

My husband and I joined GPC when I was pregnant with our first child. There were a lot of things about Grace that we liked, but I distinctly remember looking at the Exultation Youth Choir and thinking that I wanted my child to grow up in a place which was that committed to youth and whose youth were that committed. It is highly unusual to have a youth choir singing in worship EVERY Sunday during the school year. That is a ton of music to learn each week! Having watched how Exultation impacted my 3 children and dozens more, I would also argue that God is doing something amazing with all that music. Many Exultation anthems are bits of scripture, set to music. It is a jolt to a teen to read a passage of scripture and realize that she ALREADY knows the next verse because she memorized it in choir. God is writing scripture on those children's hearts and God promises us that His word does not return empty. It may be years or even decades before those words bear fruit and I may never glimpse it. That's ok! God is up to something good, even in the choir loft. So, yes, I give to Grace because I know that the programs, activities, and staff members my gifts underwrite are used by God to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask for or even imagine!

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