

GRACE CHURCH

Elder Election

At our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 19th, members of Grace Church will elect five individuals to serve as Elders (3-year term). Take a moment to get to know these individuals and pray that the Lord will clearly lead through them. While only members may vote, everyone is welcome to attend the meeting via Zoom. We will review church highlights, discuss how the national crisis is shaping our ministry, and have a time for Q & A.

Link to Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89996415174> & Passcode: 902377

Elder Nominees



ROBERT BROOKS and his wife April have been part of the Grace family since 2012. Robert and April previously served in the sports ministry division of CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ). Robert was a campus director at the University of Pittsburgh and has been a professional ministry chaplain in the NFL since 2012. Robert currently serves the Cleveland Browns, leading pre-game prayer and counseling, as well as weekly Bible studies with athletes and coaches. Off-season he does one-on-one counseling, individual discipleship, projects/mission trips, and builds relationships for community outreach. Robert has served as an Elder at Grace Olmsted Falls campus, teaching classes and preaching. **"We have come to know Grace Church as our forever family and believe the Lord has truly blessed us by planting [us] at Grace."**



ZACH DURANT previously worked in the plastic recycling industry in sales and management and started his own business 5 years ago. Zach and Tanya have 7 children and have been a part of the Grace family since 2016. Zach is on the leadership team for our 7 Pillars of Freedom class and is excited to see men freed from the addiction of pornography. He and Tanya co-lead a couples' small group in their home. **"Tanya and I met on a mission trip to a Muslim country and we have a passion for missions to unreached people. We are excited as we see our children grow in their faith through the ministries and opportunities at Grace."**



DJ EIDSON and his wife Jessica have 5 children. They have been part of the Grace family since 2003. DJ is the co-founder and COO of Limitless Minds, a leadership training and development company. In addition to serving as an elder, DJ is part of our Christian Business Marketplace Connection, and a member of the board for Building Hope in the City. **"My number one priority is my wife and children. Along with that, I enjoy encouraging, inspiring, and leading people of all ages and backgrounds. I feel really blessed that I have been able to utilize some of the gifts that God has given me to help advance the Kingdom."**



PAUL LIBASSI and his wife Sarah have been part of the Grace family since 2012. Paul is Director of Operations with Fleet Team, Inc., Paul regularly serves as a Youth Advisor with Grace Middle School. Paul also serves in the Christian Business Marketplace Connection, while Sarah leads worship alongside our team in Grace Worship. **"Sarah and I count it a privilege to be part of the community at Grace Church. We are excited about the vision and growth of Grace and look forward to continuing to serve alongside our church family for the years to come."**

Class of 2021

*Richard King
*Lance Mayer
Keir Thelander
Brian Wellman
Chris Zirke (OF)

Class of 2022

John Chae
*Josh Grusendorf
*Josh Palcic
Mike Rush
Jeremy Moorman (OF)

Class of 2023

to be elected

Current Elders up for Re-Election



STEVE ATKINS and his wife Carol have 2 adult children. They have been part of the Grace family since 2004. Steve is a Process Engineer for PNC Bank and has been employed there for 37 years. Steve serves in Men's Ministry through Priority Projects and Band of Brothers. He coordinates the Grace Men's Softball Ministry and coaches one of the seven teams. Steve also served on the Multi-Site Planning Team. Steve and Carol love serving together and enjoy being a part of the Prayer Ministry as well as leading a couples' small group in their home. Carol also serves in Women's Ministry as MUMs Coordinator. **"The Lord gave me Grace Church as the path to move from religion to relationship. Rather than Christ being a segment of my life--getting attention mainly on Sunday mornings-- He is now the center. Through the study of Scripture and fellowship with other Christians, my faith and trust in the Lord continues to grow."**



DARRICK CULVER and his wife Sandy have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. They have been part of the Grace family since 2001. Darrick owned and operated an insurance agency for 30 years. Darrick serves as an Elder and is on the Business Committee; he has served in the past as a senior high youth advisor, usher team coordinator, and small group leader. He and Sandy facilitate our Divorce Care Ministry and are enjoying retirement and time with their grandchildren as they continue to seek the Lord's direction. **"The time Sandy and I have been privileged to serve at Grace has brought us much closer to the Lord as we seek his direction in our lives. My life verse is Philippians 4:13, 'I can do all things through him who gives me strength.'"**



RUSS CZELLATH and his wife Peggy have been a part of the Grace family since 2002. After retiring 6 years ago, Russ and Peggy stay busy caring for aging family members. Russ serves as Head Usher and as an adult class teacher. He co-leads our Grace Golf league and is involved with the Men's ministry and Forever Young ministry. He is also involved in small groups. Russ has completed many short-term mission trips, the most recent this past February to Oaxaca, Mexico. **"I feel privileged to be considered as an Elder at Grace Church. Sharing the Gospel is very important to me. I am proud to be a member and serve at Grace."**



BOB WIDO and his wife Diane been part of the Grace family since 1990 and have two adult children. Bob served as a Pastor of two Alliance Churches and as an Air Force Chaplain for 24 years. He now serves as the Coordinator of Chaplain Ministries for the Christian & Missionary Alliance Central District. In addition to providing pastoral care for all district chaplains, he regularly teaches at Band of Brothers. He and Diane also lead a small group Bible study in their home and Diane teaches a women's Bible study on Wednesday mornings. **"Grace has been our home church for 30 years, always the place we worshiped when we were home visiting family. Now we are deeply involved in ministry here in the area."**