMATION TEAM

Our team welcomes people who desire to get connected by answering questions or guiding them with desired information about various ministries.

Tim & Christia Chappell

Jay & Kelly Farmer

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SERVING AT GRACE

TECHNICAL PRODUCTION TEAM

We provide audio and visual support in the Worship Center for Sunday services. The team provides lighting, audio, computer and stage set-up support.

Beth Eltzroth
Technical Production Director

SET DESIGN TEAM

This ministry team provides visual support in the area of building, designing and assembling pre-determined stage scenery. Artists, carpenters and even untrained persons are welcome to join this support team.

Beth Eltzroth

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SERVING AT GRACE

TAPESTRY - Drama team

This team of actors and actresses are called upon to enhance the worship experience at Grace through a variety of live performances of skits. Writers and actors/resses are welcome to join this team.

Terri Donaldson

WORSHIP REFRESHMENT MINISTRY

This ministry has teams consisting of two or more members who provide breakfast and clean up for the Sunday morning worship team, or a light dinner for the evening worship team.

Melody Wells

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SERVING AT GRACE

VIDEO PRODUCTION TEAM

Our team uses professional video, audio and advanced computer technologies to capture an event or to interview for staged productions to be used for the body during worship services.

Jenni Hunt

SAFE ZONE

Our team will listen to people's prayer concerns and/or pray with someone after the Sunday morning worship services.

Susan Thompson

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

A ministry that is activated when an emergency at Grace occurs on Sunday mornings. This team of on-call emergency personnel will respond to an emergency situation as needed.

Mark Goodrich

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SERVING AT GRACE

MONEY SENSE

The mission of Money Sense Ministry is to educate people through workshops, seminars and conversations about the Biblical Financial Principles of money management so they can achieve financial freedom by cultivating a steward's mindset.

Greg Lowe

RESOURCE ZONE

Our team helps spread God's Word by printing copies of Sunday's messages for us through various reproductive media.

Jim Barkley

PRAYER CHAIN—EMAIL

Our ministry is to uphold the expressed needs and concerns of the body before our Heavenly Father through prayer. Prayer requests are sent via e-mail to people who have committed to pray for the body.

Heidi Deyton

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SERVING AT GRACE

Light Company

Middle School

Light Company helps students -
Grow in their relationship with God
Reach out to non Christian friends
Amplify God's awesomeness
Connect with other Christians and
Explore their giftedness in ministry

We worship in the Warehouse
from 9:15 - 10:30 am on Sundays.

Shaun Smithson
Pastor of Light Company

CpR

High School

CpR is for 9 - 12th grade students. Our large
group worships in the Warehouse on
Sundays from 11:15 - 12:30pm

Scott Murrill
Pastor of High School Students

Many serving opportunities within our
Youth Ministry are available for you
to minister to our children.

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serving@gcconline.org or call the church office
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SERVING AT GRACE

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Grace is committed to reaching the
18 - 30ish generation with Christ's
message. Check out our Sunday night
service at 5:35pm where worship gets a
little loud and the message is for this
generation. We do offer childcare from
birth through five years old.

Tim Jones - Pastor

Food & Fellowship/General Information
Ramon Jordan

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serving@gcconline.org or call the church office
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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

*This next segment of the guide,
you will read about serving
opportunities that serve
others in our
surrounding community.*

*Join with one of our
community service teams and
make a difference in our
neighbors lives.*

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

BUILDING BRIDGES

Grace Community Churches' Building Bridges Ministry partners with other Howard Co churches to undertake some of the deepest needs in our community. In addition to coordinating various year round community service projects, Building Bridges continues to champion our primary focus with a special week of service in the spring for several public community recipients.

Steve Girard

CARE AND REPAIR

This team provides the physical labor for people who have neither the ability to perform light household projects nor the means to hire someone. We are ready to work and we meet at Grace the 2nd Saturday of each month to serve those from Grace or in our community.

Bret Canterbury

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Reaching Out

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Reaching Out

CLOTHES CLOSET

Our ministry sorts, stores, and distributes donated and gently used clothing, sizes infant to adult to people in need, while preserving the privacy of all parties.

Sandy Jaworski

MEALS MINISTRY

Join this ministry team to help families with a meal (homemade or store bought) who are undergoing temporary critical situations (surgery, illness, death, or other crisis). This one time service (or more if you desire) of a meal will help support the family during their urgent situation.

Marie Stetser

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Reaching Out

GRACE TO THE HOMELESS

We partner with the Helping Up Mission, a ministry to homeless men in Baltimore, the Route One Homeless shelter in Elkridge, and our Cold Weather Shelter at Grace.

Many opportunities are available to become involved with this Grace team.

Dave Jones

JOYOUS GIVING

We coordinate special donations for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Helping hands are needed as we gather donated gifts cards and prepare them for families in need at Grace and our community.

Ananta Hejeebu

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SERVING THE WORLD

Opportunities at Grace to serve others around the world are plentiful.

Join a team of people who are concerned and passionate about helping and serving others in our global community.

SERVING THE WORLD

MISSIONS TASK FORCE

We help develop, administer and support a missions ministry that will mobilize the resources of Grace Community Church for effective involvement in the world with a focus on education and awareness, missionary recruitment, preparation and care.

Susan Watson

EKISA (Africa Partnership)

Ekisa is Grace's AIDs/Africa Initiative. The goal of EKISA Initiative is to partner with (AOET), a local organization in Uganda, to care for the poor and AIDS afflicted population.

Patti Hewat

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SERVING THE WORLD

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KATRINA GRACE

Our mission is to partner with Trinity Evangelical Free church in Covington, LA, to help people in the surrounding area who were affected by the hurricane of August '05. We also help serve the immediate needs and the long-term needs of rebuilding.

Stephen & Beth Shields

SHORT TERM MISSIONS

EXTENDING GRACE TO THE NATIONS THROUGH SHORT-TERM TRIPS
We create domestic and international opportunities of service for people to participate in God's story around the world, to exercise faith and to explore how God wants to use them within the worldwide Church.

Patti Hewat

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PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

The ministry teams in this section offer you an opportunity to connect with other Grace members who have a similar interest or need.

Each team has it's own gathering at different times, locations and day of the week. Each team lists a short description of the ministry, a leader, and their contact information.

If you need assistance connecting with any of these teams, please feel free to call the church office.

PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

NEWCOMERS COFFEE MINISTRY

If you are new, please join us the first Sunday of each month. We would love to welcome you, give you a personal introduction to Grace and tell you how you can get connected. You will get a chance to meet a few of our pastors and other families who are new to Grace.

Tom & Becky Moran
(410) 379-5350

BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

Join us for one of our monthly Behind the Scenes tours. You will observe people who are serving with many of our ministries as they are in full operation on a Sunday morning. You may even want to join one of the teams you see on your tour. Register for the next Behind the Scenes tour on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Paula Copperthite
(301) 604-0393

PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

GRACE GROUPS

Grace Community Church is about relationships. Our small groups are about growing those relationships. A G.R.A.C.E. group is one of the best ways to make a big church feel more intimate as you discover the value of community by connecting, growing, and serving with other Christ followers. If you would like to get involved with a small group, please contact me at the church office.

Michael Moore
(240) 553-1090

SAMARITAN'S PLACE COUNSELING

We provide a safe place for teenage and adult sojourners to be cared for and supported through challenging times. We are also a resource to small group leaders as we help their members process through difficult circumstances.

Tim Siemens
(240) 553-1090

PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

A Women's Ministry of CONNECTIONS

Connections is women getting to know God better, investigating what the Bible has to say about the issues of life, making and enjoying friendships, sharing and benefiting from one another's experiences, being, creating, and having fun, and growing in all aspects of womanhood. We meet on Tuesday mornings and Tuesday evenings at Grace - October thru May.

Lu Norman
(410) 465-4681

Nancy Hancock
(410) 781-7031

GRIEF SHARE

A support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This group is sponsored by people who understand similar experiences and their desire is to offer you comfort and encouragement during your difficult time.

Suzanne Riley
(410) 465-3543

Jim Piffath
(410) 799-5135

PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

MEN'S FRATERNITY

Men's Fraternity is a ministry for men who gather to grow a deepening and enriching relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other. We meet on Wednesday mornings at Grace from October through May.

Steve Girard
(240) 553-1090

MEN OUTDOORS

Join other men who have a passion for the great outdoors. Many activities are scheduled throughout the year.

Stu Welsh
(410) 274-7858

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Monthly fellowship breakfasts at Grace (1st Saturday of the month from 8 - 9:30 a.m.).

Dave Jones
(410) 461-3975

PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

STEP-FAMILIES with GRACE

A ministry serving the new, established, and engaged stepfamily couples at Grace.

Jay & Debbie Dettmer
(410) 997-8174

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY (SAM)

Single Christians in their 30s or 40s (give or take a few years) who are looking for a place to grow in Christ, serve in the church and/or the community and fellowship with other singles at Grace.

Mark Goodrich
(240) 553-1090

MULLIGAN MINISTRY

A ministry for men to provide an opportunity for fellowship and community outreach through playing golf and related social events.

Gary Alker (410) 744-1719
Josh Godman (410) 242-5225

PLACES FOR YOU TO CONNECT

MARRIAGE MENTORS

To come alongside married couples who are seeking to enhance their relationship with God and each other. There are unique needs in couple-to-couple mentoring and large fellowships. With each approach, we hope to provide a safe environment for growing deeper in a God-centered marriage.

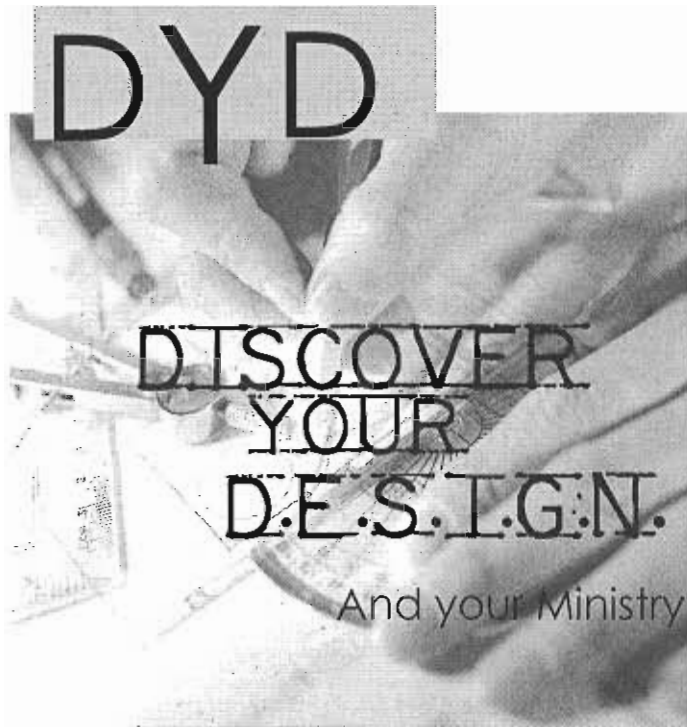
Tim Siemens
(240) 553-1090

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

A seven week course offered to assist in bringing a biblical perspective for building a strong marriage. Topics include biblical basis for marriage, communication, conflict, finances and expectations. Please contact us for further class information and registration procedures.

Jason and Amy Abell
(410) 480-2591

SERVING BY YOUR DESIGN



The D.E.S.I.G.N. class is an exciting, fast-paced workshop, that will help you discover your God-given DESIGN. Your DESIGN is what makes you, YOU. This workshop will focus on how you are wired for service by looking at your *Desire, Experiences, Spiritual Gifts, Individual style, Geherosity and Natural Abilities.* Discover your unique DESIGN.

Discover how you can make a difference!

This course is offered approximately every three months and will be announced in advance.

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helping you help others

If you want help finding the right serving role, give us a call. Let the UServeCentral Team assist you with finding a great ministry team for you to serve alongside.

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