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# GRACE POINT

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## **The Vision of Grace Point Fellowship:** **What We Aspire to Do Over Decades**

**We seek to multiply the kingdom of God in the Cincinnati/Dayton area by reaching the lost, raising up leaders, and by planting new small groups and churches.**

## **The Mission of Grace Point Fellowship:** **What We Aspire to Do Daily**

**We desire to help others know the grace of Jesus, and to help those who know Him take their next step in becoming... passionate servants of Jesus Christ that make Him known.**

## **The Core Values of Grace Point Fellowship**

### **Gospel-Centered Worship**

Gospel-centered worship is to be pursued in every facet of our lives as we consider how all-encompassing the gospel is to us. It is nurtured through the gathering of the saints in a corporate service – primarily weekend worship services. Within these venues, we worship God by remembering the gospel through preaching, teaching, singing, praying and celebrating the ordinances of baptism and communion. Each presents an opportunity for the church to receive, remember, respond and rejoice in the work of our great King.

**(1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 145:1-21, Isaiah 43:6-7, Colossians 3:1-17)**

### **Gospel-Centered Community**

Though each Christian has a personal relationship with God, that relationship is not individual or private. The Christian faith is not intended to be lived in isolation. We were made for community – relationship with God and with each other. The local church is not merely a place that we attend but a people to whom we belong. The Bible calls us members of the body with the expectation that we contribute to the body for the glory of God and the good of His people. Gospel-centered community is a radical call amid a culture of mere attendance and casual involvement. It involves mutual love, care, consistency and authenticity as we seek to adorn the person and work of Christ with our lives. Where these elements are lacking, we have moved away from gospel-centered community and into the realm of social clubs. Gospel-centered community is primarily expressed through our Grace Groups ministry. **(Acts 2:42-47, Hebrews 3:12-13, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31)**

### **Gospel-Centered Service**

Jesus gave an abiding example of service when He washed His disciples' feet, and issued a command for us to follow in His steps. We were saved that we might now serve. Gospel-centered service is an expression of love and stewardship of grace marked by humility, generosity and hospitality and empowered by a passion for the glory of God. Service can and should be pursued in various ways by all recipients of His grace. Those who have been impacted by the gospel have countless opportunities – both formal and informal – to serve others by greeting at the doors of the church, volunteering in one of our Next Generation ministries, teaching, singing, serving communion, giving financially to the needs of others, opening their homes to their neighbors, etc. Service is not to be done out of obligation, but out of admiration for a Savior who gave so much in serving us.

**(John 13:1-20, 1 Peter 3:8-11, 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15)**

### **Gospel-Centered Multiplication**

In perhaps the most famous passage on discipleship, Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus issues the Great Commission for the Church, which involves multiplication. We are to become better disciples through love for God and love for others by equipping and empowering others to do the same. We are called to growth as we extend the gospel of life to a dead world. Numerous opportunities exist for the work of multiplication. God has determined the exact time and place in which you live, work and play for His glory (Acts 17:26). God was intentional in directing our lives, so we should live with intentionality in all that we pursue. We multiply the kingdom by living with the purpose to make God known and enjoyed. Those who have been reconciled to God through the gospel have ample opportunity to enter into the work of gospel-centered multiplication. From missional living in interacting with neighbors and coworkers to missional outreach or short or long-term mission trips, our lives have been infused with purpose and meaning. The disciple's call is multiplication and replication through the gospel – for the glory of our God. **(2 Corinthians 5:11-12, Matthew 28:18-20)**



# Meet the Wagoner's

Reagan and Heather have lived in Nashville TN for the last 11 years. They have been married for 10 years, and have three children (Reese- 7; Ty-4; Tess-3). Reagan has been serving in ministry for 15 years, and has been on staff at Thompson Station Church in Thompson's Station, TN for the last 11 years. He currently serves as Pastor of Missions & Connect Groups at TSC. Heather is of course a wife and mother, but she also has two jobs as a photographer and as a Doterra wellness advocate. Reese, Ty, and Tess don't have jobs yet, but count as 3 extra jobs for Heather!



## Calling

Honestly, our church planting story probably started about a dozen years ago when the Lord allowed me to meet Heather. I had never spent much time in Ohio up to that point, and probably would never have thought much about the lostness in Cincy had I not married her, and gotten to know her family. Heather's family of origin (unlike my own) includes many unbelievers in Ohio, which has brought on many conversations over the years between her and I as we have prayed for them about how we potentially could make a difference. It started as a passing thought, but has become an ongoing conversation that has grown over time.



Seven years ago, when I became the Missions Pastor of our current church, I began to learn more and more the importance of planting churches. During this time, I had also watched my sister and her family become missionaries to East Asia. The idea that a family could sacrifice more to multiply the kingdom began to become lived out in front of me as my sister sacrificed everyday overseas. Since then, we have been challenged over and over by others who have moved their families to where God wanted to use them, always believing that one day it would be our turn. Our "yes" has been on the table for many years now.

After a vision trip a few years ago to Cincinnati, Heather and I became burdened as we realized that more churches were needed in the city she grew up in, especially churches that could reach young families since the vast majority of current churches in the Cincy area are in decline and only have people left that are 55 and up! In many cases, they do not have preschool, children, or students ministries, and struggle to reach anyone new.

In May 2014, Heather's dad, Danny Dalton, passed away at the age of 53. He had been fighting cancer for 7 years. As we took care of him in hospice on one of the last day coherent days of his life, around 30 family members, believers and unbelievers, came to spend some time with him. Heather's brother, Ryan, during those moments, asked him if he needed anything. His reply in some of the last word's of his life was ... "Salvation for everyone in this room."

God spoke volumes to Heather and I through those words, and we have not been able to get them out of our heads! We know we serve a God who not only desires for everyone that was in that hospice room that day to be saved, but salvation for everyone in the city of Cincinnati as well! We want to do whatever we can to help so many more know the grace Jesus gives us, and believe God will use us to plant Grace Point Fellowship to do just that.

**The Scriptures** that have really stuck out in my mind as we are preparing are 2 Tim. 2:2 and 2 Thess. 3:1. **2 Timothy 2:2** tells us, "You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. We believe that God has called us out of the Bible belt to a city in which there is not as much access to the Gospel. **2 Thess. 3:1** says, "Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you." I ask that you would please pray this prayer with us for the state of Ohio!

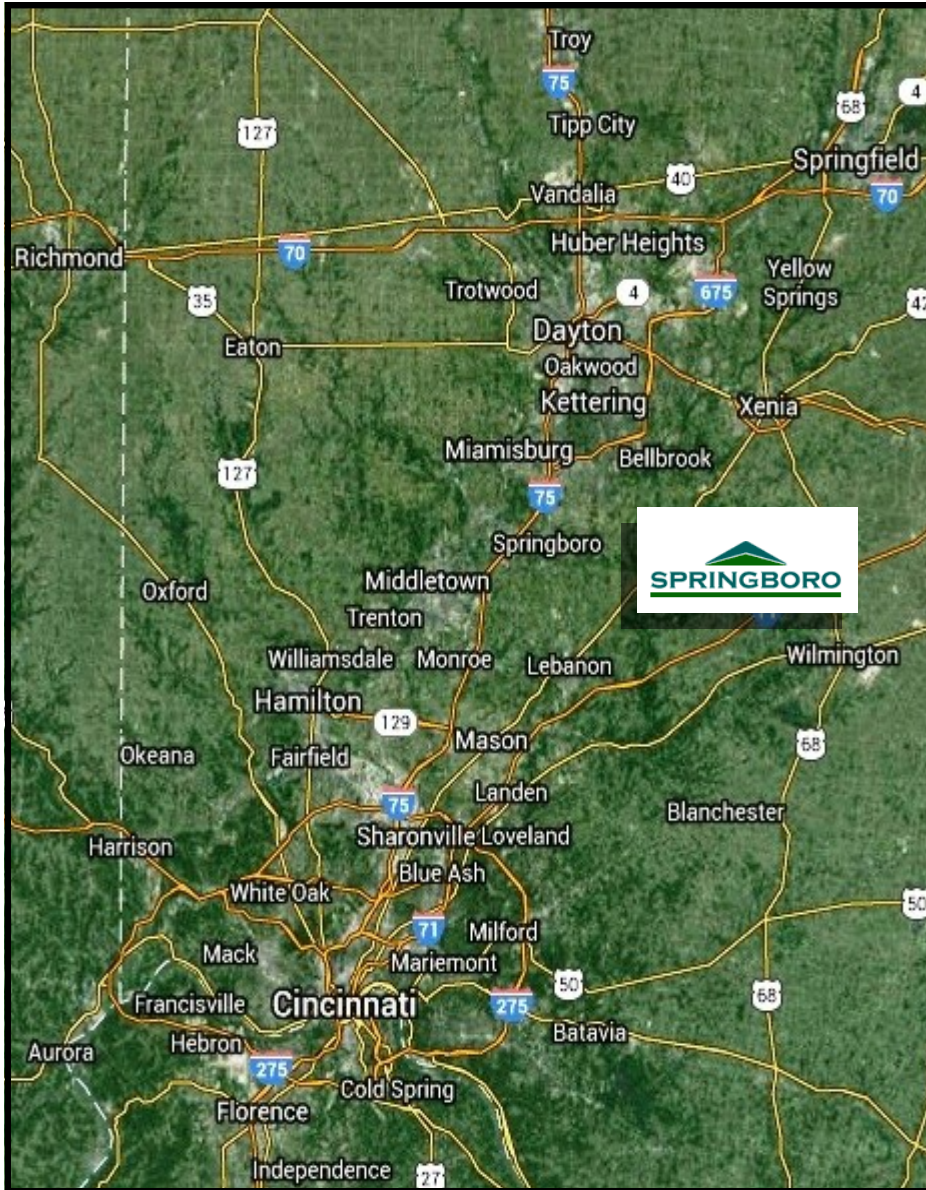


## Stats

- There are over 11 million people in the state of Ohio. **Over 8 million of those are lost!** 3 million live in the Cincinnati/Dayton metro, and almost 560,000 are within a 20 minute drive of Springboro, OH.
- That's over **400,000 people who need Jesus within 20 minutes** of where we hope to plant GracePoint Fellowship!
- **Cincinnati is 1 of 32 Send Cities identified by the North American Mission Board** in the US as having both a large population and a high percentage of lostness.



# The Cincinnati / Dayton Metroplex



## Size

There are 77.2 square miles in the city of Cincinnati itself. Inside the official city limits, the city's population is about 297,000. The metropolitan area consists of Hamilton, Brown, Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties in Ohio. In recent years, many who live inside the city limits have begun to move outward to Cincinnati's growing suburbs.

## Population

The metropolitan Cincinnati population is 2,130,151. When combined with Dayton, the Cincinnati-Dayton metroplex becomes the **14th largest urban area in the United States** and home to 3.3 million people.

## Economy

Diverse and strong. Greater Cincinnati is the headquarters city for various national and international companies such as: American Financial Corporation, Duke Energy, The Kroger Company, Omnicare, Cincinnati Milacron, Procter & Gamble Company, Western-Southern Insurance, and more. The city is a world leader in production of machine tools, playing cards, soaps and detergents. It figures prominently in the production of building materials, cans, chemicals, clothing, cosmetics, electronic equipment, jet engines and valves. **Cincinnati USA is home to nine Fortune 500 companies and 2 Fortune 100 companies.**

## Springboro, OH

**Springboro**, officially known as **The City of Springboro** is an affluent suburb of Cincinnati and Dayton, located in Warren and Montgomery counties in the U.S. state of Ohio. It is in Warren County's Clear creek and Franklin Townships and Montgomery County's Miami Township. The city is part of the Miami Valley. As of the 2010 census, the city had a population of 17,409 and the city is part of a greater metropolitan population of over 3 million.

**Springboro is located in the geographic center of the Cincinnati-Dayton**

**Metroplex.** Most of the city is located in Warren County, and is part of the Cincinnati–Middletown Metropolitan Statistical Area. The far northern portion is in Montgomery County, the central county of the Dayton Metropolitan Statistical Area. The city has one school district with one high school, Springboro High School. In 2011, Springboro was ranked the 42nd best place to live in America by *Money* magazine, and in 2014 Springboro was ranked the 10th best suburb in America by *Business Insider*.

Beginning in the late 1990s, Springboro's population began a boom that would redefine the city. Fueled by the growth of the Dayton Area, Springboro transformed from a sleeping town along I-75 into a real estate hotspot and arguably the most desirable area in the Miami Valley. **Growth in Springboro led to a new highway exit being created at I-75 & Austin Boulevard** and the construction of 3 new schools in the 2000s. Today, Springboro is one of the most important suburbs in the Cincinnati-Dayton metro area due to its stronghold on the growth between the two major cities.





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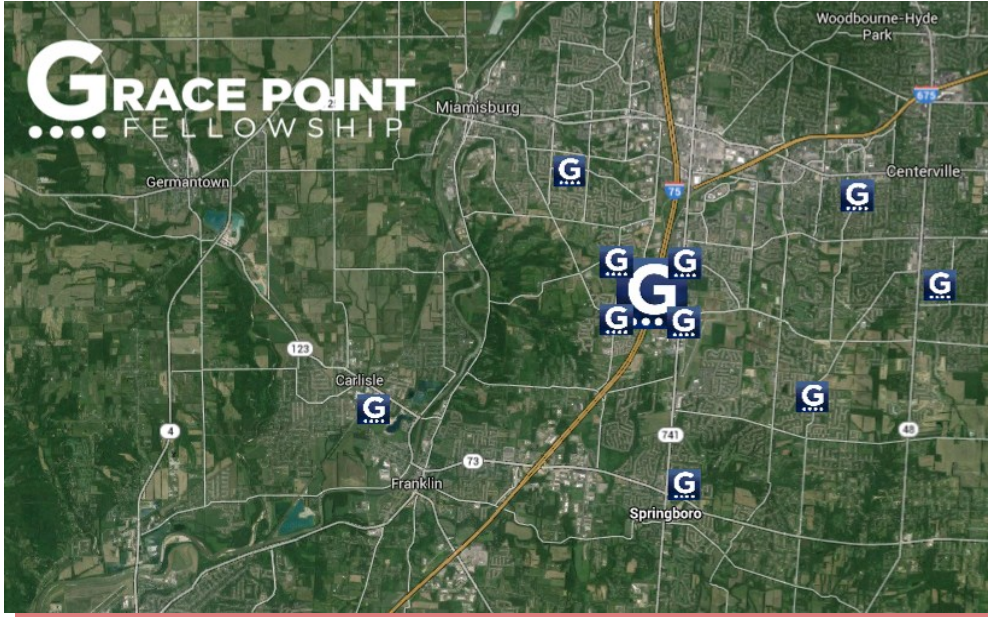
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**THROUGH FAITH,**  
AND THAT **NOT OF YOURSELVES;**  
**IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.**

EPHESIANS 2:8

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# Our Dream For Cincinnati



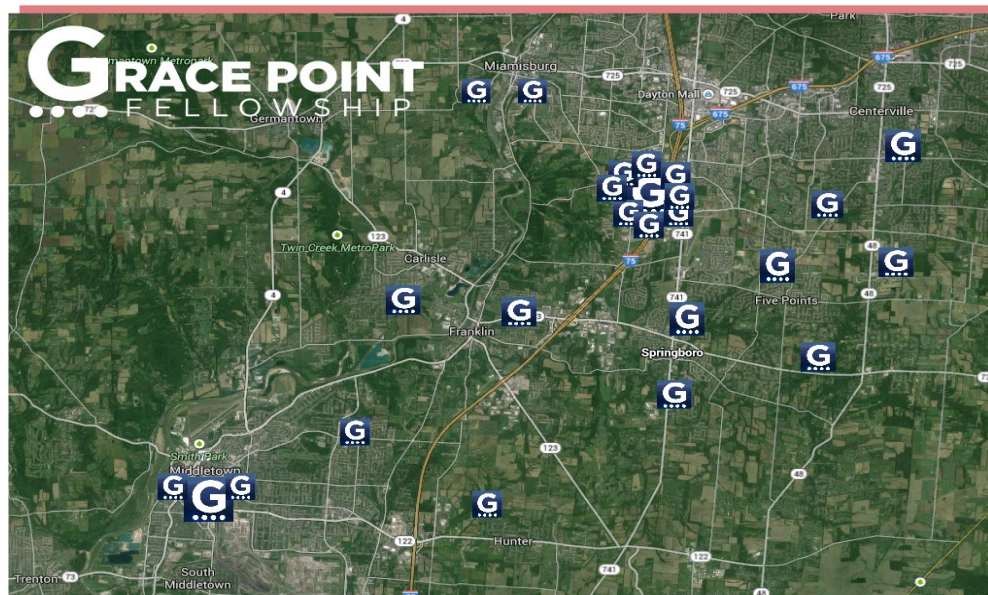
## YEAR 1

- To enlist, find, and bring with us **30-40 families** who would be able to start as our core group of leaders. We do not believe in doing this alone! We desire to find others who are passionate about reaching the lost that would be willing to serve with us.
- Our goal would be to spend the first **6-9 months meeting with this core team**, teaching them how to lead the ministries of the church, and most importantly, start Grace Groups.

- In months 6-12, we desire to start **8-10 adult Grace Groups** that will meet on Sunday morning, in homes during the week, or in workplaces. **We would also like to launch a weekly gathering in a local school.** By year one, we hope that our Grace Groups and weekly worship look on the map something like this.
- From the start, give a minimum of **10% of all tithes and offerings given to Grace Point to missions.** **Pray for 40 baptisms in first year.**

## YEAR 2-4

- **Implement a leadership growth track** that allows us to disciple new believers to become passionate servants of Jesus. With new leadership, grow to **25 Grace Groups and a 2nd worship gathering.**
- **Begin process of purchasing land** and planning a permanent location for the worship gathering and NextGen space of Grace Point.
- Begin neighborhood by neighborhood canvassing and outreach strategy, and begin organizing yearly community events.
- **Begin to identify future church planters, and look toward starting a 2nd worship gathering location by year 5.**
- **Develop Next Gen Ministry (Grace Kids, etc.) & Acts 1:8 Missions Strategy.** Empower members to begin local, national, and international endeavors that engage the lost, empower the poor and equip the church!



## YEAR 5

- Build permanent hub/next gen/training location for Grace Point Fellowship of Springboro!
- Begin Grace Point Fellowship of \_\_\_\_\_. Work to plant a new worship gathering location at least every 5 years as leaders are ready. Develop a process by which each new worship gathering can become self-sustaining and autonomous in 5 years or less.
- **Be self-sustaining financially as a church in 5 years.**

# SENDING CHURCHES / PARTNERS

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## North American Mission Board:

The North American Mission Board exists to work with churches, associations and state conventions in mobilizing Southern Baptists as a missional force to impact North America with the gospel of Jesus Christ through evangelism and church planting. We accomplish that through Send North America, our national strategy for mobilizing churches to plant churches and mobilizing church planters and other missionaries to assist with those efforts.

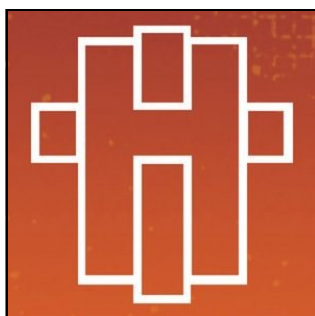
[www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net)



## Thompson Station Church, Thompson's Station, TN:

"Our vision is to be a prayer-powered, Spirit-led fellowship that worships God, shares the Good News of Christ, equips believers, and meets the needs of a growing community to change the world." We believe that God desires for Thompson Station Church to be His witnesses in all places, from our Jerusalem to our Judea to our Samaria and to the ends of the earth. If we neglect any of these areas, we fail to do our part as believers. These four categories, as defined by TSC are Jerusalem (Local), Judea (National), Samaria (International/Cross-Cultural), and Ends of the Earth (The Unreached).

[www.thompsonstationchurch.org](http://www.thompsonstationchurch.org)



## Hope Baptist Church, Las Vegas, NV:

At Hope, we have a very clear mission. We exist to *connect people to live the life of a Jesus follower*. Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship with Jesus Christ, which results in radical life change. Following Jesus is the heart of Christianity. But what is the life of a Jesus follower all about? Answer? Relationships. The life of a Jesus follower is all about relationships!

[www.hopechurchonline.com](http://www.hopechurchonline.com)



## Launch Training

LAUNCH helps local churches form area networks to identify, train, and send out new leaders. These cooperative efforts, called Hubs, consist of multiple churches committed to a holistic approach of leadership development. Our process is not built on cookie-cutter programs but rather on personal relationships, nurturing 12 Leadership Competencies in the church-planter. See how LAUNCH partners and planters are working together to multiply impact and transform communities at

[www.launchstrong.com](http://www.launchstrong.com).



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## Living Hope Church, Marysville, OH

The mission of Living Hope Church is... to extend God's family among our neighbors and around the world. We are proud to be a Southern Baptist Church but are more concerned with leading people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. [www.livinghopemarysville.com](http://www.livinghopemarysville.com)



# TIMELINE / SUPPORTING GRACE...

## Phase 1

### Fundraising/Assessment/Training- Spring/Summer 2015

- Finish responsibilities at Thompson Station Church
- Fundraise Grace Point's personnel, administrative, and ministry costs that will begin to be utilized August 2015 & include startup costs
- Complete Launch Training Assessment/M3 Cohort Training with Hope Baptist Church
- Begin Team Development and Vision Casting (April 2015)
- Sell home in Tennessee
- Move to Springboro, OH

## Phase 2

### Pre-Launch— Fall 2015— Summer 2016

- Begin Bi-Monthly Bible Studies/Grace Team Training in Ohio
- Continue to establish relationships within planting community as possible
- Begin 2-3 Grace Groups during the week
- Lead Grace Team Training weekly
- Secure location for worship gathering/preview services

## Phase 2 Continued...

- Add 2nd Pastor to the team
- Purchase all equipment (sound system, projector, screens, chairs, portable baptistry, childcare needs, GraceKids curriculum, etc.)
- Train 9 Grace Leadership Teams needed before Launch Date which include: Worship/AV Team, Preschool Team, Children's Team, Student Team, Setup/Usher Team, Follow-Up Team, 1st Impressions Team, Stewardship Team, Grace Group Team

## Phase 3

### Launch/First 3 Yrs— Begins Fall 2016



- Launch weekly Grace Point Fellowship public services to the community
- Begin giving to missions locally, nationally, globally
- Launch 10 Grace Groups with trained leadership in August
- Begin Growth Track for New Believers/Members at Grace Point to join Grace Team
- Sustain healthy giving levels from outside resources for years 2-5

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT GRACE POINT:

### PRAY

- **Specifically for 30-40 families** that God would raise up from the Cincy/Dayton area AND from all over the US as the Lord leads
- **For approx. \$150,000 per year of outside support for Grace Point for years 1-4 (August 2015-July 2018)**
- **For approx. \$200,000 in startup costs (A/V costs, chairs, small group supplies, childcare equipment, etc.) to be raised by Jan. 2016!**
- Pray for persons of peace (Luke 10). Pray that God would already prepare the hearts of those He is calling to receive Him and to be a part of the CORE Team of Grace Point!
- Pray for a movement to begin of Jesus followers willing to go to Cincinnati where there is a great need for more churches! Pray that this movement would be realized in our lifetime, and that the percentage of lostness would be impacted in this city!

### GO

- **Could God be calling you to move to Cincinnati?** There is a movement among the people of God today called BAM or "Business as Mission". God is calling people to move to cities that need new churches, getting jobs similar to the ones they have now so they can support new works! Ask Pastor Reagan how to partner with GracePoint in this way, or how to connect in another city with a new church start as God leads.
- **You can also go for a week or even weekend on a mission trip in the US!** Let me know if you'd like to go!

### ADVOCATE

- Would you be willing to allow Grace Point to share its vision at your church or in your Bible study? Willing to setup a lunch with someone who might be interested in knowing more? **Please contact Pastor Reagan by email at [reagan@thompsonstationchurch.org](mailto:reagan@thompsonstationchurch.org), or by cell phone at 615-403-3474!**

### GIVE

- **Pray about giving a one-time gift to help with startup costs for Grace Point, or make a monthly or yearly commitment to help support the ongoing ministry, personnel, and administrative costs needed to start Grace Point.** All funding for Grace Point Fellowship currently is in care of Thompson Station Church. You can even give online at [www.thompsonstationchurch.org](http://www.thompsonstationchurch.org)! Please email your commitment to [reagan@thompsonstationchurch.org](mailto:reagan@thompsonstationchurch.org), or send in the response card provided.

You can make a tax-deductible contribution through Thompson Station Church by sending checks made payable to Thompson Station Church addressed to:



**ATTN: Missions Ministry, Thompson Station Church,  
P.O. 218, Thompson's Station, TN 37179.**

**Please be sure to put in the memo: "Cincinnati Church Plant".**

As the sending church, Thompson Station Church will be accountable for all funding received for Grace Point Fellowship. Thank you for being willing to help reach those in Cincinnati that need Jesus!

**Thank you so much for your support of Grace Point Fellowship!**



