



# Ministry Matters

Saving Grace Bible Church

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ELDER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## Building Renovations

In our last newsletter, we said that three factors were driving our need for a remodel of our current building: 1) We are a steadily growing body of over 400 people, 2) 40% of those persons are under 18, and 3) We need to make our current building suitable for our anticipated ministry needs over the next several years.

Though the 10 acres on East Venice Avenue will provide ample space for our future ministry, we still face the challenge of making our current building suitable for our present needs, and for our anticipated needs over the next several years.

Space is the greatest limiting factor, and those limitations are most keenly felt in our children's ministry. To make room for ever-expanding population of children, pastors Marc and Eric have given up their church offices so they can be used for Sunday school classrooms, and pastors Nick and Rusty are also giving up their offices for administrative space and other miscellaneous office needs.

Some interior remodeling will be necessary to make these office spaces suitable for their new uses, and these renovations are scheduled to take place over the next several months.

Parents, please note: when planned building renovations are completed, our ages 3-5 children's Sunday school class will be transitioned to ages 4-5 only, and nursery will then be ages 0-3.

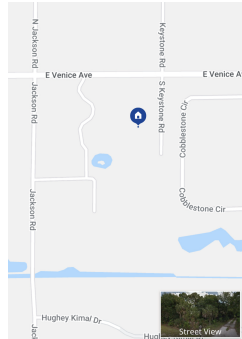
## SGBC Elder Candidates



One of the joys of a growing ministry is seeing God raise up additional men to lead. Carl Pignotti and Doug Emmett have served faithfully at SGBC and were recently nominated for consideration to join the elder board. During this time, we ask you to pray for these men as they evaluate themselves, and please pray for the collective wisdom and discernment of the elders as they meet with Carl and Doug to assess their giftedness and call to church leadership.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the character, life, or doctrine of either man, you are encouraged to speak with one of the elders.

## Securing the Land for SGBC's Future Home



As you may know from our February 13th business meeting, Moretti Ministries has secured 10.4 acres on East Venice Avenue for SGBC, just 2.6 miles east of the roundabout at the intersection of East Venice Avenue and Jacaranda Boulevard. The parcel also features a 2267 sq/ft single family home in the southeast corner, which can be available for multiple ministry purposes until we are able to build on site.

Given the very limited supply of available properties and the expensive real estate market, the fact that we were able to get 10 acres in our ideal location within our price range is nothing less than the kindness and grace of the Lord. While we don't yet have a timeframe for building, our hope is that building will begin within 3-5 years.

In the meantime, there will be much work to do in physically preparing the land and in raising the necessary funds for building, and in due time we will be looking to the generosity and giftedness of the body to help in this.

Moretti Ministries closed on the parcel on February 28th, and the sellers will be moving out of the house by the end of April. Look for more updates in the weeks and months to come to learn how you can help with this milestone in the life of SGBC.

## New Staff Member



Growth in size and in ministry activities also means growth in opportunity and in ministry workload. On February 7th, Colin Jordan, one of our lay elders, began a new position as Business Manager for Moretti Ministries, and will also be working half-time for SGBC. Colin's role at SGBC will be "administration and communications". His initial tasks will be to relieve the pastoral staff of some of the administrative duties they have been carrying, to help identify and resolve new administrative burdens that naturally come with growth,

to raise up and train ministry teams to help in several key areas, and also to improve both our internal and external communications. We'll give you additional details as Colin settles into his new position. As these things are done, Colin will also begin the task of taking sermon series preached by our pastoral staff over the years and turning them into studies and other useful teaching materials.

## 2022 Courageous Churchmen Conference

Each year, our elder team attends the Courageous Churchmen conference at Grace Immanuel Bible Church in Jupiter, Florida. The two-and-a-half-day conference was founded to equip and encourage pastors and lay leaders, and speakers include not only the pastoral staff of GIBC, but also pastors from other TES (The Expositor's Seminary) campus churches, as well as pastors from other associated ministries. This year's theme was "The Pastor Finishing Well", and the focus was on endurance and faithfulness in ministry.

Typically, we'll take along one or two men from the church who are in a ministry leadership position or who are considering entering vocational ministry. This year, SGBC sent 18 men to the conference! It was a great time for our men to gather with over 400 men from other faithful ministries, to sit under the teaching of pastors who have labored long and fruitfully in pastoral ministry, and to be encouraged in fellowship over mealtimes, between conference sessions, and into the evening. Our own Pastor Marc Wragg was even featured one of the on-stage Q&A panels!

The audio from this year's conference is not posted as of this writing, but in due time can be found on the Courageous Churchmen website, along with more information about this wonderful ministry. You can find it all at <https://churchmen.org>.

## Announcing: The SGBC Ekklesia Conference

Some of you may remember the annual “Ekklesia” conference that GIBC held each year to encourage the Church. As GIBC is no longer offering the Ekklesia conference, we’ve received their blessing to use the name “Ekklesia” for our own annual church conference. Our first Ekklesia conference is planned for the first weekend in October. The intent of the conference will always be to equip and strengthen the local church, and our topic for this year will be suffering. Look for more details on SGBC’s annual Ekklesia conference in the months to come.

## Pastor Eric Borgstrom, New Chairman of the Elder Board



The practice of the SGBC elder board is to rotate the chairmanship among the elders, and the outgoing chairman selects the man who is to replace him. Colin Jordan has served as the chairman since September 2018, and at this past January’s elder retreat, Colin chose Pastor Eric Borgstrom to be the new chairman of the board. Duties of the chairman include setting the meeting agenda and facilitating the weekly elder meetings.

## Communication

As always, if you have any questions or would like to communicate your thoughts to church leadership, please contact any of our staff pastors and elders, call the church office at (941) 474-1905, or email Colin Jordan at [colin@savinggracebiblechurch.org](mailto:colin@savinggracebiblechurch.org)

## Missions Committee Update

SGBC’s missions committee meets regularly to discuss possible projects to support and to review updates from our current SGBC-supported missionaries. If you would like to know more about the missionaries we support, please see Joe Gearo, the elder who leads the missions committee, or see our church website.

## Ministry Updates

Do you desire to serve the body but aren’t quite sure where to plug in? Email the church office at [info@sgbc.me](mailto:info@sgbc.me), or fill out the online serving form located on the website or the phone app under the MY SGBC tab. We have multiple areas of service where you can use your gifts!

## SGBC Phone App & Body Communication

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