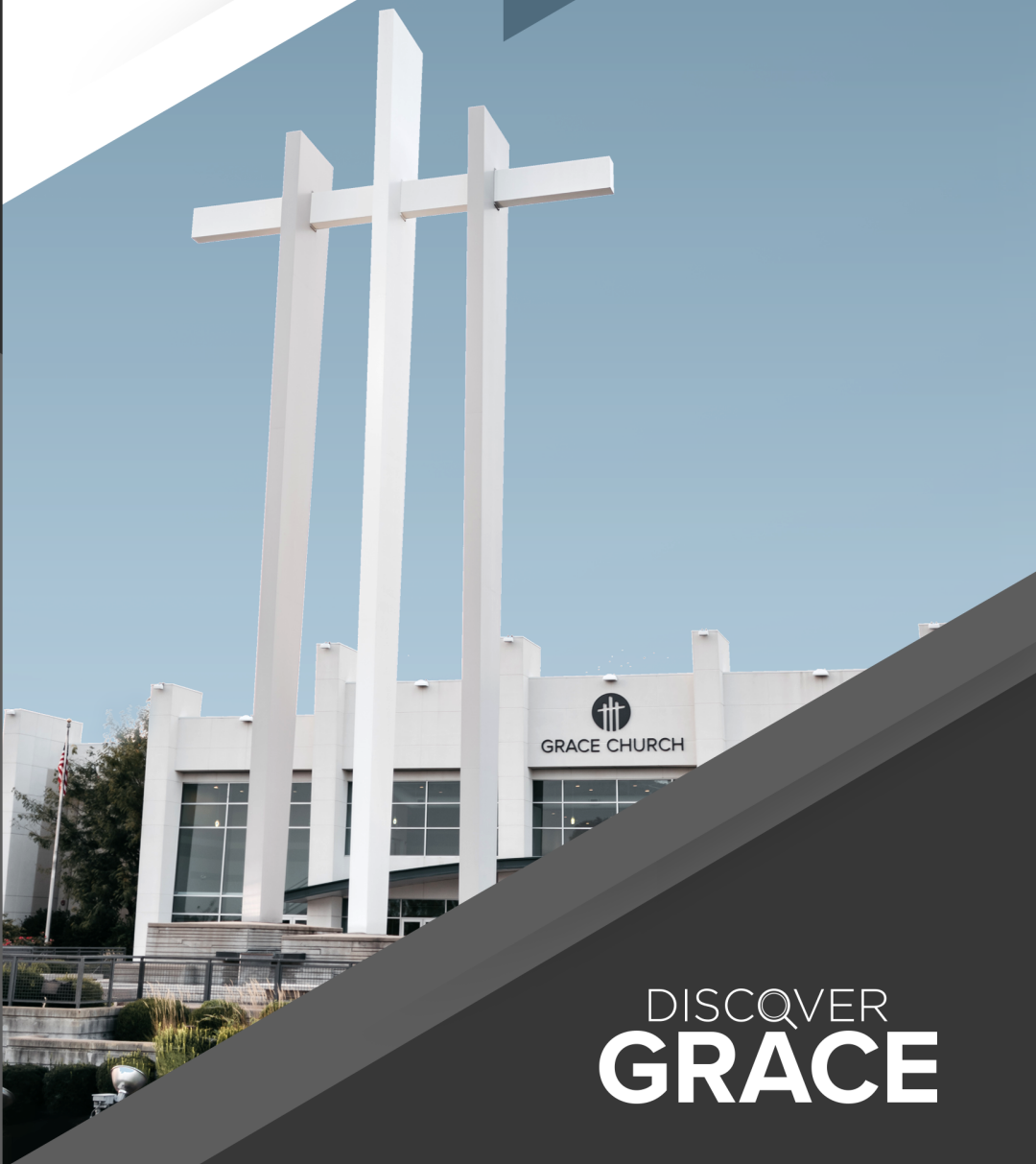


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DISCOVER
GRACE

Discover Grace classes guide you to discover your redemptive purpose and live the life God created for you. Discover Grace is four classes:

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JOURNEY WITH GRACE

Our Prayer for You

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people. Ephesians 1:17–19

I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers. Ephesians 1:17-19

Our Spiritual Journey Consists of Four Steps

1. Know God

*[I pray]... that you may know Him better [personally].
Ephesians 1:17–18*

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you.’”
Matthew 7:21–23*

2. Find freedom

*[I pray]... that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [focused and clear].
Ephesians 1:17–18*

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
James 5:16*

3. Discover your purpose

*[I pray]... that you may know the hope to which He has called you.
Ephesians 1:17–18*

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:6

*All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.
1 Corinthians 12:27*



4. Make a difference

[I pray]... that you may grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for His followers [in His holy people]. Ephesians 1:17-18

"This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. I have told you this so that My joy

may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:8,11

God has given gifts to each of you from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10

KNOW GOD

Reaching people who do not know God is one of our greatest responsibilities. Our weekend services are for people at all stages in their spiritual journey, but they are also specially designed for those who don't yet have a genuine relationship with God.

Our weekend services focus on four values:

1. Celebration

We believe church should be enjoyable.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

2. Inspiration

We believe church should be a place where people experience God's presence.

But...when some unbelievers or ordinary people come in, they will be convinced of their sin by what they hear. They will be judged by all they hear, their secret thoughts will be brought into the open, and they will bow down and worship God, confessing, "Truly God is here among you!" 1 Corinthians 14:24–25

3. Preparation

We believe church should be a place where people learn how the Bible applies to their daily lives.

So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11–12

4. Salvation

We believe church should be a place where people can accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? Romans 10:13–14



WHEN YOU CALLED
MY NAME

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HOW WE SHARE CHRIST



Everyone has people in their lives who are “one ask away” from a life changing encounter with God’s Son.

*“Go out into the country...and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.”
Luke 14:23*

As we continue to reach people far from God, every one of us can do our part by following these four principles:

1. Accept the personal responsibility.
2. Build a personal relationship.
3. Share your personal story.
4. Give a personal invitation.

YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

1. Pray

Pray that we might reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." Matthew 9:37–38

2. Give

Give your time and resources to reach people for Christ.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." Matthew 6:19–21

3. Go

Go to our cities, nation and world to serve others and show people the love of God.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people..." Isaiah 6:8–9





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SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Want to deepen your walk with God, make friends and have an impact on this world? One of the best ways to do all three is to get involved in serving others. Our serving groups and ministry opportunities will let you do just that. If you would like to learn more about where you fit, or how you can get connected using your spiritual gifts, contact Diane Clark at 314-223-3851 or dclark814@sbcglobal.net.

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GRACEKIDS A-TEAM ROLES

We are extremely passionate about the children in our community and we want to see them thrive. That is what GraceKids is all about! If you would like to be a part of the incredible work happening in this ministry, please contact Vesta at vestagreene@gracestl.org. We would love to get to know you and find the best possible fit for you.



Nursery: Birth–2 years old

Children will experience a time of play, Bible songs, a Bible story, snack time and a lot of love.

- Supervisor – Oversees all the Nursery rooms during service to orchestrate consistent safety and security.
- Room Captain – Communicates with Coordinator to determine availability of materials needed for lessons, crafts, etc. and oversees an individual room.

- Large Group Teacher – Spends time becoming familiar with the lesson for their week to serve. Uses their personality, creativity and imagination to communicate God’s Word in an age-appropriate and captivating manner.

Preschool: 3 years old (potty-trained)–Kindergarten

Children will experience love, adventure and a lot of fun as well as use their imagination while learning about God.

- Supervisor – Oversees all the Preschool rooms during service to orchestrate consistent safety and security.
- Room Captain – Communicates with Coordinator to determine availability of materials needed for lessons, crafts, etc. and oversees an individual room.
- Large Group Teacher – Spends time becoming familiar with the lesson for their week to serve. Uses their personality, creativity and imagination to communicate God’s Word in an age-appropriate and captivating manner.
- Worship Leader – Selects age-appropriate music videos as background, or plays an instrument to bring worship to our large group time.
- Welcome Team/Greeters – Greet and welcome guests warmly, as family. Smile at everyone and offer a hand. Take the initiative to start a conversation and spread warmth throughout GraceKids.
- Atmosphere Setters “The Well” – Receive our kids with a warm and loving spirit. Engage in activities with the kids before and after the message. Inquire about their weekend or personal interest, making sure they feel seen and welcomed.
- Check-In Team/Registration – Exude hospitality while registering new families and assisting old families as they check in. Be available at every check-in station to maintain a smooth and easy process for all.

Elementary: 1st–6th grade

Kids learn to praise God with live worship, and our gifted teachers bring the Word of God alive to children using visuals in a new and fun way. Our small group leaders follow up by building relationships with kids that encourage deeper discussion in God’s Word.

- Team Lead – Oversee a specific serving areas within GraceKids. Encourage fellow volunteers as they train and lead by example with humility, willingness and confidence. Schedule volunteers within their specific area for serving roles throughout the months.
- Small Group Leader – Care for an assigned small group of children during the service. Consistently connect with the children while they learn about God’s love for them through teaching and games. Build relationships that will continue throughout their elementary stay.
- Large Group Leader – Use their personality, creativity and imagination to communicate God’s Word in an age-appropriate and captivating manner from the lessons provided.

SPECIAL EDITION

The Special Edition Friend program allows children to participate in services that are meaningful to them, with modifications to the lesson and/or environment and with the help of a 1:1 Special Edition Friend.



At Special Edition we encourage, equip and empower children and young adults of all different abilities to be devoted disciples of Jesus. We support and help them demonstrate their love for Jesus through their own unique communication styles.

Our desire is to see them enjoy deep fellowship with God and choose to love, serve and obey Him with all their hearts.

Attitudes of a Special Edition Friend

1. Acceptance – Accept the child as he or she was created – perfectly in God’s image and for His glory. Look beyond the effects of the disability and see the child’s heart, which is completely able to receive and give love.
2. Respect – Treat a person with a disability as highly as anyone else. A person with any diagnosis or special need is no less dignified, loved, or valued by God. Draw attention to what a child can do rather than what he/she cannot do.
3. Servant – Seeing this foremost as service to Christ, look for opportunities to meet various physical, social and spiritual needs of the child. Part of the role of a SE Friend is in serving the child’s family and the body of Christ. Seek to understand how they view the world.
4. Learner – SE Friends consider themselves on a path to learning how to better serve and love their assigned child/ young adult. SE Friends should learn the differences, unique qualities and communication styles of their assigned child.

Character Requirements of a Special Edition Friend

1. Dependability—The person with a disability needs to know that he/she can count on his or her SE Friend to be at the ministry area on their assigned service day and on time.
2. Flexibility—The life of a person with a disability can be unpredictable. Try not to rigidly control situations, schedules and behavior.
3. Sensitivity—An effective SE Friend will speak to and about the person with a disability in positive, caring and affirming ways. Their actions and words will show respect and will emphasize the person first and the disability second.
4. Confidentiality—A SE Friend respects the family’s choice of when and to whom to disclose details of identity, medical condition or behavior.

If you’ve never helped serve or care for a special needs person, but seem to be drawn to them, we’d love for you to check out this ministry. We’ll help you learn what you need to know as you join our team. We love our special friends and believe you will gain so much from your time with them and the team. We are located in the Gym every Sunday at 11 am.

Interested? Contact: Michelle Carter at 314 292-8300 x 2009 or mcarter@gracestl.org

HOSPITALITY TEAM

Being a part of the Hospitality A-Team is easy, fulfilling and enjoyable. Our goal is for our guests and church family to feel welcomed and not overwhelmed by the size of our church. This requires each of us to exude a warm approachable spirit and a willingness to serve.

We do everything we can to help our guests and church family see Christ.

There are different areas you can choose that pertain to the Hospitality A-Team. The following are some of the responsibilities associated with each role. As you read through, please consider where your talents best align.

HERE ARE THE TEAMS:

Welcome Team

Greeting, guiding and serving are the heart of the Welcome Team. As the name suggests, this team specializes in making visitors feel welcome, relaxed and at home in our church. Currently, we have several areas that we need assistance in:

Information Table Team

This team is dedicated to providing guidance, resources and answers to questions about our church, its ministries and its activities.

Medical Team

This team ensures there is a first responder to a medical situation. The nurse (medic) will assess if 911 should be called or if necessary, they will administer simple first aid. One person on the Medical Team should be present during each church service. To be on the medical team, copies of any current medical licenses and certifications you may have will be required.

Traffic Team

As you already know, our parking lots are often packed on the weekends. Here is where the Traffic Team steps in to offer guidance and to help us keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible. Our goal is to make sure that everyone entering and exiting has an easy and stress-free experience.

JOIN US!

For more details regarding these positions, please see our ***Hospitality Booklet***.

We truly appreciate your willingness to serve and can't wait to see what we can accomplish together! If you'd like to help **please contact Rachel Klein, at rklein@gracestl.org**.

NEXT STEPS

1. Fill out and turn in attendance sheets to get credit for this class.
2. Attend step FOUR of Discover Grace.
3. Ask God to strengthen the gifts and passions inside of you.
4. Join the team.

Now that you've discovered your God-given gifts, find a team where you can use those strengths to make a difference in the lives of others. You can use the A-Team member card to start using your gifts in an area of the church.



The image shows a person's legs in blue jeans and white sneakers stepping on large, mossy concrete blocks in a body of water. A white member card for 'THE A-TEAM' is overlaid on the right side of the image. The card has a blue header with the 'A-TEAM' logo. Below the header are fields for Name, Email, and Phone. A section titled 'CHECK ALL THAT APPLY' contains several team options, each with a list of activities and checkboxes. The teams listed are GRACEKIDS, GRACE STUDENTS, HOSPITALITY, PRAYER TEAM, BOOKSTORE, BAPTISM TEAM, and COMMUNITY OUTREACH. At the bottom, there is a 'PREFERENCES' section with checkboxes for frequency and service days.

THE A-TEAM

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

GRACEKIDS
 Kid's Services Kid's Bible Studies Kid's Fun Activities
 Check In Elementary Gifted Ministry Special Edition

GRACE STUDENTS
 Check In Bible Studies
 Bible Study Leader Check In Bible

HOSPITALITY
 Breakfast Lunch Dinner Check In
 Welcome Parking Welcome Sign Medical Sign

PRAYER TEAM
 8:00 am 9:00 am
 Check In 11:00 am

BOOKSTORE
 8:00 am 9:00 am
 Check In 11:00 am

BAPTISM TEAM
 Baptism Preparation Team Pre-Baptism
 Post-Baptism Team Post-Baptism

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
 Hospitality Mission Group Outreach

PREFERENCES

FREQUENCY	SERVICE DAYS
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<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

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