

GraceLife Baptist Church Church Profile

GraceLife Baptist Church formerly existed in downtown Christiansburg, Virginia as Main Street Baptist Church which was founded in 1907. The church relocated to a 48-acre campus in 2011 centrally positioned in the New River Valley between the growing communities of Christiansburg, Blacksburg and Radford. The church has experienced steady growth through the years and now has a total membership of over 1,200 and averages 500-550 in weekly Sunday morning attendance.

There are currently two full-time staff positions open: Associate Pastor and Worship/Music Pastor. In addition, 3 full-time staff ministers are in place. Their tenure ranges are: Youth Pastor, 8 years; Children's Pastor, 15 years; Senior Pastor, 20 yrs.

Ongoing ministries include: Awana; Upward Basketball; Children, Student and Adult Life Groups; Prayer Groups; Student and Adult Praise Bands; Age-graded and Adult Choirs; Men's and Women's Ministries; Local, National and International Mission Projects. One of our fastest growing ministry areas in recent years has been young families. We are developing ongoing ministries with children and students in which we seek to minister to the entire family at large.

Our church family is multi-generational with a balanced demographic in age from children through senior adults. The age demographic breakdown of active members is as follows: 11 and under (20%); 12-18 (11.5%); 19-29 (13.5%); 30-39 (10%); 40-49 (12%); 50-59 (14%); 60-69 (11%); 70 and higher (8%). Our unique location situated amidst three college campuses, coupled with ample professional opportunities, contribute to our diverse congregation.

Our worship service style is typically blended/contemporary. However, we enjoy occasional bluegrass, gospel and other varieties of music. Our trend in worship has been toward a greater mix of contemporary praise/worship along with new arrangements of traditional favorites.

Our ministry philosophy is that, with Christ as our Chief-Shepherd, we are Pastor-led while using committees and teams to facilitate various activities. Committees are comprised of church members and utilize lay leadership under the guidance of the responsible pastor. Deacons are servant leaders in the church under the model of Acts 6.

GraceLife is striving to cultivate a missional heart and mindset, complimented by a worship style that embraces its multi-generational congregation and ministers to a wide range of people. We endeavor to strive toward making faithful disciples,

maintain core Biblical values, and fulfill our ultimate mission of connecting others to Jesus Christ as we work towards lasting life-transformation and God-honoring service. We are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the SBC of Virginia.