

# Grace Chapel

## 20 Year Anniversary

October 12, 2014

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### **Celebrating our 20th Anniversary**

- magnify the Lord for the great things He has done — to Him alone be the glory
- we chose to put time and effort into the Sacred Assembly, instead of our church anniversary celebration

**What works in making a community successful,  
works because it's at work in the lives  
of the individuals of the community**

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### **Celebrating God's work in us and through us**

**sharing principles to continue to live by — both personally and corporately**

#### **1. The Move**

- faith expressed in obedience to go — out of our comfort zone
- four families moved from S. California to Leipers Fork, TN
- Matthew 28:18-20

#### **2. The Trial**

- faith expressed through prayer and patience — never give up
- after nine months, there were nine people
- Hebrews 6:12

#### **3. The Playground**

- faith expressed through love of the community — be a blessing to others
- built a kindergarten playground for Hillsboro School
- Galatians 5:6

#### **4. The Gym**

- faith expressed through expectation of growth — believing God to add 250-400 people
- bought 400 chairs, believing that God would fill them
- Acts 2:47

## 5. The Property

- faith expressed through sacrificial giving — learning to give with a gulp — many times
- needed \$375,000 in a month, had zero — raised it all — after 8 years of meeting in a school, bought 15 acres
- 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

## 6. The Building

- faith expressed through all-in commitment — risky, yet trusting
- raised equivalent of what would be \$25 million today — built existing worship center
- Acts 20:24

## 7. The First Expansion

- faith expressed through faithful history — God was, is, always faithful — believe
- raised \$2.8 million in one offering — built education space and fellowship hall
- Philippians 4:19

## 8. The Second Expansion

- faith expressed through hopeful future — we haven't arrived — not on cruise control
- raised \$3.8 million in one offering — bought rest of 60 acres; built equipping center and gym
- Philippians 3:12-14

## 9. The School

- faith expressed through responsibility to the next generation — sowing for the future
- 400 students being discipled
- Deuteronomy 6:5-7

## 10. The Future

### A. Continue “Equipping People To Be Passionate Servants of Jesus Christ”

1. Discipleship — Making disciples and disciple-makers
2. Worship
3. Evangelism
4. Serving
5. Community

### B. Life Groups

### C. Equipping Classes

### D. Iron Men

### E. Women's Ministry

F. Youth Ministry

G. Missions

H. NEW OPPORTUNITIES OF OUTRAGEOUS CHALLENGE AND OBEDIENCE

**We're just getting started**

**let's face the future**

**while remembering God's past faithfulness**

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### **Discussion Questions**

- 1.** Discuss this principle: "What works in making a community successful, works because it's at work in the lives of the individuals of the community."
- 2.** In your own life, have you said "yes," when you know God has asked you to do something specific? What were the results?
- 3.** In your own life, have you said "no," when you know God has asked you to do something specific? What were the consequences?
- 4.** What kind of opposition do we face when we say "yes"?
- 5.** How can Hebrews 6:12 help us conquer that opposition?
- 6.** Do you have an expectation of growth in your spiritual life?  
How can you extend your boundaries to allow kingdom things to multiply in your life?
- 7.** If God were to ask you to give sacrificially, take a moment and visualize what that might be.  
It could be other than monetary.
- 8.** What do you think? — how do you feel about that sacrificial gift?
- 9.** The opposite of risk-taking is being comfortable in our security. Where are you?
- 10.** Share a time when God was faithful to you.  
Tell how it impacted your facing the future.