

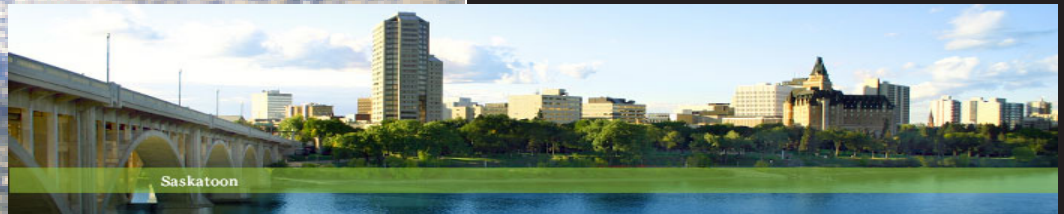
*"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth..."*

**Acts 1:8**

**GRACE**  
*Fellowship*

***Church-planting in  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan***

***Canada***



*Seeking to advance the joy and  
faith of others in the Lord Jesus  
Christ through the teaching of the  
Word of God.*



*Our Mission:  
To diffuse the  
fragrance of the  
knowledge of God  
and His amazing  
salvation in and  
through the Lord  
Jesus Christ.*

## **“I’ll go down into the well; if you hold the ropes.”**

This is what William Carey said to his friends in England as he considered the need of the then pagan land of India for Christ and His glorious gospel. Those rope-holders financed his voyage and mission, and became very much a part of that initial harvest of souls in Serampore, India.

Jesus Himself said, “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few...” (Luke 10:2). God has laid it on my heart to labor for the sake of our great King and His kingdom. I am looking for others who will “hold the ropes” and join with us prayerfully and financially. May this brochure help you catch a vision for establishing a church-planting church in the city of Saskatoon that expands across the prairies. Our mission is to diffuse the fragrance of the knowledge of God and His amazing salvation in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. I continually stand amazed at His grace. It is a pleasure to follow Him - outside the camp - for here we have no continuing city!

We are striving to be faithful. May the Lord be magnified!

By His grace and for His glory,

*Murray McLellan*

Murray McLellan  
Lead church-planter  
for Grace Fellowship of Saskatoon



*Murray & Cheryl McLellan*

## Who is Grace Fellowship?

Grace Fellowship is a Christian community which exists for the glory of God and the good of the city by extending hope through the gospel and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## The City of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada

Saskatoon is situated along the banks of the scenic South Saskatchewan River in the heart of the Canadian prairies. Saskatoon is desperately in need of churches that proclaim a God-centered gospel. It is our province's largest city with a population of approximately 1/4 million people (one fourth of the province's population), and it is growing. In fact, Saskatoon is home to Canada's fastest growing economy, according to the latest reports. It is also home to Canada's highest crime rate. Sounds like a city that needs Jesus!

Where I grew up in rural Saskatchewan, there is town after town without any Bible believing church at all. It seems to me that Saskatoon, which is centrally located in our province, would be the strategic center from which to begin to impact our community and from there continue to diffuse the fragrance of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ for the glory of the triune God.



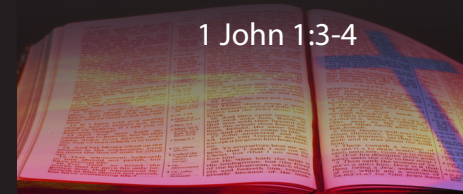
# GLORY R A C E

*"To the praise of the glory of His **grace**, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His **grace**"*

Eph. 1:6-7

*"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have **fellowship** with us: and truly our **fellowship** is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full"*

1 John 1:3-4



# Our Missional Strategy for Church planting in Saskatoon

## ***Do all to the glory of God-***

Our desire is to have God at the center of all that we do, seeking His glory first and foremost (1 Cor. 10:31).

## ***It's all about Jesus-***

My number one goal would be to teach the Bible that we might learn about Jesus! I desire that Jesus be the center and the circumference of all we do. He is the centerpiece of God's gift and revelation to us. The essence of worship is valuing Christ more than all the world has to offer.

## ***Without Me you can do nothing-***

As one who is totally dependent upon the Lord - the builder of the house - prayer is of utmost importance.

## ***Go therefore and make disciples-***

We seek to freely offer Jesus Christ to all as the joyful news to be received "without money and without price" (Isa.55:1). We earnestly exhort all to look away from themselves and embrace Christ, who died the sinner's death on the cross, for the forgiveness of sin and the satisfaction of the soul. We have no goal to reach a specific sub-group, but rather are open to all the Lord brings across our path. We want Jesus to build His church, and as such we desire to preach the gospel to every creature. Our church must value the privilege God has given all of us as being His ambassadors, accomplishing His goal of spreading the knowledge of His glory to our community and beyond.

## ***Feed My sheep-***

The faithful exposition of the Christ-centered Scriptures needs to be the focus of our assembly time. The Scripture is God's reliable, authoritative, and sufficient revelation. Through the Word, sinners are saved and saints built up. I love the full revelation of God's dealings in the Bible with its unfolding gospel of Christ culminating in His glorious life, death, resurrection, and ascension as King of kings and Lord of lords.

### ***Train up faithful men-***

One of our goals will be to look for and train up potential leaders. We want to be equipping gifted servants of Christ to see that the mission of Christ is carried on in the way God has instructed in His Word.

### ***A new commandment I give unto you-***

We desire that our enjoyment of Christ's gracious riches overflow in love that meets the needs of others. Thus we aim to strengthen each others' faith in hard times, restore hurt relationships, comfort the broken-hearted, and implore prodigals to return to the Father.

We value building up strong marriages and families, where God's Word is taught and lived out; where husbands love their wives as Christ loved the church; where wives respect their husbands; where the hearts of the parents are turned toward their children and the hearts of the children toward their parents.

We value the diversity that God created among mankind and the unity in diversity that God creates among His people - a unity that manifests itself beyond Christian politeness and friendliness, in an authentic community showing love, care, and concern throughout the week as we share our lives with each other. Through every believer using their gifts for the benefit and growth of one another, we desire to help one another fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ to increase our love and enjoyment of Him to the glory of God.

### ***According to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will-***

I am delighted to see what the Lord will unfold. Life is an adventure, and our Lord has written the script. That knowledge gives me great hope and faith. Things may not go according to my plans, but they will go according to His - and His plan is the best of all possible plans. To God be the glory. That is my joy!

*A complete doctrinal statement can be found on our website: <http://gracesask.org>*



# ACTS 29 NETWORK

Grace Fellowship is associated with the Acts 29 church-planting network. The Acts 29 Network exists to start churches that plant churches - thus continuing Christ's mission as revealed in the first 28 chapters of Acts; hence the name, Acts 29. God is significantly using this network to influence and shape the church planting culture

through both rock-solid theology and contextualizing the gospel. Acts 29 churches won't water down their theology to reach more people, and they won't attack the culture in the name of Christianity. The goal of Acts 29 is to plant churches that are missionaries in their respective communities sent by Christ with the gospel (John 20:21).

[www.acts29network.org](http://www.acts29network.org)



## Our Gospel Identity

It is my hope that Grace Fellowship will be a gospel-centered church that embraces the calling of God to act as a missionary to our culture. As we focus on our purpose, we do not first first ask the question, "What works best?" Instead, we ask, "How do we best display who God is and what He has done in and through Jesus Christ?" appropriately within the culture into which we are sent?

Because Jesus has drawn us into the love and fellowship enjoyed by the Triune God, we are eternally satisfied in Him. We have a new identity because of what He has accomplished for us and who we are in Christ.

### We are His:

- **Family** - adopted children committed to the privilege of loving and caring for one another.
- **Missionaries** - ambassadors who have been reconciled and sent out to be agents of reconciliation.
- **Servants** - His purchased possession, following Jesus, the ultimate Servant, who humbly gave His life in joyful submission, even unto death, so that others could experience salvation, peace, and restoration.
- **Learners** - The church is a community of learners - called to equip and be equipped.

In this gospel identity we desire to live out the reality of being the church together as a family on mission sent by God to serve our world and continually learn how to walk in His ways.

## How you can be involved

There is a tremendous need for gospel-centered churches that exalt the Sovereign God of heaven and earth in western Canada. Our desire is not simply to plant one church, but to begin a movement of churches which plant churches in Saskatchewan and the western provinces, beginning in the urban centers. This will take a ministry team. Pray that the Lord would raise up laborers to be sent into His harvest. If you know of individuals who are looking for such a ministry to support, perhaps you could mention us to them. If you know of gifted and godly men who might be interested in being involved in such a church planting ministry, we would love to connect with them.

**There are many ways to be involved in supporting this new church and church-planting center. Here are some ways to be involved:**

### prayer team

One of my highest priorities at this time is to gather prayer support. In order to draw on the faithfulness of our loving heavenly Father who delights to give good gifts to His children who ask. Without prayer, we're sunk. Therefore, we are gathering a group of committed people who will lift us before the Lord on a regular basis.

### financial support team    planting team

New churches have a financial cost. We are looking to gather a group of financial partners who desire to invest in this work and see their resources impact eternity.

This is a group of people who believe God would have them to be a part of this new church. They are committed to participating in the Great Commission through hands-on church planting.

**Would you prayerfully consider joining our team in one of these ways?**

Thanks for reading this booklet and prayerfully considering your involvement with Grace Fellowship! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Please visit our website (<http://gracesask.org>) for more information on our ministry in Canada, and pray for us as we seek to have God glorified in everything we do.

If you desire to support the church-planting and teaching ministry of Murray McLellan you may do so by sending a cheque payable to: "Grace Fellowship" and designate it "for Murray."

Note: If you live in the United States and would like to receive a tax-deductible receipt, please direct your gift to In-Depth-Studies in Arizona and designate it for Murray in Canada.

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You may make donations online at: [www.idscanada.org](http://www.idscanada.org)



## Endorsements



**John G. Reisinger**, Editor of *Sound of Grace*, Founder of the John Bunyan Conference, evangelist, and Bible conference speaker. He has pastored churches in the U.S.A. and Canada.

He has spent ten years in church planting and established four Sovereign Grace churches.

"One of the 'highlights' of my itinerant ministry was visiting Leask, SK with my wife. Both my wife and I will never forget our time of blessing there. We met a wonderful group of believers under the leadership of Pastor Murray McLellan. We also visited a Bible study that was soon to become a church plant in Saskatoon. If anyone in that area believes and loves the Doctrines of Grace and New Covenant Theology, I urge you to visit and fellowship with these believers. If your church is looking for a place to support, I know none better than this ministry."



**Pastor Maurice "Moe" Bergeron**, Sovereign Grace Fellowship, Boscawen, New Hampshire.

[www.sovgracenh.com](http://www.sovgracenh.com)

"If you are looking for a church that seeks to express in word and deed what it is for believers in Jesus Christ to walk in the beauty of holiness by the power of God's indwelling Spirit then I encourage you to consider the labors of Grace Fellowship as they seek to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the World. I am especially thankful our Lord has appointed my good friend and fellow laborer, pastor Murray McLellan, to the task of leading this new work in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada."



**Geoff Volker**, Director of In-Depth Studies and an Elder at New Covenant Bible Fellowship in Mesa, Arizona,

[www.ids.org](http://www.ids.org)

"I have known Murray for a number of years and I am absolutely convinced that he is a faithful shepherd of the people of God. He is well grounded biblically and has a heart for the lost. He is not frightened by difficulties, but is committed to resolving them in a manner that honors his Lord. I recommend Murray as a faithful man of God."

God has graciously provided me with good friends in the gospel over the years. Several in kindness have written endorsements for me to use in this brochure regarding our church-planting endeavors. Here are a few:



**Mike Cleveland**, Founder and President of Setting Captives Free and speaker on Setting Captives Free Radio.

"Having observed the gospel ministry of Murray McLellan and been the beneficiary of his God-centered, Christ-exalting, heart-reaching sermons, I highly recommend him to all of the students that come to us. Here is a ministry that seeks to be faithful in magnifying Jesus, in proclaiming the glory of His cross, exalting in the power of His resurrection, and living in the enabling of His Holy Spirit. I commend this ministry whole-heartedly."



**Joseph Krygier**, Pastor of New Covenant Bible Fellowship in Evans, New York and has ministered in the USA, Poland, Ukraine and Romania. He was on staff at Buffalo City Mission for 20 years.

"It is not difficult for me to make a recommendation to consider entering into a supportive relationship with Murray and the work that he and others are seeking to establish by the all enabling grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in Saskatoon. It has been my privilege not only to know him but to spend hours studying with this dear brother. He is one of the most Christ focused men that I know, a conscientious shepherd of God's flock and a gifted writer. His understanding of our precious Christ as our New Covenant has impacted my life and this understanding is eminent through his life."



**Dustin Segers**, a pastor with Shepherd's Fellowship Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC.

"In our post-modern era, where truth, meaning, and certainty is sacrificed on the altar of subjectivity, it can be difficult to find a local church that is committed to the supremacy of God in all things. Grace Fellowship is a church committed to bringing God the maximum glory by making and molding disciples that know what it means to deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow after Jesus. If you desire a rich spiritual-feasting upon the word of God, a focus on heartfelt fellowship, mutual ministry and accountability, then I encourage you to come and see what the Lord Jesus is doing in the midst of this new work in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada."

***“Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ...”***

**Acts 28:31**

***“The story continues...”***



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