



A Giving Initiative for the Future

# Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

Isaiah 60 describes a dark world under the grip of sin and death. But there is hope! The glorious light of the gospel of Jesus Christ dawns with hope and forgiveness. Today, that light shines through ordinary people, empowered by the Spirit who arise in Christ-following local churches, like Grace Bible Church.

For more than 40 years Grace Bible Church has been making disciples through a faithful witness to His Word. God has also nurtured our love for our neighbors as He calls us to arise and reflect His glory by loving and serving them.



During **Arise & Shine**, you will be asked to:

- **Pray boldly** – We start here, bowing before our mighty God and seeking Him in prayer. The One who has poured out His power and glory calls us to ask Him for wisdom and help.
- **Commit joyfully** – It's a joy for us to commit to this vision together, as God's family. May the Lord help us engage as a body of believers who grow in love and service for our community.
- **Participate generously** – We are called to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. Would you ask how He would use your time, treasure, and talents for the spread of His glorious Kingdom?





# DEFINING MOMENTS

**1980** — Founding of Fellowship Baptist Church in the old Mount Vernon High School.

**1985 to 1986** — We purchase five acres in Lorton and by God's grace our building is constructed.

**1990 to 1992** — God grows us to more than 250 people.

**2001** — Our name changes to Grace Bible Church of Lorton. Fairfax County approved us for three phases of building expansion.

**2005** — We take out a mortgage to build phase one.

**2006** — The community around starts to grow, but we drop to below 50 people. God steps in! Immanuel Bible Church (in Springfield, VA) graciously provides assistance by way of staff and finances.

**2010** — We start to grow again and by God's grace our mortgage gets paid off.

**2011 to 2019** — We grow to more than 350 people. By the end of 2019 the elders start to pray about building expansion.

**2023** — Arise & Shine Building Campaign





**Arise & Shine** is a building campaign designed to better equip GBC to make and grow disciples in our community, among the next generation, and with an eye toward future generations — so that the good news of Jesus Christ continues to shine through us in Lorton, northern Virginia, and the world.

**GBC Opportunities:**

- Sunday morning worship services are often crowded, causing challenges for welcoming new attendees.
- There is no adult classroom space on Sunday mornings for a new believer's class or other studies.
- Children's Ministry classrooms have been near capacity in the past and will continue to grow.
- During weekday school hours there is not an inch of space left for additional counseling, Bible studies, or outreach ministries like ESL.
- Logos Classical Academy will be at capacity this fall with more than 100 students.





# Arise & Shine

Stepping up to the opportunity to shine the light of Christ through these goals:

Worship Gatherings	The Next Generation	Local Outreach	Equipping Disciples
Build a worship center to hold 400 people.	Add up to eight classrooms for childrens' ministry and Logos Classical Academy.	More space for ESL classes, community counseling, and other ministries that serve the community.	More space for Bible studies, church counseling, and other discipleship ministries.





The cost to achieve this vision is estimated at \$5.7 million.

**Target Goal**  
Over 36 months  
**\$2,500,000**

The chart below illustrates the type of financial commitments we believe it will take to make our campaign goal of **\$2,500,000**. Financial gifts to the campaign are over and above your regular giving to our church.

Number of Gifts	Amount of Each Gift
1	\$250,000
2	\$125,000
2	\$100,000
3	\$75,000
5	\$50,000
5	\$40,000
15	\$30,000
15	\$25,000
15	\$10,000
10	\$7,500
20	\$5,000
10	\$3,500
10	\$2,500

## Creative Ways To Give

Your margin for giving may feel much smaller than you'd like it to feel. That's not unusual! But often as we expand our vision to include all of the resources that God has given to us, we begin to see new avenues for generosity we hadn't initially considered. You may be amazed at your capacity to give! The following 7 options are suggested as a means to help you consider some creative ways to give.

### 1. Practice priority budgeting

Many families will choose to rearrange their priorities and give up something in their current budget in order to give more. Priority budgeting may mean postponing a planned expenditure, like a new car, vacation, home remodel, or other major purchase.

### 2. Increase giving with increased income

We often increase our standard of living when we receive a raise or a bonus. Some families elect to keep their standard of living the same and increase their giving by the amount of the raise or bonus.

### 3. Redirect current expenditures

Families often have short-term expenses factored into their budget. When those expenses end, those funds can be redirected without major budget adjustments. For example, a family that pays off a loan may choose to continue budgeting the same amount of the loan payment as a gift.

### 4. Sacrifice your extra time

Extra time can be converted into extra income and greater giving capacity through part-time jobs.

### 5. Donate Stored Resources

Appreciated assets (like stocks or real estate) can also be resources for generosity. Talk to a financial advisor for ways to maximize these gifts.

### 6. Give from your excess

Some families save over a period of years for a special project. Funds initially saved for vacations, new vehicles, or other projects can be redirected as gifts.

### 7. Commit Unexpected Cash

Sudden influxes of cash due to an inheritance, a second income, or gifts can be added to gifts from regular income.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the financial goal of this initiative?

Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million over a 36-month period, and raising this amount of money will take God's grace working through the whole Grace Bible Church family.

## When will we be asked to make our commitment?

Commitment Sunday is May 21, 2023.

## When will this initiative begin and end?

The Arise & Shine initiative will begin April 2023 and continue through April 2026.

## Are my gifts "over and above" my regular giving?

Yes. Your participation in the Arise & Shine initiative is over and above your regular and year-end giving to Grace Bible Church.

## What will take place on Commitment Sunday?

On Commitment Sunday we will worship, celebrate, and pray over what God has planned for the coming years at Grace Bible Church. We will ask our entire church to participate by committing to give financially to the Arise & Shine initiative. We ask that everyone submit their Commitment Card on this day at the end of our worship gathering.

## Can my gift involve stocks or other assets in addition to cash?

Absolutely. If this is the case, please email **Bob@gbclorton.com** for further assistance.

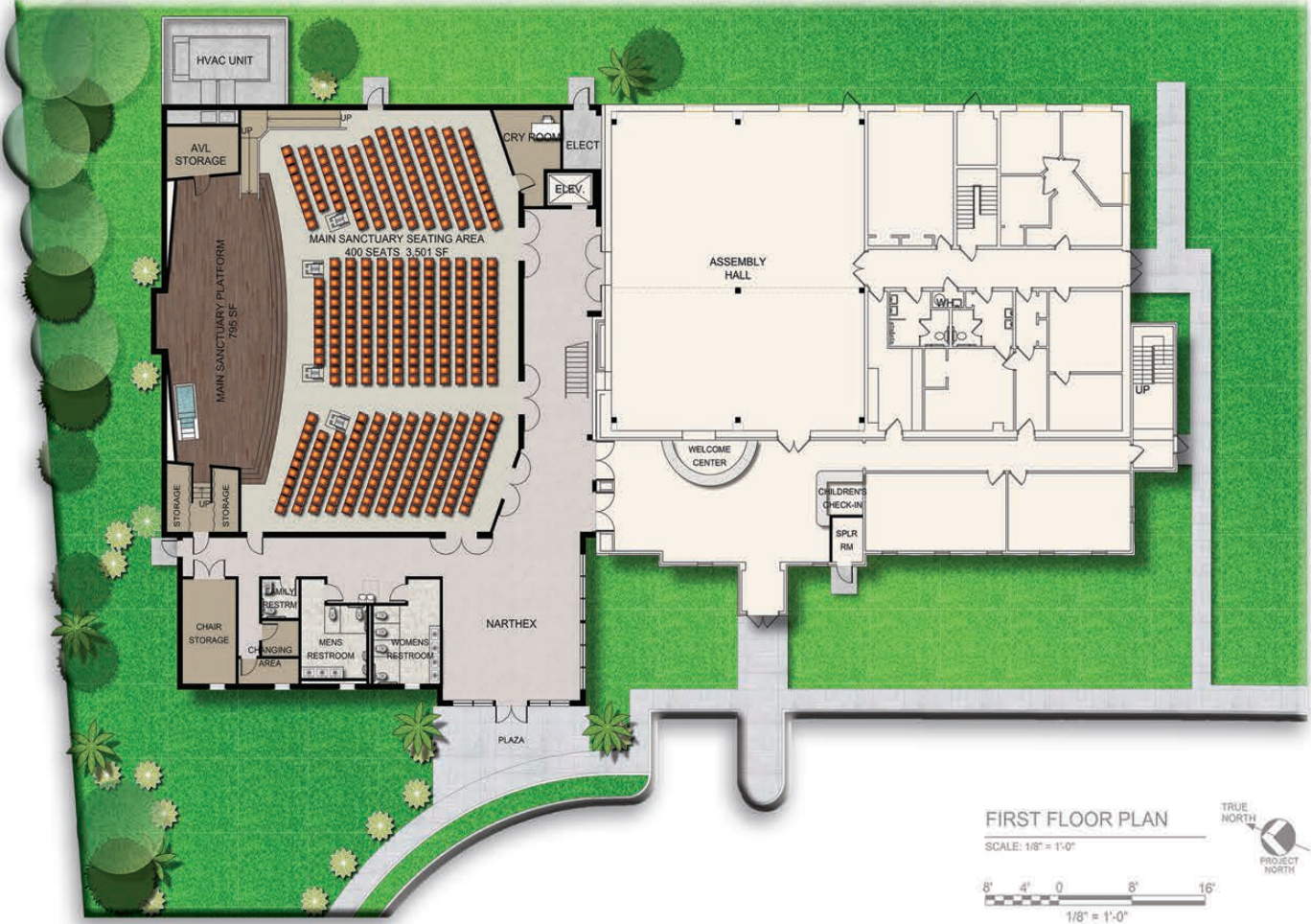
## Can financial commitments be changed if necessary?

Absolutely. We understand that life circumstances can alter our ability to give generously in negative and positive ways. If you need to change your commitment, please email **Bob@gbclorton.com**.





Architect's Rendering of Future New Building







For more than 40 years Grace Bible Church has been making disciples through a faithful witness to His Word. God has also nurtured our love for our neighbors as He calls us to arise and reflect His glory by loving and serving them.

Everyone at GBC will be invited to play a part in carrying out a vision that will meet immediate and future needs as we seek to serve our community and impact the world.

