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Centered on Making Disciple-Makers

Centerville Grace (Centerville, Ohio) recently added to its existing space by completing a 12,300 square foot building addition. The recent addition includes a new main lobby, multipurpose auditorium, kitchen, restrooms, and office space. The new auditorium seats over 350 and doubles their previous capacity.

Centerville is a suburb of Dayton, Ohio, and is located just ten miles south of the city. It is strategically located to reach several growing communities in the surrounding area. The church is also uniquely positioned near a huge development with over 1,000 new homes being built. "We continually have new families coming to us looking for a community church," says Dave Holmes (Lead Pastor). "Our vision is to see the hopelessly lost become happily found, the desperately broken become divinely restored, and the ordinary church-attender become an extraordinary disciple-maker. Because of that, for years we have leveraged the outside of our property and hosted community events like 'Neighborhood Nights Out' and soccer camps." This has paid dividends and given Centerville Grace an opportunity to share the gospel with many new families. "Our plan is to continue this approach to ministry and offer our multipurpose auditorium

and other facilities to the community," says Dave. "Sports continue to play an important role in our culture and we will now be able to host basketball, volleyball, and other activities inside our building." "We also simply needed more space," says Ned Denlinger (Executive Pastor). "Whether Sunday mornings, Awana programs, or our communion services, our existing facilities were used to their absolute capacity. This addition will relieve congestion in our lobby and classrooms and allow for continued growth in our Sunday morning gatherings." Centerville Grace also plans on renovating current facilities for a more modern and secure children's ministries area.



"It can be intimidating to take on a project this size, but it has been amazing to see how God has provided for this addition," says Dave Holmes. "Our church is growing, but we would be considered small by many standards. Our people have given so generously to make this happen, and I am grateful for that. Additionally, God has given us Pastor Ned to supervise the construction process. His contribution alone has saved us a substantial amount of dollars. He has been a tireless servant during this period of construction, and he deserves to be recognized. At the end of the day, we realize that this building is just a tool provided by the Lord. We are excited for sure, but we are also ready to re-direct all of our energies on the very thing that caused this building expansion in the first place: Making Disciple-makers!"

"We are grateful to partner with Centerville Grace on this project," says Ken Seyfert (CEO and President of Grace Brethren Investment Foundation). "The Lord has blessed, as they are now reaping a harvest from an intentional investment in disciple-making."

For more info, check out their website at <https://centervillegrace.org/>.



Meeting the Physical Needs of the Elderly

Grace Brethren Village (GBV) is situated on 21 beautiful acres in Englewood, Ohio. They are a continuing care retirement community and provide independent living cottages, assisted living and a skilled nursing care. GBV was established in 1969 and has provided a home for seniors since 1971.

In 2018 their independent living occupancy rates approached 100% and a waiting list was created for the first time in the history of GBV. This phenomenon is aptly referred to by the media as the 'Silver Tsunami,' and describes the tidal wave of baby boomers reaching retirement age. The peak of the Silver Tsunami, when the greatest number of baby boomers reach age 65, is projected to arrive in approximately ten years.

Grace Brethren Village wanted to address this need and expand their ministry. After all, their mission statement is "...to provide the love of Christ through our staff by sharing themselves daily with our residents, through compassionate, physical, emotional and spiritual care to enhance the celebration of life by Adding Life to Years." GBV has always provided a safe, comfortable, and affordable haven for seniors wishing to live in a Christian community with Christ centered values and activities.

Through prayer and careful consideration, the board of directors voted to expand the ministry and add six one-bedroom independent living cottages. The newly constructed cottages have 961 total square feet. Each new home

offers a spacious living area, ample dining space, large bedroom, bath with step in shower, and an attached garage.

Grace Brethren Village has received various awards and recognition both nationally and locally. For example, this year they were named a "Best of Senior Living" community by SeniorAdvisor.com. This exclusive designation is awarded to the top one percent of senior providers in the United States and Canada.

"We are glad to partner with Grace Brethren Village to help provide top notch, Christ centered elder care," says Ken Seyfert. "We so appreciate their commitment to excellence and willingness to serve others."

MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

Grace Brethren Investment Foundation continues its longstanding track record of contributions to numerous ministries within the Charis Fellowship. With a successful audit recently completed and 2018 year-end results finalized, the Board has approved goodwill contributions totaling \$700,000. The majority of these contributions are given to ministries that focus on church planting and leadership development within our Fellowship.

"We are thrilled to share generously and re-invest our earnings into ministries strengthening the Fellowship," says Ken Seyfert, President and CEO. "Our desire is that these contributions encourage ministry throughout the Charis Fellowship."

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