

Our vision of being a Christ-treasuring community formed by the Gospel on mission to the world through the power of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God is worked out in 3 basic expressions in the rhythm of the church: large corporate gatherings – missional gospel communities – and intimate relationships. In addition to these basic expressions, we have established a number of short-term supplementary training tracks to drive forward the mission to which we have been called. We seek to lead in teams in all that we do.

Expressions:

Larger Sunday gatherings – (air war) – This is where the people of God come together to worship God and celebrate the beauty of Jesus seen in the Gospel through corporate singing, prayer, hearing the Word of God taught and preached, giving offerings, and celebrating the Lord's Supper, that we might have the Gospel pressed into our hearts so that we scatter as ambassadors of Jesus in the world. We invite all people to be with us to hear the Good News of Jesus at this event that they might hear the wonders of what God has done for us in Jesus.

Gospel Communities – (ground war) – These smaller communities are at the heart of being the church and where we commit to “gospel” one another, disciple one another, eat together, care for others, pray, live the ‘one another’ commands as family, apply the teaching of Scripture, and be on mission in community. In these groups, we are known and know others in order to help one another know and love Jesus, that overflows in a love for people.

Intimate relationships – These typically grow organically out of our Gospel Communities that go beyond our formal gatherings to ongoing gospel conversations, shared life, equipping and accountability relationships.

Tracks

In addition to our basic expressions, we have short-term tracks for equipping the saints – including training up leaders and disciple makers in the church; and preparing individuals to live out their gospel identity in all of life. Some tracks last a year or two, others a few months, and still others as short as a portion of a day.

Examples:

Pastoral track – this track has a several year long pastoral apprenticeship; that for some could lead to being ordained as an elder in Grace Fellowship.

Men's leadership track – this track has a one or two year internship where men are trained and equipped for leadership and to explore the idea of serving the church as an elder.

Women's leadership track – this track has two levels beginning with a ten month training community for women who want to go deeper into the Gospel and be trained and equipped to make disciples in accordance with their giftings. The second level is aimed at equipping leaders of leaders. For some in this second level, it could lead to being appointed as a deacon in our women's leadership team in Grace Fellowship.

Marriage enrichment track – this is typically a four month community for couples to focus on the Gospel and their relationship as a couple formed for God’s glory and mission.

Bible training track – these are typically one or two day seminars for equipping and laying a sound theological foundation for followers of Jesus.

Theology cohort track – these are typically 3-6 week communities formed around the reading and study of a book on a particular topic. These groups conclude with a discussion night where insights are shared and processed through together.

Gospel Community Leadership training track – this training equips our Gospel Community leaders and assistant leaders.

Men’s fellowship track – occasional gatherings and a yearly or bi-yearly retreat to build gospel relationships.

Women’s fellowship track – occasional gatherings and a yearly or bi-yearly retreat to build gospel relationships.

Grace 101 track – a one day seminar to introduce people to Grace Fellowship.

Teams

Elder team:

A plurality of male elders recognized, qualified, and ordained to oversee and pastor Grace Fellowship. In addition to the elders, pastoral apprentices and interns function as a part of this team – though with no authority.

Deacon teams:

Women’s leadership team – A plurality of female deacons who serve in complementary relationship to the elders.

Grace Kids leadership team – Directors and coordinators of our children’s ministry for both our nursery and “Gospel Project”.

Gospel Community leaders – Ideally teams of leaders and assistant leaders serving together to lead our various Gospel Communities.

Service Teams – We have leaders to manage various service teams, including worship in music, sound, slides, set-up/take-down, video etc.

Partners:

– Our covenant partners who have committed to following Jesus together as a family of missionary servants under the leadership of our elders.