



ROOTED

DEEP ROOTS. LASTING FRUIT.



Grace & Peace Presbyterian





Live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him.

—Colossians 2:6-7

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A LETTER FROM TIM



“We are **rooted** in Christ
in a city longing for hope.”

—Tim

Dear Grace & Peace Family,

When the Apostle Paul tells the church to “continue to live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him” (Colossians 2:6–7), he reminds us that before we are ever called to bear fruit, we are first rooted in Christ—grounded in his grace and sustained by his faithfulness.

As I reflect on the past ten years at Grace & Peace, gratitude is the word that comes most readily to mind. God has been abundantly faithful.

He has gathered a worshiping community marked by grace, drawn people to faith, formed disciples, strengthened families, raised up leaders, and opened doors for ministry in the Poe Mill neighborhood. Along the way, he has entrusted us with something precious—not simply buildings or property, but people, relationships, opportunities, and a place within this community to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The question before us is not whether God has been generous. He has. The question is how we will steward what he has entrusted to us for the sake of those who come after us. That is the heart of ROOTED.

This campaign is not primarily about buildings, staff, or programs. It is about strengthening the long-term gospel presence of Grace & Peace. Together, we are seeking to deepen our roots in place, people, and mission so that our church can bear lasting fruit in Greenville for generations to come.

God has opened a unique window of opportunity before us. As our neighborhood grows and changes, we have the opportunity to secure a permanent home for ministry, strengthen the leadership needed to shepherd a growing congregation, and expand our capacity to serve our neighbors through mercy and church planting. These are not separate ambitions. They are all expressions of one calling: to faithfully steward what God has entrusted to us.

Most importantly, this campaign is more than a financial initiative. I hope you will receive it as an invitation to be further shaped in the likeness of Christ. Throughout Scripture, generosity is one of the ways God forms our hearts, teaching us to trust him more deeply and participate more fully in his kingdom. My prayer is not simply that we would reach a financial goal, but that this season would deepen our roots in Christ, increase our love for one another, and strengthen our witness in Greenville.

As you read through this booklet, I invite you to come, pray, consider, and commit. Ask the Lord how he might use this season to deepen your own roots in Christ as we seek, together, to bear lasting fruit for his glory.

Thank you for the countless ways you already serve, pray, and give. It is one of the great joys of my life to pastor this church. May God continue to deepen our roots so that, in his kindness, we might bear lasting fruit for generations to come.

Grace and peace,

Tim

HISTORY OF G&P



AUGUST 2016

70 core group members (with 70 kids!)

We launched G&P as a mission church of Downtown Presbyterian Church on August 28, 2016. Our first worship service was held at the Frazee Center in historic Hampton-Pinckney.



EASTER 2017

137 communing members

The first members of G&P were received.



FEBRUARY 2017

We held our first worship service on Buncombe Road on February 19th.



JUNE 2016

We closed on 1215 Buncombe Road and began renovations that continued until February of 2017. Renovations included painting, removing carpet, bringing bathrooms up to code, and remodeling the nursery.



NOVEMBER 2018

180 communing members

We particularized! We installed 5 ruling elders and Tim as lead pastor.



SUMMER 2019

We installed our first deacons in May 2019. And, Joe Dentici joined us as our first assistant pastor!



EASTER 2026

We launched our first church plant, Servant King Presbyterian, led by Joe Dentici along with **27 members** of G&P.

EARLY 2020

270 communing members

The Church Life Building opens just in time for the pandemic to hit. PMAC moves in and supports kids as e-learning reigns.



2019

We completely gutted and renovated the former Holmes Bible College dorm on our property, now known as the Church Life Building.



2025

Jacob Lee is hired in the Summer 2025 as Assistant Pastor.

2024

The Denticis are sent to plant in the Wade Hampton/Taylors corridor of Greenville.



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SEPTEMBER 2026

395 communing members

We launched ROOTED campaign.

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ROOTED: THE VISION & GOALS

**We are deepening our roots in place,
people, and mission so that
Grace & Peace can bear greater
fruit in Greenville for generations
to come.**

In the midst of a dehumanizing, distracting, and unstable culture, the presence of our worshipping community points to the dignity of all humans who are made in God's image, inviting them to come find rest in his gracious love. We are asking all of Grace & Peace to help us become more rooted and built up in this love by generously participating in this campaign to ensure a place of worship, welcome, and wonder continues to point our community to the grace of Jesus for decades to come.

1.

PRIMARY GOAL

100% PARTICIPATION

2.

SECONDARY GOAL

\$3.5 MILLION

from now through December 2028

- + **Securing and Improving Ministry Spaces**
- + **Strengthening Leadership Capacity**
- + **Mercy & Multiplication**



ROOTED: THE VISION

DEEP ROOTS IN PLACE

Lasting Fruit in Our Neighborhood

We are securing and improving the spaces where ministry happens.

The most crucial avenue to ensure future growth is firmly rooting ourselves in the place God has planted us. As our neighborhood rapidly develops, God has graciously opened two doors in the past year for us to purchase property that will enable us to ensure adequate parking, while giving room for ministry development and potential non-profit partnership. With this campaign, we are boldly declaring that we want to be rooted in this place, for its good.

SECURE PROPERTY	Your partnership will enable us to secure the property needed to bear lasting fruit. With an additional 13,000+ square feet of space, we will ensure the room necessary for growing ministries and other potential partnerships.
PROVIDE PARKING	Your partnership will provide the parking necessary to firmly root ourselves in this neighborhood for decades to come.
IMPROVE FACILITIES	Your partnership will enable renovation to new acquisitions while providing the resources for improvements to our current facilities. These improvements will help us to safely welcome all ages and abilities — especially older congregants, those with physical challenges, along with our youngest members in children's and nursery spaces.

These investments are not simply about acquiring property, adding parking, or improving facilities. They are about securing a lasting gospel presence in the neighborhood God has called us to serve. Through ROOTED, we are creating spaces where people can encounter the grace of Jesus, where ministry partnerships can flourish, and where future generations can be welcomed, disciplined, and sent out in mission. By investing in these spaces today, we are helping Grace & Peace bear greater fruit in Greenville for years to come.

MASTERPLAN

\$2.0M



1. MAINTAIN EXISTING STRIP MALL FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

- + Potential Future Ministries

2. SECURE ADEQUATE PARKING

- + Demo Building for Safety Reasons

3. NEW PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIP SPACE

- + Building Envelope Fix

4. ADD PARKING ADJACENT TO OUR PROPERTY

- + Regrading and Building a Stairwell to Current Property

5. PURCHASE GREEN SPACE

- + Love Feast

6. SANCTUARY BUILDING UPGRADES

- + Accessibility/Front Stairs (see render p. 12–13)
- + Essential Updates



The property team has been working on various options for improving access to our sanctuary, and safely navigating between floors inside. This rendering is a possible option for such an update, but final plans and options are still being weighed.

ROOTED: THE VISION

DEEP ROOTS IN PEOPLE

Lasting Fruit Through Faithful Shepherding

We are strengthening the leadership capacity needed for generations of growth in grace.

As Grace & Peace continues to grow, we want to ensure that every person is faithfully known, cared for, and discipled. Healthy growth requires healthy leadership. While pastors, staff, and volunteers often wear many hats during the early years of a church, growth requires greater leadership capacity, clearer systems, and more focused shepherding.

To care well for the people God has entrusted to us, we are investing in three critical areas:

PASTORAL & MINISTRY LEADERSHIP	Expanding our leadership capacity through strategic pastoral and ministry roles that strengthen discipleship, shepherding, and congregational care.
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT & MINISTRY INFRASTRUCTURE	Developing the systems and support necessary for a growing church, including additional staff and the refinement of existing staff responsibilities, allowing pastors and ministry leaders to devote more time to shepherding, discipleship, and care.
LAY LEADERSHIP	Strengthening and expanding lay leadership through the recruitment, training, and development of elders, deacons, deaconesses, and ministry leaders who serve the church through shepherding, mercy ministry, discipleship, and care.

These investments are not simply about adding positions. They are about building the leadership capacity necessary to sustain healthy growth, deepen discipleship, and multiply ministry for future generations. Through ROOTED, we are making a strategic investment in the people and structures that will help Grace & Peace bear greater fruit in Greenville for years to come.

ROOTED: THE VISION

DEEP ROOTS IN MISSION

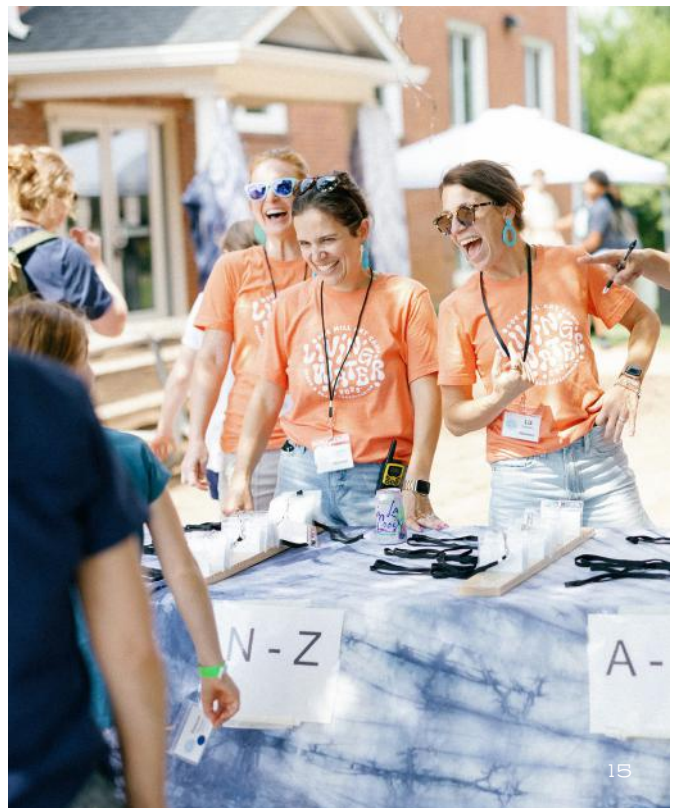
Lasting Fruit Through Mercy & Multiplication

We are producing lasting fruit through mercy and multiplication.

By securing our place and strengthening our leadership capacity, we are positioning Grace & Peace to bear even greater fruit in Greenville for generations to come. God has not rooted us in this neighborhood merely for our own growth, but so that we might be a blessing to our neighbors, our city, and beyond.

MERCY	<i>Extending the grace of Christ to our neighbors through partnerships and care.</i> Grace & Peace has long been committed to serving the vulnerable in our city through strategic partnerships with ministries and nonprofits that specialize in poverty alleviation, family support, education, and community development. This campaign will help ensure that our commitment to giving away 20% of our budget to our Poverty Alleviation Partners remains strong as we grow, while creating new opportunities to support mercy-focused ministries through expanded facilities and partnerships.
MULTIPLICATION	<i>Planting churches and expanding gospel presence.</i> Grace & Peace has always desired to remain small enough to be knowable while participating in the multiplication of gospel-centered churches throughout our city. This campaign will help position us to send members, leaders, and future church planters to establish new congregations that reach unchurched and dechurched people throughout Greenville and beyond.

These investments are not simply about sustaining existing ministries. They are about extending the reach of the gospel through mercy and multiplication. Through ROOTED, we are making a strategic investment in the mission God has given us, helping Grace & Peace bear greater fruit in Greenville for generations to come.



In Jesus' most famous sermon, he taught something very important about our hearts. He said, **"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"** (Matthew 6:21).

As Christians, we know that we are Jesus' treasure, and so he became poor, so that we through his poverty might share in the riches of his inheritance (2 Corinthians 8:9). Our treasure is there with him, safe and secure — an inheritance which is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" (1 Peter 1:4).

As citizens of Jesus' kingdom, we are called and set free to be profusely generous with these riches he has entrusted to us. And so, giving is not a moral checklist, but an act of our worship which proclaims our trust in his grip upon our lives, and his promise to give us all that we need. We invite you to give back to him through tithing and sacrificial giving, following in the way of Christ, who embodies the truth: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Ways to Give

+ INCOME-STREAM GIVING

Giving as you receive income—from your regular income, bonuses, and/or through your personal business—is a strategic way to ensure regular giving.

+ SACRIFICE

Changing your lifestyle and/or priorities can create additional resources for giving.

+ DELAYING EXPENSES

Postponing anticipated purchases can free resources for giving.

+ LIQUIDATE STORED RESOURCES

Stored assets such as savings, stocks, personal property, etc. can be liquidated and contributed toward ROOTED.

+ REDIRECT PRESENT EXPENSES

Often, families have significant short-term expenses for special needs that end during the campaign, and resources that were applied to that need become available for giving to the campaign. One example is the large expenditure a family incurs for childcare. If the child transitions out of needing childcare during the two years of ROOTED, the family may increase their commitment to the campaign by giving what they had been spending on childcare. Other examples include cash flow that is freed up when a child graduates college or a loan is paid off.

COMMITMENT CARD SAMPLE

We've included a copy of the commitment card so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God over these next two years. Please take time to think and pray through this.



ROOTED COMMITMENT

Intended giving between now and December 2028.
This amount is over and above your regular giving/tithe.

Gifts from my/our stored resources +
(savings, stock, property, possessions)

MY/OUR TOTAL ROOTED GOAL

Now through December 2028

We are asking you to submit your
ROOTED pledge on Sunday, October 11.

REACHING OUR GOAL

Dorothy Day once said,
"A Christian should live in such a way that doesn't make sense unless God exists."

What might it look like for us to give and to steward the resources God has given us that shows our confidence in his abundant provision? We hope each of you will take considerable time to pray for God's guidance in giving sacrificially to the ROOTED campaign. Together we can reach, and even surpass, our goal. This chart may be helpful in giving a sense of what is needed for us to get there.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT AMOUNT
1	\$750,000
1	\$500,000
1	\$250,000
2	\$100,000
4	\$75,000
5	\$50,000
7	\$35,000
8	\$25,000
9	\$20,000
12	\$15,000
14	\$10,000
16	\$7,500
18	\$5,000
20	\$2,500
22	\$1,000
Many	\$500
Total Gift Goal: \$3,500,000	

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FAQS

How long is the campaign?	From now through December 2028. The campaign will span three tax years and allow you to spread your financial impact over a longer period of time.
Should I redirect my current giving to the ROOTED campaign?	No, we are asking all those who attend G&P to continue their current giving but to consider how you might give above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to help us root ourselves more deeply in the love of God and this neighborhood for the years to come. The ROOTED campaign shouldn't affect your existing giving patterns.
What if I'm new? What if I'm not a member?	We are so glad that you have chosen G&P as your church home. Our hope is that all who attend our church will be a part of the ROOTED campaign.
What if I can't afford to give right now?	Even in times of scarcity, God wants our hearts. The widow who gave her last mite did not make a very big financial contribution, but Jesus said she gave the largest gift of all. ROOTED is about all of us coming together, giving generously, and trusting God to do the rest.
What happens if we exceed—or fall short of—the financial goal?	The leadership of G&P has prayerfully set the financial goal for the campaign to \$3.5 million. Within that goal, there are some projects that are higher priority than others. If we don't reach our goal, the session will assess those priorities and pursue those that we feel God is calling us to. If we exceed our goal, we would be thrilled to have more flexibility on completing projects early or to a higher level than we anticipated.
How will the funds raised during ROOTED be spent?	G&P's elders and finance team have been working on creating a masterplan and determining the project scope that meets the needs of the church. In addition to that, a budget has been established for the ROOTED campaign and we will spend funds as they are given in accordance with that budget.
Who will occupy these new buildings?	We don't have a concrete plan for who or what will occupy some of our new properties on Buncombe Road. We want to be open to where the Lord leads us as we search for tenants for these new spaces. We would love to partner with non-profit organizations in Greenville who we have a prior relationship with or who are in need of space.
What happens if I'm unable to meet my pledge?	We acknowledge that things may happen in God's providence to make it difficult to fulfill your pledge. We are asking you to make your commitment as boldly as you can while still having some level of certainty that you can follow through on it. Our hope is that this commitment will stretch you spiritually and financially. If we are more deeply rooted in God's love for us and growing in his grace, the primary goal of the campaign has been achieved.

HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

We would love to talk with you and help you determine how you might commit to being a part of the ROOTED campaign. Email us at rooted@graceandpeacepres.com

NEXT STEPS



PRAY

- + Ask God how he might be leading you (and your family) to be a part of this campaign.
- + Pray that through this season God might reveal his will for you and root you more deeply in his love.
- + Pray for our church — that this season would deepen our roots in Christ, increase our love for one another, and strengthen our witness in Greenville.

COMMIT

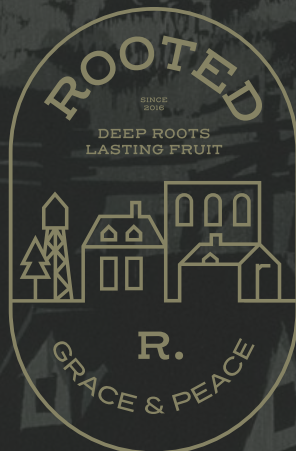
- + Make a pledge to the ROOTED campaign that is sacrificial and trusting in God's provision for all that you have.
- + If we are ROOTED in God's love, then all that we have is a gift from God and can be held loosely in light of that reality.

ROOT YOURSELF

- + Continue to root yourself in the love of God and in our neighborhood by participating in the life of the church through **worship, welcome, and wonder**.

An aerial photograph of Greenville, South Carolina, showing a mix of urban development, green spaces, and a river. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

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