

Vision Sunday

I just want to celebrate with you...

- We moved IN to this new facility!
- We're outgrowing this facility!
- We're catching up financially.
- We've adopted a new missionary family.

When people ask me about my vision for Grace Hills, I usually answer in a way that surprises them.

- It's not about our seating capacity.
- It's about our sending capacity!
- Not about a certain size, facilities, or campuses.

My vision for Grace Hills is wrapped around our purpose statement:

**We exist to help people know God,
find freedom, discover their purpose,
and make a difference for God's glory.**

It's not about growing a **large** church.

It's about growing a **healthy** church.

And you grow a healthy church by focusing on **growing people!**

- Know God - create weekend worship experiences that lost people love to attend and invite NWA to experience the presence and power of Jesus together!
- Find freedom - get everybody into small groups so we can become more like Christ, growing in freedom from sin and brokenness.

- Discover Their Purpose - Growth Track! Discover GH and Steps Two, Three, and Four.
- Make a Difference - Everybody serving on a team! And everybody living on mission!
- For God's Glory - Let's GIVE IT UP FOR JESUS! All the glory and all the credit belongs entirely to him!

My job is two-fold: **to lead and to feed**. I'm responsible for overseeing Grace Hills, for creating a healthy culture, casting a bold vision, and initiating the strategy we use to connect and grow people.

Our staff manages all of the systems and strategies. They don't just do ministry. Together, we empower everyone in this room to do ministry.

**Visionary, growing churches
are led by visionary, growing people.**

And that's YOU!!

**Question for you:
How are you doing at leading your life?**

God has put you in the driver's seat of your life, and he wants to chart a course for you to follow.

Philippians 3:10-14 NIV

[10] I want to know Christ---yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, [11] and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. [12] Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. [13] Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Ten Things God Has in Store for You

1. God has a destiny for you to envision.
2. God has a race for you to run (not someone else's).
3. God has guardrails to keep you on the path.
4. God has an example for you to follow - Jesus.
5. God has a gift for you to use.
6. God gives you the hunger and thirst to keep going.
7. God gives you healing when you're hurting.
8. God gives you the power, the ability, the energy for your race.
9. God gives you his presence and walks beside you.
10. God gives you people to run with.

What's your big next step?