

# Elder Consideration

Denver Sweazy

I was born overseas in West Germany while my father was in the US Army. When I was still an infant, we returned to my grandparents' small farm just outside of Omaha, Nebraska where my father was raised. I was raised in a Christian home with parents, grandparents, and extended family, that were Godly examples of servant ministry in Baptist and Evangelical churches.

I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior when I was 9 years old living in Omaha, NE after one evening's church service with my teacher. I knew I needed Jesus to save me from my sin, and my teacher's words took root in a choice of being with Him forever in Heaven or to be alone forever without Him. I prayed that night and asked God to save me.

Shortly after I completed my B.S. in Computer Science and Mathematics at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, God sent Sarah to me. We met and married in my grandparents' church, and after 10 years — in 2013 — God decided we were too comfortable where we were at. He led us to a new job and life here in Kansas. I work as a project manager for Cargill in downtown Wichita. Sarah and I have been married for 18 years, and we have 5 children who know the Lord and are all attending Berean Academy. Our children are Connor (16), Nolan (14), Ryland (8), Addie (7), and Brennen (5).

As a family we enjoy serving others through sincere acts of care. Both here at Grace and our prior two churches, we have served in various service ministries, children's ministries, AWANA, and music worship. We especially like making food for others or just to enjoy food with other families who come over to visit. Currently I have been serving at Grace through Small Group (leading), Children's Sunday school (teaching), Fall Family Focus Marriage Council, Men's Ministry Council, and help on the Care team.

Sarah and I believe that regardless of our circumstances or outcomes, our responsibility to God is our trust and obedience. We look to God and His Word to guide us, and we are grateful to be part of such a healthy, church family and joyful place. I would be glad to serve as an Elder.

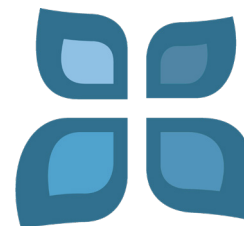


# Grace Community

November 21, 2021



**Grace Community Church exists to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.**



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## Welcome to Grace

We are so glad you're joining us this morning!

We have a strong desire to know and experience God's love. It is His love for us which, in turn, inspires us to love God, love people, and lead others to do the same.

If you're a guest with us, we would love to hear from you! Go to [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) and click the blue button that says *Connect With Us* and tell us how we can serve you or pray for you. We would love to have you join us every Sunday at 9:00 or 10:45am!

If you have any questions or want more information about who we are and what we do, please take some time to browse our website at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org), or visit our friendly volunteers at the Connection Desk in the foyer.

## Connect With Us



Want to know what opportunities the men's ministry offers for connection? Want to know when the next baptism prep class is happening? Have other questions? Our church website - [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org) - is your number 1 spot to look for more information about ministries and events here at Grace.

**Next step:** Check out our website at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org).

## Next Steps with Grace



**December 12 | 9:00 & 10:45am | Worship Center**

We will hold a confirmation vote for Denver Sweazy on Sunday, December 12 during both services. Denver is our current candidate for the Board of Elders. Non-members are encouraged to submit a ballot, but will not be included in the final tally. You will be able to vote December 12 during services or online at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org).

**Your next step:** Prayerfully consider and plan to vote!

## Giving to the LORD at Grace

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's generosity and provision for us. You can give at [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org), in the Church Center app, or at one of the baskets by the exits of the Worship Center.

### Statistics from November 14

Worship Attendance: 566  
Peak Online Attendance: 44  
General Offering: \$13,800

### Fiscal year as of September 30

Income: \$733,019  
Expenses: \$662,919  
Budget: \$760,293

## Life at Grace



**November 25 | 11:30 - 1:30pm | Activity Center**

We are glad to partner with other local churches for the 26th Annual Community Thanksgiving meal! Taking part in this event is a tangible way for us to love the people around us. We are excited about this opportunity to meet physical needs, while also ministering to the spiritually hungry people in our community.

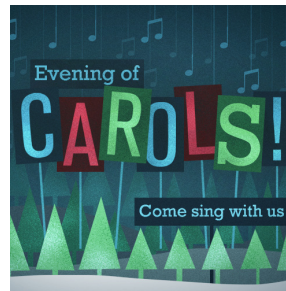
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**December 5 | Return to Connection Desk**

We want to hear from you, the body, as we progress with selecting the elders who will shepherd our church. At the Connection Desk you will find a brief biography and evaluation form for Denver Sweazy, our current elder candidate.

**Your next step:** If you know Denver, please fill out the evaluation form and return to the Connection Desk by Sunday, December 5.



**December 19 | 4:00pm | Activity Center**

Whether you can carry a tune or you simply make a joyful noise to the Lord, this is a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with others while spreading Christmas cheer. This is a family-friendly event for everyone to enjoy, so load up your car and bring everyone along!

**Your next step:** Sign up at [gcc-online.org/upcoming-events](http://gcc-online.org/upcoming-events).



**December 22 - 28 | New Hope Shelter, Inc**

We are looking for volunteers to help serve during evening meal time. We'd love to have you!

Contact Jeff Reimer for details: [jreimer@gmail.com](mailto:jreimer@gmail.com).  
Phone: 316-217-5009

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## For More Information

There are many opportunities for you to get connected and involved here at Grace! For more details, take some time to browse [gcc-online.org](http://gcc-online.org). We especially recommend checking out the **Upcoming Events** page!