



Grace
Church

Mission & Vision

A Church Birth Project of
Grace Christian Fellowship

Grace Church is a community of changed people who are committed to serving and renewing the greater Dunedin area through a movement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Gospel:

The *Gospel* is the good news that through Jesus Christ the power of God's kingdom has entered history to bring redemption and renew the whole world. When we believe and rely on Jesus' death and resurrection for our relationship to God, that kingdom power comes upon us and begins to work through us. Through the *Gospel*, Jesus gives us a radically new identity, freeing us from both self-righteousness and self-condemnation. He forgives our wrongdoings, heals our brokenness, redirects us from our hurtful and self-centered patterns, and He liberates us to accept people we once excluded.

Community:

The *Gospel* creates a new community which not only nurtures individuals but serves as a sign of God's coming kingdom. Here we see all kinds of people loving, serving, and discipling one another through the transforming and healing power of the *Gospel*. This experience and activity of community is pursued (together) in our Community Groups and Sunday Gatherings.

Changed People:

The community the *Gospel* creates is a community of changed people – changed from the inside out. In particular, the *Gospel* makes us into missional and discipling-oriented people.

Serving:

Though we gladly invite every person to faith in the *Gospel* of Jesus, we are committed to sacrificially serving our neighbors whether they believe as we do or not. We do this by using our gifts and resources for the needs of others. In particular, we work for justice, especially for the poor and disadvantaged.

Renewing:

We believe the *Gospel* is to have a profound, healthy, and renewing impact on all areas of society – marriage, family, the arts, business, government, media, academia, etc. Therefore we are highly committed in seeing the truth of *Gospel* shape the spheres of family, vocation, and culture.

Gospel Movement:

The health and reach of Grace Church is not enough. We are therefore committed to planting (and helping others plant) new *Gospel*-oriented churches and working towards a renewal of *Gospel* vitality by discipling and rising up of future ministry leaders.