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# PLANTING TOGETHER INITIATIVE

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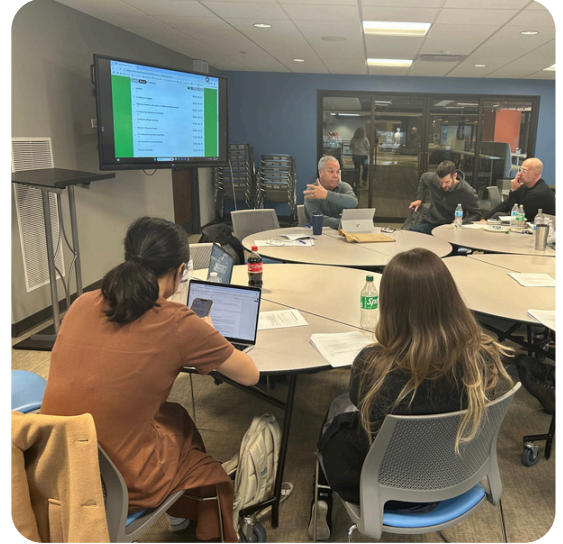
When a tree is planted in a new area, it needs a support system in order to flourish. The same is true of our church plants. Therefore, we need to activate RMD churches to play a role in multiplication. Let's take a look at the power of planting together and then pray about how you and your church could be involved in the adventure.

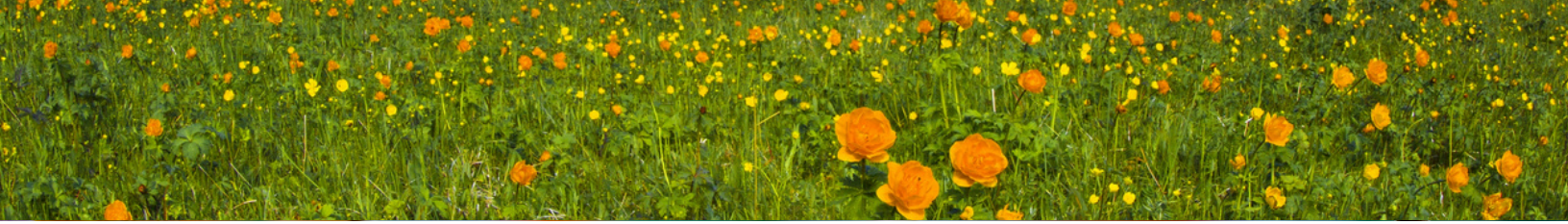
## Planting together with the EFCA through ReachNetwork

ReachNetwork is the EFCA's national church multiplication team. This team includes the Director of Church Multiplication from each of our 17 districts. ReachNetwork has developed support systems and training in order to serve each district's planting efforts. ReachNetwork provides certified trainings for coaches, planting cohorts, and assessment teams. As a team, we meet monthly via zoom and a few times in person each year to encourage one another and share ideas, resources, tools, and recruiting leads. This past year we have been talking specifically about pathways for churches to get involved with planting.

## Pathways For Churches to Participate

- Prayer
  - Visit our website and the [10:02 Challenge page](#) to pray for a specific place, planter, or group desiring to plant.
  - Get to know a current planter and pray for them.
- Financial:
  - Start-Up Fund giving.
  - Sponsor a new plant monthly or through a special offering and pray for them specifically.
- Donate unused equipment.
- Provide an opportunity for a planter to preach.
- Learn more about hosting a church planting residency.
- Send a short-term team to help with outreach or prayer walks.





# WORDS FOR 2025: TRANSCENDENCE & COMPELLING

Jeff Foote, Senior Pastor, Grace Church

## **TRANSCENDENCE**

Moses' exchange with God in Exodus 33 is our church's heartbeat every Sunday and a major part of the vision of our church: "And [God] said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here'" (vv. 14-15).

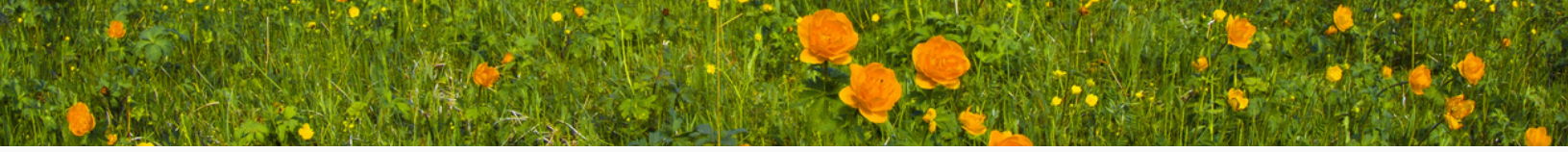
With the uncertainties in our culture and the opinions and anger that drive so many, we are convinced that the manifest presence of God is the solution and galvanizing force for unity, health, and effectiveness for the Kingdom. We have experienced His presence in corporate worship, proclamation of the Word, subjective experiences of the Holy Spirit, and through our growing unity between Anglos and Latinos in our membership. Additionally, great things are brewing in our prayer ministries through our partnership with Dr. Don Love and his Pray Through It ministry ([www.praythroughit.com](http://www.praythroughit.com)). As Paul details in 2 Corinthians 3:18, it is when we behold the glory of the Lord that we are transformed from one degree to another. This is what the Spirit wants to do.

## **COMPELLING**

During a recent Parables sermon series, I was transfixed on a verse in Luke from the Parable of the Wedding Feast: "And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled'" (Luke 14:34). Not only is the presence of God compelling to those who experience it, people who watch it or hear about it also find it compelling. Additionally, the parable is clear that our job is to be in the community, compelling people to come in.

At Grace, we are seeing fruit in our pursuit of the vision that evangelism is both testifying to compelling experiences of Christ and also applying compelling influence on the lost. As I recognize the breakneck speed of changes in the epistemology of our culture, like many of you, I wrestle with the best missional strategies. We have dug deeply into the felt need of community in a content-oversaturated generation, and we've seen some headway. As one leader in our church put it, "What are we doing as a church that looks like how the Temple leaders did it, instead of how John the Baptist did it?"





# OPPORTUNITY FOR PASTORAL CARE AND RETREAT

Dr. Robert W. Evans, President, Veritas Ministries International

Dear RMD Pastors and Church Leaders:

I am both humbled and delighted to assume my new role in serving the district by providing pastoral care and mentoring to those of you on the frontlines in ministry. My desire is to be of support and encouragement to you, your family, your church, and your ministry, that every aspect of your life, family, and ministry might be healthy, faithful, fruitful, and joyous.

To those ends, my wife, Kamrin, and I wish to extend a very warm and sincere welcome to you for the use of our home, as you may desire or need. When looking to relocate to Colorado last year, my wife and I were prayerful and intentional in our search for a home where we might host those in ministry who are in need of quiet respite, refreshment, and/or encouragement, even as we used our home throughout my pastoral ministry in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Our home is situated on about 3.7 densely wooded acres at the northern end of the Black Forest near Monument, Colorado. The property is secluded and very quiet, though not remote. The general area features beautiful hiking trails, parks, dense woods, and abundant wildlife. We are about 6 miles off of I-25 on the Palmer Divide, a 12-minute drive from Monument, and within 15 minutes of a wide variety of shopping, dining, and entertainment venues.

The entirety of the ground floor of our home features a 1,388-sf self-contained guest suite with private entrance. If you want to receive more information concerning the accommodations, please feel free to reach out to me or speak with our District Superintendent, Barry Vegter, who made use of the space for a part of his recent sabbatical.

We are pleased to make our guest suite (and the entirety of our property—firepits, etc.) available to you at no charge, and my wife and I are pleased to initially stock the kitchenette for your arrival. You may bring your entire family, as we have both an additional single bed suitable for a child in the guest suite bedroom, and three additional full bedrooms in our house on the third floor. There is no minimum or maximum time limit for your stay, though we kindly ask that you contact us as far in advance as possible (especially if you would like to bring children), as we also host family, friends, colleagues, and former professors with some frequency.

Please also let us know whether you will be coming for purposes of rest, retreat, or for recovery, so to speak, from the challenges of ministry or for marriage enrichment, or the like, so that I may make myself available to you (and my wife to your wife, as appropriate) during your stay—it would be my pleasure and privilege; otherwise, my wife and I are pleased to virtually “disappear” for the duration of your stay—come and go as you wish.

I look forward to becoming better acquainted with one another as I travel with Barry Vegter to the various pastor gatherings and at the workshops that I will be offering at the May district conference. In the meantime, if I can be of assistance to you, or if you would like to come to our home and simply decompress and/or discuss anything with me, please reach out—I’m here to serve.





## FOLLOWING THE LORD'S CALL

Bryce Bacca, Lead Pastor, Grace in Pagosa

There are places in the world that seem to resonate deeply with your soul, where the scenery, the people, and the very air speak to the grandeur of God. For me, that place is Pagosa Springs, a small town nestled in the mountains of southwest Colorado. From the moment I set foot here over 20 years ago, I knew there was something unique about it—something that made it feel like home. The soothing colors of the landscape, the peace in the air, and the rugged beauty of the mountains drew me in. What began as a love for the outdoors has now become a profound call to ministry, leading me to serve as a pastor for our community.

I moved to Pagosa Springs eight years ago to marry my wife, and at the time, I thought it would be a brief stop before we moved on to something else. But God had other plans, and what I thought would be a temporary chapter quickly became the place I now call home. While the beauty of the land captivated me, it was the people who truly stole my heart. There's a remarkable sense of community here—people are warm, spirited, and genuine. I quickly built friendships across town, from business owners to postal workers—fellow outdoor enthusiasts who shared my love for mountain biking, hiking, and skiing. But more than the adventures, it was the kindness and generosity of the people that drew me in. From simple weekend camping trips to supporting each other through difficult times, it was evident that this community was something special.

In my early years in Pagosa Springs, I had the privilege of working with youth and young adults at Sonlight Christian Camp as the “Boss of Fun.” There, I had the chance to mentor young adults and build Christ-centered community in an outdoor environment. A turning point in my journey came when I was asked to join Grace as an associate pastor. At first, I was surprised—pastoral leadership wasn't even on my radar. But as I prayed and sought God's guidance, I began to feel a sense of peace and excitement for a new chapter. I served in that role for two years, but God had another stop for me before I would come back. I was invited to work with Edify, an organization that partners with over 18,000 Christ-centered schools worldwide. My time with Edify allows me to travel across Latin America and Africa, where I worked with men and women from across the world to impact over 8 million students through Christ-centered education.

One day, while running past Grace's new building (gifted to us by Crossroad Church led by Pastor Curt Wiggers), I had just returned from visiting Edify partner schools in Guatemala, and I felt a strong unmistakable prompting that I was supposed to apply for the role of lead pastor. I realized that while I had been able to help push back darkness across the globe, I had a deep desire to do that work right here, in our local church.



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It was a call I wasn't expecting but couldn't ignore. I realized I had a love for both the mountains and the people of Pagosa Springs, but also a deep calling to shepherd those who were struggling, lost, or looking for hope. Pastoral leadership wasn't something I planned for, but as I prayed, I felt so much peace about stepping into this role.

What excites me most about this call is the opportunity to bring light into this community. Even with 300 days of sunshine, our community is full of darkness: personal struggles, relational challenges, and spiritual battles. I want to be part of a movement that brings hope and transformation, pushing back the darkness with the love and truth of Christ.

Now, as I step into the role of lead pastor, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for what lies ahead. I am now the proud father of two 15 month old boys (twins), and my wife works as the middle school counselor at the Pagosa Springs Middle School. I am honored to serve this community, and I look forward to walking alongside the people of Pagosa Springs, guiding them toward hope, healing, and transformation. Together, we can continue to push back the darkness, shining the light of Christ into every corner of our town and beyond.



Pictures of Pastor Bryce's commissioning (also see photo on page 7).  
Please pray for his ministry in Pagosa Springs!



# WINTER MEMORIES IN THE RMD

Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for regular updates and more great photos!  
Submit your church's photos to [events@rockymountaindistrict.org](mailto:events@rockymountaindistrict.org).



Three EFCA churches in Colorado Springs joined together for a beautiful Christmas Eve service. Faith EFC, Magnify EFC, and Covenant Grace participated.



Barry traveled to New Castle, Wyoming to worship with the Gateway Fellowship Church Family. God is at work in some transformational ways in and through this congregation.



Barry had the privilege of being part of the commissioning service for the new Lead Pastor at Grace in Pagosa, Pastor Bryce Bacca.



The RMD District Leadership Team met in Ft. Collins for prayer and planning.

# Pray Together

LET'S PRAY EARNESTLY FOR THE CHURCHES IN OUR DISTRICT. PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) FOR A HELPFUL PRAYER GUIDE. YOU MAY USE THE CALENDAR BELOW TO LIFT UP EACH CHURCH ON ITS DESIGNATED DAY.

## MARCH

1. Aurora, CO - Harvest Community Church
2. Aurora, CO - New Life Community Church
3. Aurora, CO - Iglesia El Camino Church
4. Black Hawk, CO - Rocky Mountain EFC
5. Boulder, CO - Calvary Bible EFC
6. Boulder, CO - Chinese EFC
7. Broomfield, CO - Calvary EFC
8. Burlington, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Burlington
9. Cañon City, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Canon City
10. Casper, WY - Cornerstone EFC
11. Castle Rock, CO - Ridgeline Community Church
12. Cedaredge, CO - New Hope EFC
13. Centennial, CO - Bethany EFC
14. Centennial, CO - Fellowship Community EFC
15. Centennial, CO - Vida Nueva Church
16. Cheyenne, WY - Cheyenne EFC
17. Colorado Springs, CO - Covenant Grace EFC
18. Colorado Springs, CO - Cross & Crown Church
19. Colorado Springs, CO - Faith EFC
20. Colorado Springs, CO - First EFC
21. Colorado Springs, CO - Magnify EFC
22. Cortez, CO - Grace Fellowship EFC
23. Crook, CO - United EFC
24. Custer, SD - Crossroads Church
25. Denver, CO - Ancient Paths Church
26. Denver, CO - Chinese EFC
27. Denver, CO - Pilgrim Congregational Church
28. Divide, CO - Little Chapel of the Hills
29. Douglas, WY - Lighthouse Church
30. Eaton, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Eaton
31. Erie, CO - Calvary Bible EFC

## APRIL

1. Estes Park, CO - Rocky Mountain Church
2. Evergreen, CO - Bergen Park Church
3. Florence, CO - The Pulse
4. Fort Collins, CO - Chinese EFC
5. Fort Collins, CO - Faith Church
6. Gillette, WY - Living Rock Church
7. Golden, CO - Whispering Pines EFC
8. Grand Junction, CO - Living Hope EFC
9. Greeley, CO - Christ Community EFC
10. Greeley, CO - Mountain View EFC
11. Hot Springs, SD - Southern Hills EFC
12. Johnstown, CO - Cornerstone EFC
13. Lander, WY - Lander Free Church
14. Laramie, WY - Snowy Range EFC
15. Littleton, CO - Red Rocks Fellowship EFC
16. Littleton, CO - Southwest Community Church
17. Longmont, CO - Grace EFC
18. Louviers, CO - Faith EFC
19. Mead, CO - Abundant Life Church
20. Milesville, SD - Hardingrove Community EFC
21. Montrose, CO - Cedar Creek Church
22. Monument, CO - Cathedral Rock Church
23. Newcastle, WY - Gateway Fellowship Church
24. Okaton, SD - Okaton EFC
25. Ouray, CO - Ouray Christian Fellowship
26. Pagosa Springs, CO - Grace in Pagosa
27. Palisade, CO - Central Orchard Mesa Comm. EFC
28. Philip, SD - Community EFC
29. Piedmont, SD - Hills View EFC
30. Peyton, CO - Aspen Ridge Church



# Pray Together

## MAY

1. Pueblo, CO - Grace Life Church
2. Pueblo West, CO - The Peak EFC
3. Rapid City, SD - Parkview EFC
4. Rapid City, SD - Rimrock EFC
5. Rye, CO - Table Mountain Church
6. Seibert, CO - Trinity Hill Church
7. Steamboat Springs, CO - Steamboat Bible Church
8. Thornton, CO - Calvary Bible Church
9. Timnath, CO - Christ The Rock Community Church
10. Wall, SD - Evangelical Free Bible Church
11. Windsor, CO - Evangelical Free Church of Windsor
12. Rocky Mountain District (RMD) Superintendent
13. RMD Director of Multiplication & Leadership Development
14. RMD Staff
15. RMD Leadership Team (DLT)
16. RMD Finances
17. RMD Healthy Pastor Networks
18. RMD Church Planting Leadership Team
19. RMD Student Ministries Consultant and Team
20. Pray for our pastor's wives and children
21. RMD Board of Ministerial Standing Chairman
22. RMD Board of Ministerial Standing (Credentialing Team)
23. Pray for RMD Churches searching for pastors
24. Pray for Regional Care Pastors in the RMD
25. Pray for prayer saturation to take hold in the RMD
26. Pray for Caleb Haynes, Church Plant, Loveland, CO
27. Pray for Jim Kimbriel, Church Plant, Elizabeth, CO
28. EFCA District Superintendents (17 total)
29. EFCA Chaplain Director and Endorser
30. EFCA President and Vice President
31. EFCA National Board of Ministerial Standing

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