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... with a church that has a global focus. God's heart not only beats for people in the eastern suburbs of Columbus, but also for people in urban Columbus, the pygmy people of Central African Republic, college students in London, and villages in southern Ukraine. We want to be a church that is always asking, "What is God doing globally and how can we be part of it?" We do this through...

Global missions  
Church plant – the quest  
Short-term missions trips  
Missions construction projects  
Church planting strategy team

# East Side Grace Brethren Church

Meeting  
people where they are



*Welcome* to East Side Grace Brethren Church. This booklet is designed to help you know a little more about our church than you did before today. Below, is an outline of what we will cover today.

***Part 1***

How to get connected at East Side GBC

***Part 2***

Our History

***Part 3***

Our Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

***Part 4***

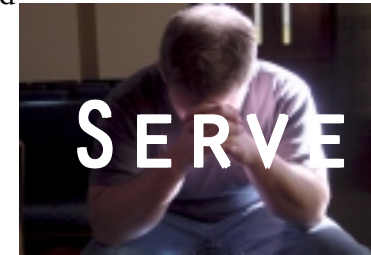
Our Mission and Strategy

- Come & See
- Come & **Belong**
- Come & **Grow**
- Come & **Serve**
- Come & **Reach Out**



*East Side Strategy*

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Come and Serve others the way Jesus did. Jesus wants us to pick up where he left off and he gives us the gifts and talents to do so. We want our church to be known as a church that serves people joyfully; a church that gives more than it receives. We serve through...

- Elders
- Trustees
- Office Staff
- Inside Track
- Pastoral Staff
- 24/7 Prayer Team
- Maintenance Staff
- Ministries of Mercy
- Finance Committee
- Home Group Leaders
- Missions Commission
- Leadership/Elder Training
- Worship and Music Ministry

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1 Peter 2:2

... with people who are passionate to know God. The greatest thing a person can enjoy is a growing relationship with his or her Creator. We were made to know God. We want our church to be a place where people thrive on prayer, worship, and the Bible since it is through these things that we see the wonder of who God is. Come and Grow through...

- Worship
- First Place
- Home Groups
- Children's Church
- Adult Bible Classes
- Grace Brethren Boys
- Children's Sunday School
- Special Speakers/Conferences
- "Living Proof" on Sunday mornings
- Winter Celebration and Bible Conference

## How do I get connected at East Side?

Part 1



It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...



Step 1

### Attend a Welcome to East Side lunch

*These lunches are held four times a year. They are an opportunity to meet other new people and our church staff. They will also give you a better understanding of our church and its ministry.*



Step 2

### Participate in our Connection Track

**ALPHA** *A ten-week course on the basics of the Christian faith. Includes dinner each week.*

**Philippians** *A ten-week course about grace. Includes dinner each week.*

**Ministry and Mission** *A Sunday morning class to introduce you to the way we do ministry.*



Step 3

### Join a Home Group

*A home group consists of 10-15 people who meet together for prayer, Bible study, and ministry. A home group is the way to make a large church personal.*

Part 2

# Where did East Side come from?

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*Ten people from the eastern suburbs of Columbus were attending the Grace Brethren Church in Worthington. They dreamed of planting a church on the east side of the metro area. This group consisted of: John and Mille Embaugh, Gary and Vera Legue, Dan and Miza Lister, Kent and Joan Commons, and Dick and Barb Wood.*

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*The first worship service of the church was on September 5, 1971. The service was held in the basement of the home of John and Mille Embaugh. About 80 people attended. The opening prayer and Scripture reading were done by Tom Embaugh, John's brother, who became the church's first missionary. The church's first pastor was Bob Combs.*

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*The church quickly outgrew the Embaugh home. East Side found a worship facility at a Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Eastmoor area. Growth continued under the leadership of Pastor Dick Sellers and attendance grew to 200 people. East Side moved into its own facility in 1977. The facility has had major additions in 1980 and 1996-1997.*

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Acts 2:42

... to a group of people striving to be authentic with each other. We want to be a church where friendships are real and lasting; where people stand with each other in good times and bad. Come and Belong through...

- Sports
- ALPHA
- Worship
- First Place
- Home Groups
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Ministries of Mercy
- Worship and Music Ministry

## How does our strategy work?

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John 3:16

... what Jesus and his church are about. We have found that knowing Jesus is the most meaningful quest a person can engage. We want to be a church that invites its community to join us in knowing God. And, we want to be a church whose community is glad we are part of it. Some of our Come and See events are...

- Sports
- ALPHA
- Friend Day
- Fall Festival
- Jazz Weekend
- Voting Precinct
- Cookie Giveaway
- Community Picnic
- Youth "Living Proof" events
- Small Group outreach events
- Ministry of Grace Christian School

## Where did East Side come from?

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*From its inception, East Side has been committed to the Bible as God's word to us. From our very first worship service, the Bible has been central to our worship and church life. East Side has also been committed to missions from her beginning. From our first missionaries who served in Indonesia, we now support missionaries in England, Central African Republic, Argentina, Turkey, Ukraine, Macedonia, and in the United States. We planted a new church in the Short North area of Columbus in 2000.*

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*We believe our best days are ahead of us. A new generation of Christians is emerging in our church who, like the founders of our church, desire to see God honored in the ministry of our church. We are in the process of strategizing for a second Columbus church plant. Our dream is to see more churches planted in our metro area. We also dream of sending out missionaries who were raised up to be leaders in our church. Our desire is to see churches multiplied in Columbus and in other parts of the world.*

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Part 3

# What is a Grace Brethren church?

Below is a list of the major organizations of our group of churches...

Grace College and Seminary is located in Winona Lake, Indiana. Grace College is a Christian liberal arts college. Grace Seminary is a graduate school of theology.

Grace Brethren International Mission is the global church planning agency for our churches. There are currently 130 missionaries working in 14 countries throughout the world, not including the United States and Canada.

Grace Brethren North American Mission is the church planting agency in the United States and Canada. GBNAM also ministers to Native Americans in New Mexico.

Grace Brethren Investment Foundation provides loans to Grace Brethren churches. The Foundation also offers investment deposit accounts from which the loans are made.

Grace Village Retirement Community is a retirement facility located in Winona Lake, Indiana.

CE National assists our Grace Brethren churches in their ministries to children, youth, and senior adults. CE National sponsors many ministries including National Youth Conference and Operation Barnabas, both of which are summer ministry opportunities for teenagers.

Internationals USA assists churches in reaching international students attending American universities.

Part 4

# Where does East Side want to go and how will she get there?

**Our mission:** To meet people where they are and move them to be fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

<i>What</i>	<i>How</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Why</i>
<b>Come &amp; See</b>	Contact with God's people	Community	Salvation John 3:16
<b>Come &amp; Belong</b>	Involvement in a home group	Believers	Experience Biblical Community Acts 2:42
<b>Come &amp; Grow</b>	Growing spiritually	People committed to ESGBC	Passion for the Bible, prayer, and worship 1 Peter 2:2
<b>Come &amp; Serve</b>	Involved in Ministry	Ministry servants	Exercising spiritual gifts 1 Peter 4:10
<b>Come &amp; Reach Out</b>	Committed to mission	Mature believers	Life's goals in harmony with God's purposes Matthew 28:19-20