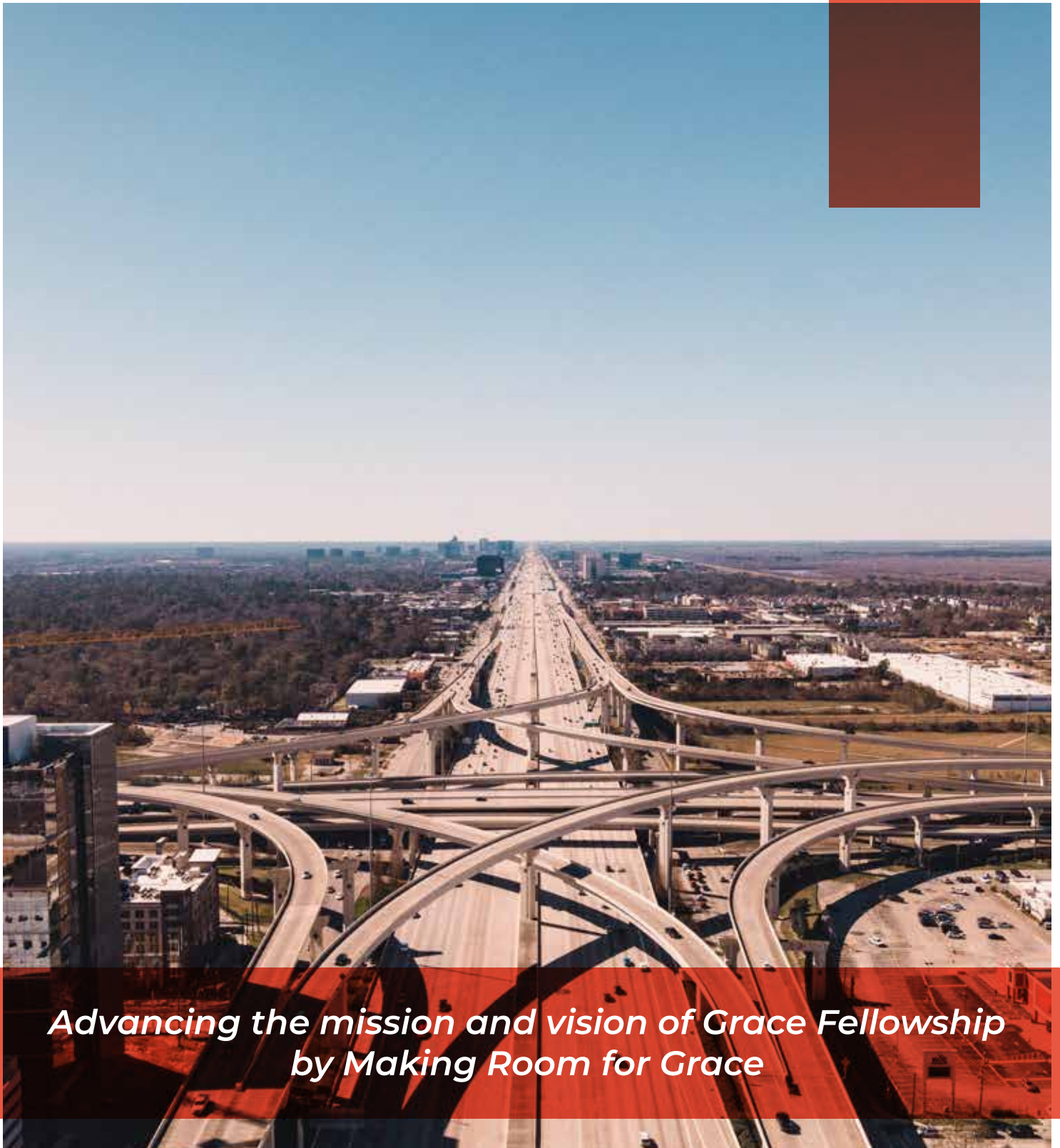
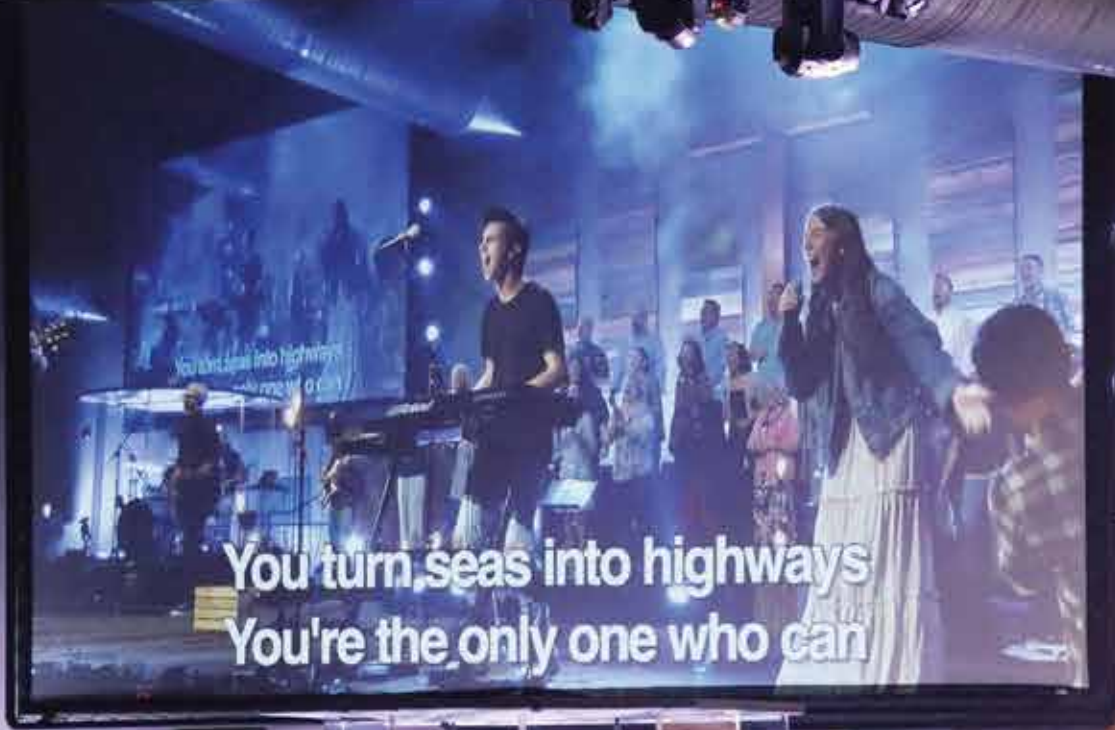




# MAKE ROOM FOR GRACE



*Advancing the mission and vision of Grace Fellowship  
by Making Room for Grace*



We are a **House of Prayer** for  
all Nations who make Disciples  
who make Disciples



— ***Build the House, that I may  
take pleasure in it and that I  
may be glorified, says the Lord***

***Haggai 1:8***

A MESSAGE FROM  
**Jim & Lisa Leggett**  
SENIOR PASTOR



We have a Worship Center to worship in today because former (and current) Grace Fellowship members gave sacrificially (in the Year 2006) to make room for grace. We have a student building, two children's buildings, and an administrative building because former (and current) Grace Fellowship members gave sacrificially (in the Years 1998, 2002, and 2012) to make room for grace. We are reaping the benefits of their generosity.

It's time for us to be generous for ministry now and for the future. It's time to make room for grace for adult discipleship space on our Cinco Ranch Campus, for a permanent home for North Katy Campus, and for seed money for a third campus. We will reap great ministry fruit in all of our lives with this endeavor, AND future generations will thank us for paying it forward to them as well.

Lisa and I have given prayerfully and sacrificially to all five campaigns during the history of Grace Fellowship (including the launching of The Bible Seminary in 2010). We have begun our prayer process and are making plans to personally give the largest financial gift that we have ever given in our lives to anything. We believe in what we are doing THAT MUCH!

*Jim & Lisa*

***I can't wait to see in this life and in Heaven all the lives that God will touch for eternity as we Make Room for Grace!***

A MESSAGE FROM  
**Jeff & Kim Dietz**

NORTH KATY CAMPUS PASTOR



In 2015, we began our North Katy Campus of Grace Fellowship with a one-night VBS, “A Night in Bethlehem”, in the gym of McRoberts Elementary School. We would end up being there close to three years! During that time, we saw people’s lives radically changed for eternity! We also saw a constant stream of people who were being introduced to Christ through our North Katy Campus but were then moving on to churches with established facilities where they could host children’s and student ministries. Grace Fellowship moved to lease a bigger space and build out our current space where we are today. Within the first year we doubled in size! Soon we had outgrown that space as well. In June 2024, our lease will be up, and we will need to make room again for more people who need a discipleship relationship with Christ and His church.

Kim and I have seen first-hand how God has blessed our family through Grace Fellowship. As our boys have gone through both children’s and student ministry! We are so appreciative to those who have served as staff and volunteers and poured into our boys.



Kim Dietz

***We are now praying and asking God what He would have us sacrificially give to further reach the lost in Katy and help raise the future generations to know and follow Jesus! Join us in Making Room for Grace!***

# GRACE FELLOWSHIP'S STORY

## GRACE FELLOWSHIP LAUNCH (1996)



- Two Day Prayer Retreat and recruit intercessors (April 1996)
- Casting the Vision at Our Mother Church (June 9, 1996)
- "Come and See" Informational Meeting (June 30, 1996)
- Seven-week Fasting Vigil Begins (June 30, 1996)
- First Exploring Grace 101 Class (August 11, 1996)
- Post Office prayers and prayer walking neighborhoods
- Grand Opening Worship Service (September 8, 1996)

## WORSHIP IN THE MANSION (1996-2002)



- Jump Start 9 Home Groups (Nov. 1996)
- Officially chartered (March 2, 1997)
- Purchase 12.5 acres from Equestrian Center (March 4, 1997)

## KIDS BUILDING (1999)



## EQUESTRIAN WORSHIP CENTER (2007)



- Begin worship in new Worship Center (Jan 2007)
- Dedication of the Great Southwest Prayer Center (Jan. 17, 2007)
- Launch Church Plant #1: The River (Jan. 2008)
- Launch The Bible Institute (2008)
- Launch Church Plant #2: WordServe (Feb. 2009)
- Mayor of Katy gives the keys of the city to Jesus (Feb. 3, 2010)
- GF gives away its \$5,000,000th dollar to missions (2010)
- Launch The Bible Seminary (2010)
- Adopt our 2nd and 3rd UPGs: The Bug\*is and the Makas\*sar (2010)

## FIRST WORSHIP CENTER (2002-2006)



- Dedication Service for first Worship Center (March 23, 2002)
- First RPM Band begins leading high school worship (2002)
- Adopt our first unreached people group (UPG) The Ban\*jar (2003)
- GF gives away its \$1,000,000th dollar to missions (2004)
- Begin Audience of One with 2 hours of worship and prayer (2006)



## KIDS ELEMENTARY BUILDING WING (2012)



## LAUNCH NORTH KATY CAMPUS (2015)

# MAKE ROOM FOR GRACE

# VISION

## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Advancing the mission and vision of Grace Fellowship by...

- Building permanent facilities for North Katy Campus, including a 375-seat worship center with children, students, discipleship, and administrative space.
- Building “The Gathering Place” on Cinco Ranch campus to house mid-size groups of up to 350 people with comfortable breakout space, doubling as a chapel for weddings and funerals. This highly relational space will feature an indoor children’s play-scape.
- Funding our third campus by raising seed money for our next campus launch in West Katy.

## WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

In pursuit of our Vision and Mission we are...

- Making room for full scope of ministry offerings at North Katy with a highly visible permanent campus.
- Making room for disciple-making mid-size groups at Cinco Ranch.
- Making room for our next campus as part of our multi-site strategy.

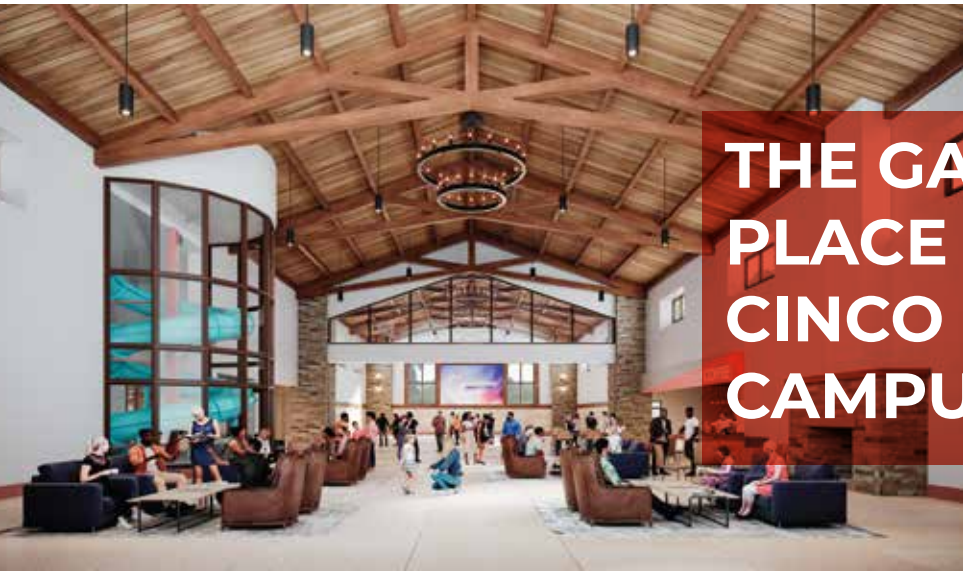
## WHAT IS MY ROLE IN THIS VISION?

Make Room for Grace by...

- Praying for the Vision
- Praying for two people by name
- Praying about my investment

*Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.*

PSALM 127:1



## THE GATHERING PLACE AT CINCO RANCH CAMPUS

We have outgrown our discipleship facilities for **Spiritual Formation Groups and Care Ministry Classes** at Cinco Ranch Campus.

Building the Gathering Place empowers Grace Fellowship to better equip more disciples who make disciples by making room to build authentic relationships for families and offering sacred space for spiritual milestones.



**JOHN 15:5,7** – *I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing... If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*





# MAKING ROOM FOR DISCIPLE-MAKING MID-SIZE GROUPS AT CINCO RANCH.



## THE DETAILS

- Multi purpose 350 seating
- Children's indoor playspace
- 10 Breakout rooms

# FUTURE HOME OF NORTH KATY CAMPUS



Being able to get our new building means we will instantly double our space and be able to have more room for community and deeper relationships. We will also be able to offer more Care and Adult Classes to the community.

Also, our lease runs out in the Summer of 2024 and we have outgrown our kids, students, and worship center.

**HAGGAI 2:9** – *The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.”*



# MAKING ROOM FOR COMMUNITY AND DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS



## THE DETAILS

- Building Size: 12,000 SF
- 375 Seat Sanctuary
- Kids space
- Plenty of parking



## SMALL GROUPS Sermon Discussion Guide

This week's Scriptures bring us face-to-face with the heart-piercing reality that busyness with our own affairs causes us to lose sight of God's priorities in plain view before us.

1- After a joyous celebration commemorating the building of the new temple's foundation (~536 BC – see Ezra 3:11), the ~50,000 pioneers who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon began what became a 16 year "pause" in their mission to rebuild the temple. Now (in 520 BC, God says to them:

*"This people says, 'The time has not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built.'" (Hag. 1:2)*

We all need at least one Haggai in our life—a person who will provide accountability—calling us out when we are in denial about rejecting the call of God or the Word of God by saying we merely are putting obedience off until later.

• **Have you ever had a "Haggai" in your life—someone who would help you see the truth about issues you were facing?** Perhaps a sibling, a parent, friend, or mentor?

o If so, tell us a little about that relationship.

o If you've never had a Haggai in your life, do you need one?

o If so, what ideas do you have about working toward finding one?

• **Have you ever been in a "Haggai" role for someone else?**

o Tell us a little about that relationship.

2- In case the procrastination-focused question of verse 2 did not cut deep enough, God follows up in verse 4 by unveiling the cause of the procrastination, using the Israelites' excuse of **time**:

*"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" (Hag. 1:4)*

Ouch. We all struggle with "paneled houses" that distract us from—or crowd out—the things of God.

• **What is the biggest "paneled house" of your life?** Work? Debt? Kids? Parents? Cars? Investments? Travel? Sports/Recreation/Hobbies?

o Tell us what you can about that struggle.

• **What is the biggest "house in ruin" in your spiritual life?** A calling or prompting or desire to serve or minister in some way? Being disciplined or discipling someone else? Spending time reading and meditating on God's Word? Using your spiritual gifts for strengthening the church? SOAPS time journaling your spiritual discoveries? Participating in choir, band, or another role in worship? Involvement in Children or Student ministry? Ministering to someone through FriendSpeak or Alpha? Taking a course in the Bible Seminary? Tithing or growing in generosity?

[Check each week's Sermon Discussion Guide here!](#)



## FAQS

### What is priority for the \$16m?

The first \$4.5m will go to our North Katy campus. Then \$9.5m for the discipleship building on our Cinco Ranch campus. Lastly, \$2m to provide seed money for our 3<sup>rd</sup> campus.

### When can I start giving to the campaign?

Today! You can give online, by check or through our app.

### Where is our preferred location for our North Katy campus?

25133 Lakecrest Manor Drive. This is across the street from Legacy and Rhodes Stadiums.

### When will we move into our new North Katy location?

December 2024 to March 2025.

# Jim's MATH PAGE

What It's Going to Take  
(or How Much Should I Give?)

Many people ask the question, "Jim, what is it going to take for us to collectively give \$16 million to Make Room for Grace?" As an engineer and a math geek, here are my answers.

**THE BEST AND MOST IMPORTANT ANSWER** – We all need to **pray** and ask God, "Lord, what do you want me to give above and beyond my regular giving over the next 3 years toward Make Room For Grace?" Next, **listen, and then obey**. The first church building fundraiser in history happened in 1440 BC when Moses said to the Israelites: "Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the Lord's contribution" to build the tabernacle (Exodus 35:5) The response: "And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him ...and brought the Lord's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting: (Exodus 35:21) And there was more than enough for the tabernacle project (Exodus 36:3-7)

**JIM'S MATH ANSWER #1** – \$16 million is twice our annual operating budget. So, if every Grace Fellowship family would take whatever amount they normally give to the church during one year... and double it... and give that amount over the next 3 years (above and beyond their regular giving), then we would hit our faith goal. Of course, not everyone can do that, and some people can do more than that.

**JIM'S MATH ANSWER #2** – If every Grace Fellowship household will give \$16,000 (above and beyond their regular giving) over the next 3 years, then we will hit our faith goal. Of course, not everyone can do that, and some people can do much more than that.

**JIM'S MATH ANSWER #3** – One final math approach: If different Grace Fellowship members gave different amounts according to the following point spread, then we could hit our faith goal:

| NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | GIFT AMOUNT | NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS | GIFT AMOUNT |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1                    | \$1,000,000 | 440                  | \$16,000    |
| 1                    | \$ 500,000  | 200                  | \$10,000    |
| 4                    | \$ 300,000  | 150                  | \$ 5,000    |
| 8                    | \$ 100,000  | 150                  | \$ 1,000    |
| 30                   | \$ 50,000   | 100                  | \$ 500      |
| 40                   | \$ 25,000   | 100                  | \$ 100      |

Of course, the best answer is **pray... listen... obey**. The point of the widow's mites' story that Jesus shared is that it is not how much you give, but how much you keep for yourself. Jesus praised the gift of 2 pennies that the widow gave (Luke 21:1-4). Look to Jesus for how much to give.

## What is the timeline for the discipleship building?

Design phase could start in December 2023.  
Construction phase in the spring of 2025  
with projected completion date as early as  
Christmas 2025.

## How will the discipleship building be used?

The building will have an indoor playscape for kids and a coffee shop. Plenty of room for people to meet up and visit. It will also have classrooms for Care and Adult classes.

## Is my gift tax deductible?

Yes! The faith commitment duration is 3 years, November 2023 to 2026. This extends over 4 taxable years.



**MAKE ROOM FOR GRACE**

**With God's help,** here is what I(we) plan to **give by faith for Make Room for Grace** over the next three years, above and beyond my(our) regular giving.

\$

*Three year total above and beyond my regular giving*

Make my pledge Online at [WhatIsGrace.org/MakeRoom](http://WhatIsGrace.org/MakeRoom)



Name(s): .....

Phone: .....

e-mail: .....

## WHAT ARE WE ASKING OF YOU?

*Prayerfully fill out your commitment card.*

Let's Pray **PRAYERS THAT**



Holy Spirit, I give You permission to **MAKE ROOM** in my heart for more of You. Show me Yourself in new and fascinating ways over the next 30 days, I want to know You and trust You more deeply.

Move in the hearts of our church family, Lord. Together, **give us wisdom and insight into Your plans** for Grace Fellowship and the ministry You want to cultivate in us and through us.

Enable and empower us as Your Bride to fulfill Your plans and reach over 1,000 unreached people with the gospel and connection in community.

According to Your will and Your ways, we pray for something so big, only You can accomplish it! We ask for \$16 million to facilitate this ministry and more for Your Kingdom and Your glory.


*In Jesus name, Amen!*



# FAITH COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**October 29**  
**Cinco Ranch Campus**  
**8:45 and 10:45AM**

Join us at one of our campuses for a special morning of worship where our church will turn in our Faith Commitment cards.



**October 29**  
**North Katy Campus**  
**9:00 and 10:45AM**



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