



Grace Church Medina East Campus



Grace Church Akron East Campus

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Grace Church: Growing a Forest of Churches in Ohio

Grace Church has served the Akron community since 1960, with Senior Pastor Jeff Bogue leading since 2000. In 2012, the church unveiled its vision to plant 30 churches in 30 years.

Today, Grace Church reaches the Akron community through six campuses and has extended its ministry to South Carolina and Georgia. Among these, Akron East and Medina East have recently wrapped up significant expansions to further their ministry to the communities in and around Akron.



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The Medina East Campus, led by Pastor Tony Livigni, has experienced immense growth since becoming a Grace Church campus in 2012. The campus began with a few hundred people from the Bath campus who were sent with a vision to reach Medina and eventually plant a new campus in the surrounding area. With growth from 300 to nearly 1,500 people, the church launched the 'It's Go Time' campaign in 2022, resulting in 19,000 square

feet of additional space. The campaign aimed to expand the church's ministry to future generations by investing in children's spaces, including the addition of a gym, indoor playground, kid's classrooms, and youth ministry areas.

Grace Church of Akron views its mission as growing a forest of churches, rather than a single giant oak with Medina East sharing this passion for church planting. Beyond its local ministry, Medina East has actively engaged in outreach efforts in nearby Brunswick, aiming to establish a church plant someday.

Led by Pastor Ryan Rodeman, the Akron East Campus has followed a path similar to the Medina East Campus, where growth took off after a local congregation joined the Grace Church of Akron family. Akron East became part of the Grace Church family in 2016, when Ellet Grace Brethren Church chose to join Grace Church of Akron, expanding the church's reach and impact in the Akron area.

Pastor Ryan emphasized that the past eight years have been marked by God's provision through key church partnerships. The campus initially met at a local high school until they lost the space during COVID. God provided once again when they were able to merge with Crossview Church, offering their building to the combined ministry. Within two years, the congregation outgrew the space, and God provided a new location through a partnership with Arlington Baptist

Church, which was renovated through Grace Church's "Here to There" campaign.

God's ongoing provision has shaped the campus's journey, enabling the launch of new ministries including support for foster families, neighborhood outreach, and a 12-step program. The fruit of God's work at this campus has been evident with over 50 baptisms this year. Looking ahead, Pastor Ryan shares his vision for the campus to become a hub for launching church plants throughout East Akron. Having witnessed God's provision as these churches came together, Grace Akron is excited to see how He will use this campus to further His kingdom by planting new churches in the community.



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To learn more about Grace Church Akron and join them in prayer for this exciting season of ministry, scan the QR code at left



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Three Creeks Church Ministers at *The Well*

Since its launch in December 2018 under the leadership of Pastor Joel Trainer, Three Creeks Church in Gahanna, Ohio, has functioned as a nomad without a home. Initially gathering at a local elementary school, the church has moved through various locations including parks, libraries, other churches, and homes.

In 2022, the church introduced the idea of “The Well,” a space dedicated to local ministry throughout the week, embodying the church’s vision for Gahanna. Drawing inspiration from John 4, where Jesus met a woman at a well, the church envisions creating similar unexpected opportunities for the Gahanna community to meet Jesus. The Well is a space where needs are met, offering opportunities to share the message of Jesus in a meaningful, personal way—just as He did with the woman at the well.

The church found its home in a former law office in downtown Gahanna earlier this year.

Three Creeks’ first event at The Well was an Open House Prayer Night, where members wrote prayers on the walls, dedicating the space to advancing the gospel and serving the Gahanna community. In the weeks that followed, the church served together to transform the space through church workdays, completing much of the renovation as a community.

This fall, The Well will offer new ministry opportunities, including English as a Second Language classes, youth activities, and intentional community-building efforts. These ministries will build on growth already seen in 2024, exemplified through recent baptisms and a recent shift to two services.

Three Creeks Church’s heart for community shines through its partnership with My Village Ministries, offering tangible support to at-risk families by providing temporary homes, coaching and resourcing during difficult times. Over the past year, church

members have provided more than 300 nights of foster-like care to children, helping families navigate challenging times.

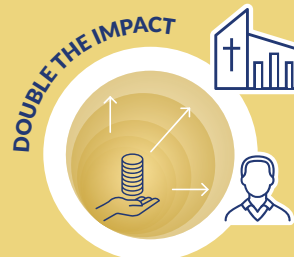


We invite you to join the Three Creeks Church family in the mission to minister to the Gahanna community through prayer. To learn more about their ongoing ministry and ways to get involved, simply scan the QR code at left.



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