

# Greenville Community Church

## Greenville, MI

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Greenville Community Church (GCC) is prayerfully seeking its next Senior Pastor. Interested candidates are encouraged to explore and review all that Greenville Community Church is now and what we are anticipating for God to do through our church in the next 3 – 5 years.

### Overview

Greenville Community Church is in the Wesleyan denomination and has a thriving congregation with an average weekly attendance of 590. Our church was founded as a church plant by Dr. Wayne Otto back in September of 1994. The church started in the basement of a local home in the community and the first worship service had 15 people in attendance. Within four years, the church had grown to 140 people. With the donation of 75 acres of farmland from a local farmer, the church began construction on a permanent place of worship. Greenville Community Church grew in numbers, saw many lives changed through the years, and was projected to have an average weekly attendance of 700 by 2020. Pastor Bryan Savage was our most recent pastor and with God's help, we have experienced growth once again with new families coming back to church each week post COVID-19.

We have added a second church campus that is fully integrated into our mission and vision. Crystal Lake Community Church is led by its campus pastor, Pastor Scott McNett, and many dedicated volunteers.

The congregation of Greenville Community Church has always followed the teachings of God in tithing. Over the past three years, the church has given more than \$60,000 for missions and paid off more than \$600,000 in property debt, putting GCC on a path to be debt-free.

Greenville Community Church is fueled by the mission statement: “**Building Hope, Changing Lives.**” GCC is not a church that needs “fixing”, rather it is poised to go to the next level and desires to call a Senior Pastor who will inspire and mobilize the church to achieve even greater effectiveness in the future.

### Staff

A key factor in the impressive level of congregational satisfaction and health is credited to the talented and dedicated staff. There is a warm camaraderie and commitment to the ministry by the staff team. While this team brings a strong level of experience, they are also eager to welcome a leader who will bring new ideas. This team has proven to be responsive when the Senior Pastor assesses current reality with fresh eyes and casts a vision for the season ahead. There is a tremendous opportunity for the incoming Senior Pastor to capitalize on this strong pool of leaders to engage their talent and faithfully serve God's people at GCC and beyond.

The staff consists of six full-time leaders. They are Scott McNett, Campus Pastor at Crystal

Lake Church; Alee Lafferty, Executive Assistant; Sarah DeVries, Children's Ministry Director; Nick VanRiper, Student Ministry Director; Lauren Magnuson, Worship Director. They are supported in ministry by a part-time Finance Director, Aimee Davis, in addition to many gifted and talented volunteers. The incoming leader will be able to lead a talented team as a shepherd of a faithful and generous community of believers.

## **Ministries**

### **Worship and Creative Arts** – Led by Lauren Magnuson

The Worship and Creative Arts team uses their talents, passion, compassion, and zeal to create an atmosphere where God can build hope and change lives. GCC offers a creative, diverse, and impactful worship experience – including live and online services each week. The team consistently seeks to honor Jesus and draw participants into the presence of God through excellent worship and engaging media.

### **Kids Ministry** – Led by Sarah DeVries

GCC Kids is designed for kids from birth through 5th grade. Our goal is that every child, parent, and family experiences God, freedom, and life through biblical teaching, invested leaders, fun experiences, parent/family partnerships, and safe environments.

### **Student Ministry** – Led by Nick Van Riper

TRIBE is our student ministry for 6th-12th grade students. TRIBE provides a place for students to belong to something bigger than themselves where they will serve their community, learn to be more like Christ, and have fun playing games and making memories.

### **Frontline Ministry**

Frontline Ministry is made up of volunteers who love to serve others. This team is responsible for greeting every person who comes into Greenville Community Church, answering any questions, and pointing people in the right direction. Frontline Ministry consists of greeters, ushers, café servers, church security, and Welcome Center volunteers.

### **Love Your Neighbor**

Love Your Neighbor is a ministry that builds and changes by loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our Love Your Neighbor Ministry is made up of several teams of volunteers who serve our neighbors in creative ways. Our teams provide love to our community through community dinners, home repairs, food pantry, random acts of kindness, local school support, adopt a block, baked goods, blood drives, community clean-ups, and adult foster care teams.

## **Missions**

Through strategic partnerships in our community, nation, and world, God is building hope and changing lives. Through sacrificial giving and regular mission trips, GCC is making a difference by serving those in need and being the hands and feet of Christ.

### **MOPS – Mothers of Preschoolers**

MOPS is designed for soon-to-be moms, first-time moms, or seventh-time moms. We welcome all moms, including the adoptive mom, young mom, seasoned mom, foster mom, stepmom, or any other type of mom. All Moms join to laugh together, learn together, and share life.

### **Young at Heart**

Young at Heart is for those aged 50 or above and is designed to build relationships through fellowship, fun, and family. Young at Heart meets on the second Thursday of every month at noon for a potluck lunch in the church gymnasium and every Wednesday at 4 PM at Greenville Hotspot for fellowship, food, and bowling.

## **Community**

Greenville is a charismatic community located about 45 minutes from Grand Rapids, MI. Greenville attracts many commuters who work in Grand Rapids, however, they love living away from the fast-paced city life. Greenville has all the amenities a family would be looking for in a community. There is a vast array of recreational and cultural activities, beautiful natural resources, a historical downtown, and a shopping district. Also, Greenville is included in the 125-mile Mid-Michigan Fred Meijer Trail Network, hosting the Flat River Trail section. The Flat River Trail entertains walkers, runners, and bike enthusiasts and connects them to the surrounding communities.

Greenville boasts historic homes dating back to the mid-1800s that blend in beautifully with newer residential areas on wide, tree-lined streets. There are over 3,300 homes in Greenville, with about 12,000 residents in the city and surrounding area. Greenville Public Schools are known for excellence in education, providing students with an engaging curriculum aligned to the State of Michigan and Common Core standards. GPS has a booming Chinese Immersion program, dual enrollment options, Career and Technical Education opportunities, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education) Programs, houses over 75 athletic teams and student clubs, many art opportunities, and an impeccable drama/music department!

## **Who We Are**

At Greenville Community Church, God is building hope and changing lives. We know that is something that gives a person a reason to want to come, grow, and be involved at GCC. One of our main objectives is that every man, woman, and child in our community will have the opportunity for a changed life through knowing Jesus.

Every ministry, program, and time we open the doors at GCC we will have one goal: for hope to

be built and lives to be changed. Our vision is for that to happen when every program and every ministry provides opportunities for every man, woman, and child to experience God, freedom, and life. Hope will be built, and lives will be changed!

Christ is the head of the church. When it comes to the mission of the church, following His mandate and call is the highest priority.

We are committed to equipping people with Biblical literacy.

We are committed to reaching the lost people for Christ.

We are a church that represents the Montcalm County area demographically (this represents ethnicity, socioeconomic levels, age, etc.).

Greenville Community Church is a safe place for non-believers and believers to explore faith, ask questions, and chase after God.

The Holy Spirit is actively released here in unprecedented ways, we regularly see the miraculous happen.

We are committed to intergenerational experiences throughout every ministry of our church.

We have a hunger for God and are chasing after a revival in ourselves, our church, and our region through our campuses.

There is demonstrated trust and relationship within the congregation, board, and staff, as well as in the local towns and the region. We have created a system that facilitates and ensures healthy working relationships between the Senior Pastor, board, and staff.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is being spread by the people of GCC wherever they go. The church building is a hub for people to be equipped to go out to their workplaces, homes, and communities with the confidence to make new disciples.

We prioritize obedience to the Holy Spirit, embracing risk, guided by accountability, without fear of negative consequences.

We are a church that consistently evaluates everything on the front end and are willing to make strategic changes, even difficult ones, in response to that evaluation to be in alignment with God's mission.

We are a church of innovation, with both in-person and online communities. We will not only define ourselves by the spread of our geographic locations but also by the reach of our online presence.

We are committed to making disciples who are continuously being transformed into the image of Christ.

We are spiritual contributors, not spiritual consumers. The church does not exist to serve us first. We are the Church, and we exist for the world.

Our church attendees engage in wise financial stewardship. This is shown through the preservation of their personal lives to still give generously to fully fund the mission and vision of the church.

We regularly encourage and empower people to share stories of transformed lives.

## **Outreach and Engagement**

We are committed to growing our local outreach impact.

We will continue to explore additional campuses as the Lord opens up opportunities in addition to our already existing Crystal Lake Campus.

We will develop a meaningful strategy for regional and global missions.

Our facilities will be utilized by the local community to impact and reach our surrounding area.

Plan for more people to engage and want to be a part of what God is doing through Greenville Community Church, including all of our campuses.

Establish GCC to be known for the impact it is having in the region through promoting our collaboration with many other ministry organizations.

We will do everything possible to serve and engage our neighbors with the love God has for us.

We will identify, equip, and mobilize “Marketplace ministers” in the communities and regions we directly impact. This includes people in our congregation who influence their homes, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces.

We will identify needs in the community and respond appropriately, cooperating with other organizations in alignment with our mission.