

It seems like everything in America is always larger-than-life! America is the country of the Double Whopper, the Big Mac, the Double Gulp, the SUVs and the Empire State Building. We live in a society motivated by the premise that *“the bigger, the better!”*

Adopting an opposing worldview some argue that *“the best things come in small packages.”* My wife and daughter who are both 5’1” are living proofs of this!

What is true of society in general is also true of churches. What is more consistent with the nature and mission of the Christian church: *“the bigger, the better”* or *“the best things come in small packages?”*

Grace Bible Fellowship has adopted the 2nd worldview. We strive to be a *“strategically small”* church. In other words, we are *“small by design.”* We believe that the small-membership church is uniquely equipped to meet the challenges of ministry in the 21st century. Instead of being disengaged and irrelevant, small churches are better positioned than their larger counterparts to adjust to cultural changes and to become authentic expressions of what the Christian faith is all about.

This becomes more evident when we consider the results of studies aiming to determine why people go to church. Among the top four reasons, we see *“People Caring for Each Other”* in 2nd place with 53% and *“Friendliness”* in 4th place with 45%. Another study concluded that the “unchurched” look to Christians as models for healthy family lives and believe that a Christian is more likely to provide a lasting friendship than non-Christians.

Which church model would better meet these expectations: a large, program oriented mega-church or a small, family oriented congregation? We who make up Grace Bible Fellowship believe option 2 is the answer.

We strive to be a place where everybody knows your name! Where all feel welcome! Where everyone is always glad you came! Where you can feel free to be open, honest and transparent since our troubles are all the same! A home away from home! A shelter from the storm of life! A place where sinners find forgiveness and acceptance; where the weak finds strength; where the lonely finds companionship!