



# 2026 - 2027

## Board of Overseers Bios

**The Board** helps provide spiritual leadership and set the ministry direction along with the Grace Church Executive Leadership Team in the context of our mission within the guidelines of Scripture.

### RECOMMENDED FOR AFFIRMATION:

**Bill Buckwalter**

**Drew Hilty**

**Matt Yost**



## Bill Buckwalter

As a member of Grace Church, I,

*Bill Buckwalter,*

support the mission, vision, values  
and beliefs.

I grew up in a Christian home in Lancaster, Pa and became a Christian at a young age. I met my wife, Jackie, in college and we were married in 1981. We lived in Lancaster until 1993 when my employer gave me the opportunity to move to Wooster to take the role as a sales representative in the Midwest. Jackie grew up in Smithville, and it gave us the opportunity to live close to her family. In 2009 I left the company and started Ride On Wooster Bicycles with Jackie which we own to this day. We have 5 adult children, Seth, Joanna, Jacob, Mollie and Mitchell and 4 grandchildren all of whom live in Wooster except our youngest son, Mitchell who is in Columbus.

Jackie and I became members at Grace shortly after we moved to Wooster in 1993. Early in my adult years my life verses became Eph 2:8,9 when I fully realized that it is only by God's grace that I am positioned as a child of God and forgiven because of the sacrificial atonement of Jesus. I can't leave out verse 10, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

I have served as a board member in the past and look forward to the opportunity again. My involvement at Grace over the years has included outreach and evangelism, small group leader and I currently serve as an usher on Sunday mornings.

One of my spiritual gifts is serving and I love being involved in the outreach opportunities. I also bring my experience of running a business and serving Wooster for over 17 years. Jackie and I are involved at Grace because we see God at work in the lives of so many people and we see life change on a continuing basis.



## Drew Hilty

As a member of Grace Church, I,

*Drew Hilty,*

support the mission, vision, values  
and beliefs.

My family started attending Grace Church when I was 13 years old, and I've been a member of Wooster ever since. After attending college and working outside of Wooster, my wife, kids and I have lived in the area now for 15 years. My wife, Bekah, is the director of the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County, my son, Kaden, is a junior at Triway, my daughter, Elena, is a freshman at Triway and I lead a team of engineers at Schaeffler, which is in Wooster.

My relationship with Jesus started when I was 10 years old, being led to this decision by my parents and baptized by my father shortly after on Father's Day. Currently, I serve on the church board and on the production team. My engineering education and experience could help support the board with an analytical approach to decision making as well as come up with creative solutions to challenges the church might face. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve at Grace and further His kingdom!



## **Matt Yost**

**As a member of Grace Church, I,**

*Matt Yost,*

**support the mission, vision, values  
and beliefs.**

I live in Wooster with my wife, Abby, and daughters Claire and Samantha. Most of my life has been spent in Wayne County and I have attended Grace Church since I was six years old. I accepted Christ at the age of 8 while attending a Vacation Bible School program, and was baptized shortly thereafter. Grace Church has been a part of my life for over 40 years, and has been instrumental in teaching, training and developing my relationship with Jesus Christ.

For my career, I am a partner at Hummel Group where I work as the Chief Growth Officer and also maintain a client base managing business insurance programs. I feel I have the gift of discernment and enjoy serving in areas where I can exercise this strength. Currently, I am the board chairman for the Pregnancy Care Center of Wayne County. At Grace Church, I have served on the board several different terms over the past 18 years, my wife and I lead a Marriage Reset group, and my family serves on the First Impressions Team. In addition to this, I have led an ABF, middle school & high school class, and served in Grace Youth.

## Continuing Members-At-Large:



**Drew Pasteur**



**Wade Karhan**



**Ryan Spengler**



**Tom Weckesser**



**Chris Hilty**



**Chad Kauffman**