## CHURCH FAMILY,

Welcome to the exhilarating first edition of the UNCHARTED Quarterly Report! This report captures a vivid snapshot of our collective journey in generosity from April to June 2024, highlighting both the church's and your personal participation in this initiative.

As we continue to venture into uncharted waters of generosity, let us be reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:7, which says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver!" We are thrilled to share some inspiring updates with you—the fruit of your cheerful engagement!

As we embarked on the UNCHARTED season, I told you that our church's ministry would not stumble in pursuit of new projects. In fact, we're not just maintaining; we're thriving! This Fall, we're launching an expanded ministry to support families affected by disabilities and introducing an energetic, new worship service on Wednesdays in our sanctuary. Additionally, we're passionately crafting a comprehensive discipleship pathway for everyone who calls Grace home. Please join us in prayer as we undertake this behind-the-scenes mission of 12-18 months' effort, knowing that countless lives will be drawn closer to Jesus once implemented. The future is bright, and together, we can continue to win the lost and populate heaven!



On the missions front, Ashley Bonfiglio will be traveling to Indonesia this Fall to see our partnership with Compassion First in action. Her mission is to delve into the heart of the human trafficking crisis among the graveyards and ports on the main island and return with strategic recommendations for Grace Covenant's investment in infrastructure and development. Our vision is to come alongside Compassion First in supporting their mission to provide end-to-end care for those who have been rescued out of trafficking while rebuilding lives with the hope and dignity that Jesus so willingly gives!

Recently, we learned of the passing of Ms. Mary Bennett of the Sonshine Children's Home in Linefork, Kentucky and we mourn her passing. Ms. Bennett, a legend within our church circles, adopted 17 children and ministered to hundreds more with shelter and love. In honor of her incredible legacy, we are actively exploring ways for Grace to support and perpetuate her invaluable life's work.

Regarding our campuses, foundation work is set to begin in East Lincoln on Monday. In July and August, we are engaging with master planning firms to discuss the potential of our Mooresville property. In Cornelius, we are finalizing plans for a student outdoor area on the northwest corner, revitalizing a children's area on the west side for toddlers, and initiating plans for the expansion of The Gathering Place to include outdoor features for fellowship. These exciting developments are laying the groundwork for a thriving future.



All of these endeavors are possible because of your unwavering partnership! We are inspired by the stories of how UNCHARTED faithfulness has brought unexpected blessings and growth in the lives of individuals and families. Would you tell me if you have a story of God's faithfulness to share regarding your UNCHARTED journey? The first quarter has exceeded our expectations, and you are a pivotal part of transforming Lake Norman with the Gospel! As Proverbs 11:25 reminds us, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Together, we are moving forward on all fronts with faith and determination!

We are profoundly grateful for you!

With excitement and gratitude,

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**Zach Burris** 









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-ARIE HOOGENDOORN

## Quarterly (pdate / July 2024

PRIMARY GOAL: 100% ENGAGEMENT

702
HOUSEHOLDS
COMMITTED

120
FIRST TIME
GIVERS

82 STUDENT COMMITMENTS

**SECONDARY GOAL: \$21M** 

\$21.7M

\$3,379,274

GIVEN 4.1.24 - 6.30.24



Questions?

Reach out to us anytime at Troy@gracecovenant.org

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## **MESSAGE FROM ZACH**

As we journey together in faith through our Uncharted Initiative, we continue to trust in the Lord's provision and vision for our church. Our goal of raising \$21 million over the next two years is ambitious, but we are confident that with God's guidance, it is within reach.

We are excited to share some incredible updates and praise reports with you.

- Zach Burris