



Putting Down Roots

Movement Church is in Hilliard, Ohio, and has been led by Lead Pastor Mark Artrip, since its launch at a local dance studio in March of 2013. Within the 1st year, the congregation quickly outgrew the dance studio, leading to the move to a local YMCA in February of 2014 where they spent the next nine years.

By March 2020, Movement Church was ready for the next phase of ministry as the church family looked to establish permanent roots in the Hilliard community with the construction of a new church home across from the local schools. Following an extended period of waiting, Movement Church hosted its groundbreaking at the construction site

While the church has just recently moved in across from the local schools, the heart of the church for those students and teachers is not new. The location was selected intentionally to minister to the surrounding communities. The deliberate choice of the church location is already paying off, whether it is through a Christmas store for underprivileged students, opening the church to the schools for meetings, or Movement Church small groups providing gifts of encouragement to the teachers.


Besides ministering in Hilliard, this one-time church plant remains passionate about impacting the next community through a Charis

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on November 20, 2022. By January 2024, the Movement Church family had the joyous opportunity to participate in the first service at the newly built church home. Pastor Mark described the morning as joyful and emotional saying, “It was a great day of celebration, tons of smiles, and just a great affirmation that God is moving, and we are in step.”

The completion of the church created opportunities for people to minister to their community. Pastor Mark explained, “We have volunteers who have been freed from the weekly grind of setup and teardown and they can now focus on outreach events and felt needs.”

church. Thanks to the Lord’s blessing, Movement Church was instrumental in the ministries of Three Creeks Church (Gahanna, OH) and Contrast Church (Columbus, OH). In the coming months, these churches look forward to supporting another generation of church planters in Sunbury, OH in 2025.

Please join the Movement Church family in praying for God’s provision in the next year, as they look to grow in the Hilliard community and prepare to minister to the Sunbury community in the months to come. 



Please use the QR code to learn more about Movement Church. If you are interested in learning about the development of the church plant in Sunbury, visit their website at www.brightcitysunbury.com.



Refreshed at Marysville

Marysville Grace Church in Marysville, Ohio, has been led by Church Planter and Lead Pastor Clancy Cruise for the past 22 years. The church celebrated the beginning of its next chapter in January when Jeremy Bury was commissioned to continue the church's story. Although he will be new to the role of Lead Pastor, Jeremy has served the church in a variety of roles in preparation for this opportunity.

When the church building was constructed, it was located north of the city of Marysville. In recent years, the city has become a neighbor to the church as a community of more than 600 homes is being constructed across the street. This is an opportunity that the church has been eagerly awaiting and is intentionally pursuing.

Recently, this has included a refresh of the facilities. Over the course of 2023, the church completed a variety of interior projects to ensure that the space was prepared for the church family to welcome these new neighbors, including new paint, flooring, lighting, and updates to the kitchen and restrooms. Beyond the walls of the church, Marysville Grace Church is pursuing improvements to its property to encourage the public to use the space, including paved walking paths and pickle-

ball courts. All these steps are centered around the end goal of loving the people of the Marysville community, especially those who will be moving into the homes across the street.

Pastor Jeremy commented, "Our opportunity is people. The county is continuing to grow, and the growth corridors are right next to our church. It was always talked about that this property would be great because eventually the community would be our literal neighbors and now, we are seeing that come to be. Our key ministry opportunity will be 600+ new next-door neighbors! The refresh provided an update to our current physical space to recharge us for the next season of outreach and ministry. As the community moves to us, we want our church property to be a place that is representative of who we are: salt and light. A place that has a contrast to the world that is increasingly full of turmoil and anxiety. A place that reflects who we are as followers of Jesus. Pray that we will continue to have workers for the harvest and that we will as individuals in the body of Christ take the next step of serving and sacrifice."



To keep up with the latest updates from Marysville Grace Church, scan the QR code to see their Facebook page and join them in prayer for this upcoming season of ministry.

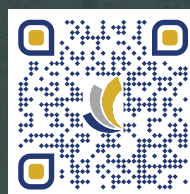


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Ministry Contributions Update

For 2023, Grace Financial continues its longstanding track record of contributions to numerous ministries within the Charis Fellowship. With a successful audit recently completed, and 2023 year-end results finalized, the Board has approved goodwill contributions totaling \$368,400. The majority of these contributions are given to ministries that focus on church planting and leadership development.



"Stewardship is a key value in our organization, and it is this foundation that helps make these goodwill contributions possible," says Ryan Bowell, President and CEO. "God is incredibly gracious to our ministry, and it is with great joy that we have the privilege of giving back to the Charis Fellowship through our contributions. Our prayer is that these funds will empower the people of the Charis Fellowship to continue sharing the gospel in life-changing ways."