Innovative App Design for Grace Baptist Church

Connecting Beyond Church Walls

Deliverables: Brand Strategy, UX strategy, Visual Design, UX Research

Creating an app that aims to offer a convenient, user-friendly solution to connect, inform, and engage church members.

Overview

Background

Explore how churches embrace digital platforms to extend community beyond physical meetings. This study focuses on *fostering deep connections*, nurturing spiritual growth throughout the week, and using technology to strengthen bonds among members.

BEYOND SUNDAYS

Staying connected to the church throughout the week.

MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE

In today's climate, meeting members where they are —on mobile devices— is more pressing than ever.

In today's hectic lifestyles, where individuals navigate numerous responsibilities and commitments, *finding time for spiritual connection and active engagement within the church community poses a significant challenge.*

EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY

Many church members, amidst their busy lives, increasingly turn to digital platforms for communication and information.

Goals

CULTIVATE BIBLICAL MANDATES

Through the pages of the Bible, a resounding message echoes: the call to foster deep_connections among believers.

With "*one another*" and "*each other*" resonating nearly 100 times, we uncover a profound truth: churches flourish when they prioritize engaging hearts, nurturing meaningful communication, and serving one another with selflessness.

BUILDING ONE ANOTHER

"Therefore, encourage one another
and build each other up"
1 Thessalonians 5:11

By embracing technology and the power of digital connectivity, an app can become a useful tool in fostering engagement, Commuinication, and serving.

Engagement

Communication

Serving others

Life is hard, members don't have to go at it alone.

The church app fosters community gatherings, facilitates spiritual growth, and provides a convenient platform for member connection.

Quick and efficient communication

The app plays a crucial role in keeping members informed about local church concerns, prayer needs, and upcoming services, promoting engagement.

Equipping the church member to serve.

The app empowers members to actively participate, make a meaningful impact, and contribute to a culture of unity within the church, utilizing tools, and opportunities.

CONNECTING

We have to remember the Church is not a building; it's a Family of Believers. Therefore, we must create ways to connect digitally beyond the building walls.

Member Challenges

COMMON CHALLENGES FROM CHURCH MEMBER INTERVIEWS

UNDERSTANDING MEMBER CHALLENGES

The interviews with church members primarily focused on identifying *challenges and barriers to connecting and engaging with the church* and exploring potential improvements through their mobile device usage.

Busy Weekly Schedules
Members struggle to participate due to conflicting commitments and limited time.

Access to Announcements
Members miss updates and announcements feeling disconnected.

Hard to Contact Members
Difficult to connect and get access to members of the church.

Unsure how to serve
Members are unsure how to effectively contribute, potentially not using their skills

EQUIPPING THE CHURCH

In a busy and distracted world, it's important to equip members with the opportunity to detach themselves from the chaos and attached themselves to the church

Leadership Challenges

UNDERSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Creating the church app came with several challenges, which shaped its final design and functionality.

Leadership wanted to ensure the app didn't have too many features, which would require more maintenance, and that members' privacy was secure.

OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED

01 **No Church Staff**
The lack of additional paid staff meant limited resources.

02 **Non-Tech Savvy Volunteers**
Some volunteers struggled with technology.

03 **Minimal Volunteers**
The number of available volunteers was very low.

04 **Limited Availability**
Volunteers had full-time jobs, restricting their availability.

DUE TO THESE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES, THE APP WAS DESIGNED TO BE:

Low Maintenance
Requiring minimal ongoing support.

Privacy Protection
Ensuring the confidentiality of members' information.

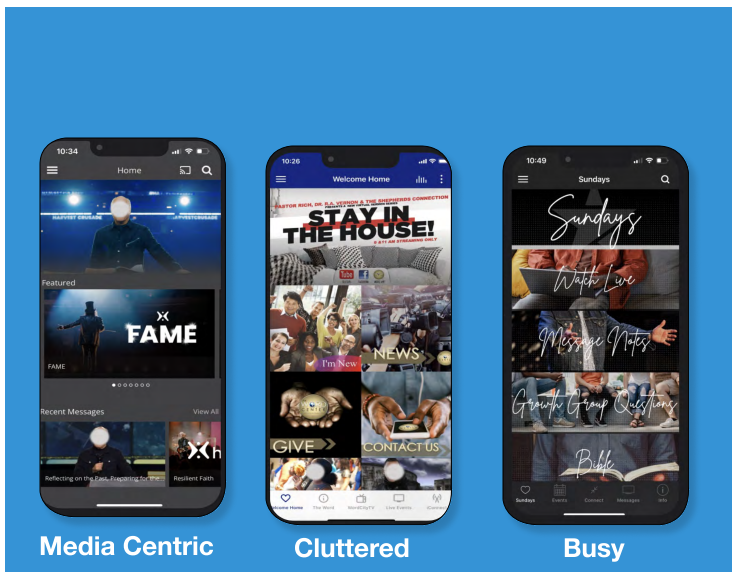
Minimal Updates:
Reducing the need for frequent changes.

Feature Simplicity
Focusing on ease of use and good user experience.

KEEPING IT SIMPLE

By simplifying access to the church, body of believers, you cultivate gratitude among your members and nurture a stronger, more united community.

Research



Media Centric Cluttered Busy

Common Mistakes With Church Apps

App store research revealed numerous mistakes and challenges for church members due to poor usability and lack of user-friendliness.

Media-centric: Focus on sermons and media but not the member engagement.
Cluttered: Inefficient use of screen real estate through negative space,
Busy: Users may find it challenging to navigate through the app.

Limitations of common forms of communication

In order to enhance communication, we recognize the need for a more contemporary approach. The current methods, while traditional, may not fully capture the engagement and connectivity we aspire to achieve.

3 Common forms of communication

1. **Emails**: Often lost in overflowing inboxes, missing important updates.
2. **Sunday Service Announcements:** Missed due to absences, late arrivals, or post-service busyness.
3. **Paper Bulletin:** While traditional, it lacks real-time updates and doesn't cater to on-the-go lifestyles.

SEAMLESS DESIGNS

Its important to design an app that seamlessly combines usability, functionality, and enjoyment for members.

Designs

The Church in Your Pocket

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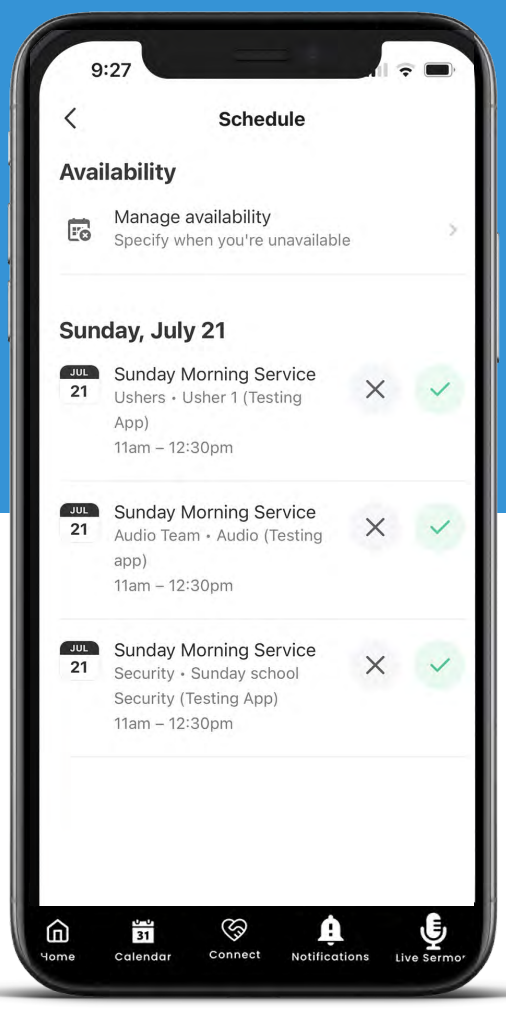
CONNECTING MADE EASY

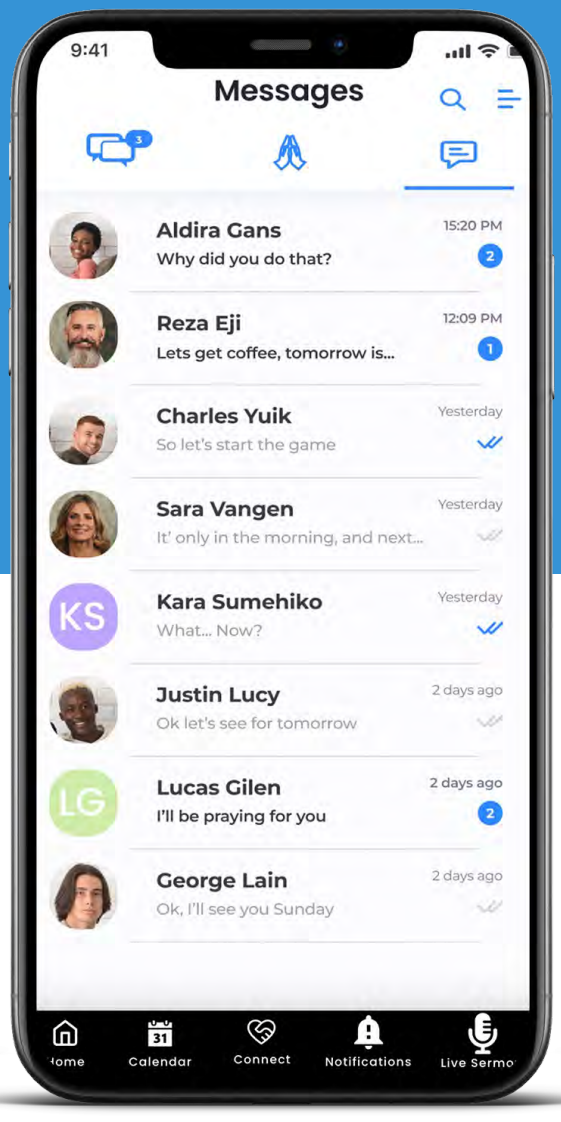
Engagement

Serving others

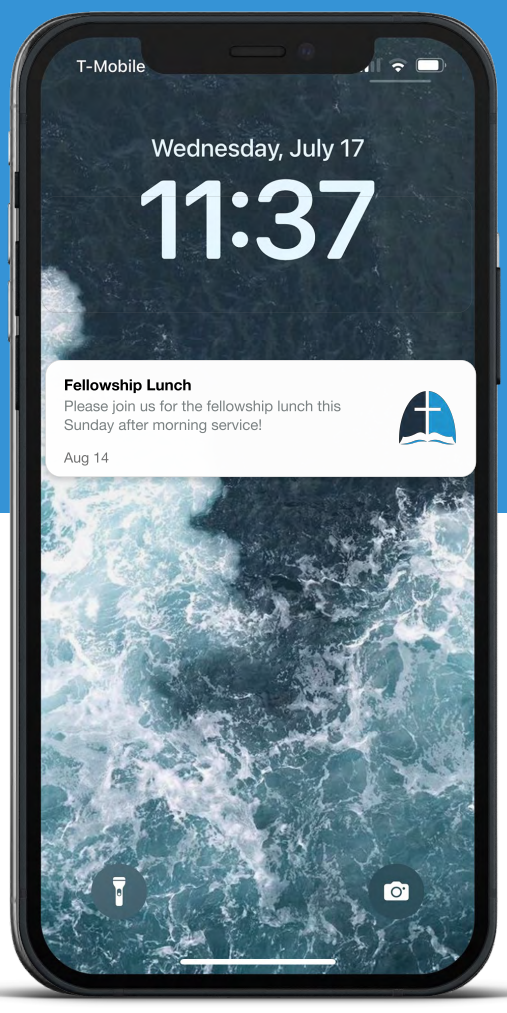


Serving Request

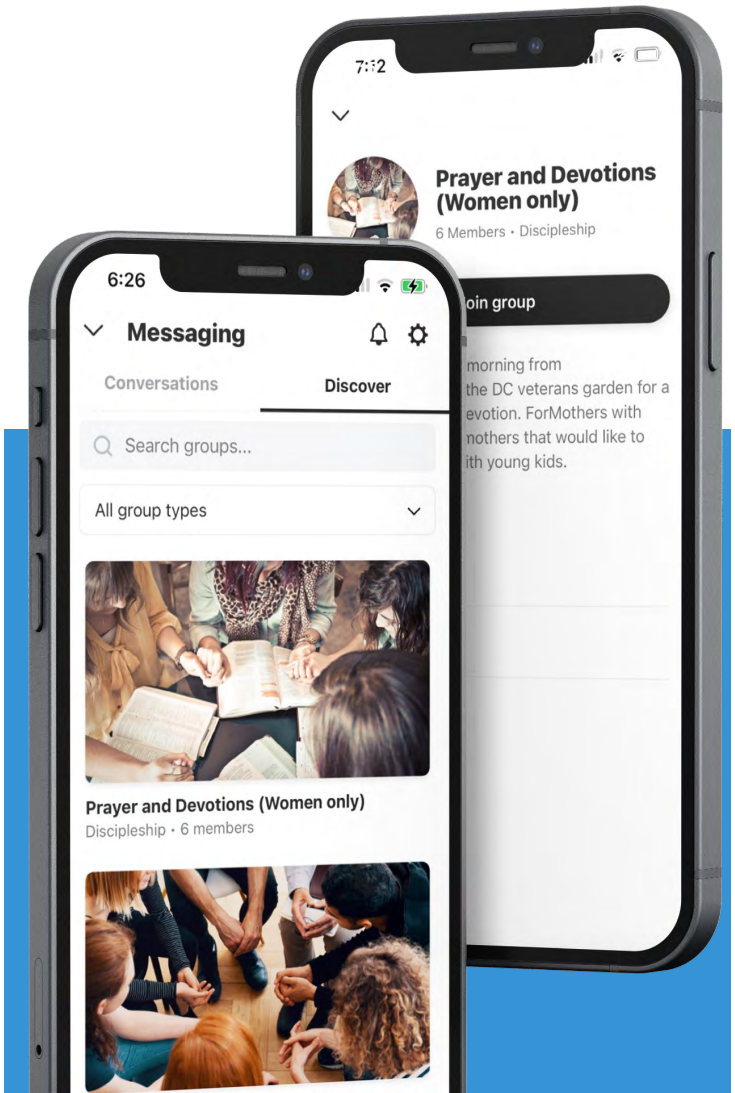
Communication



Member to Member Messaging



Announcements



Group FInder

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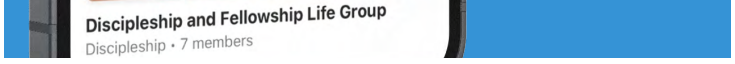
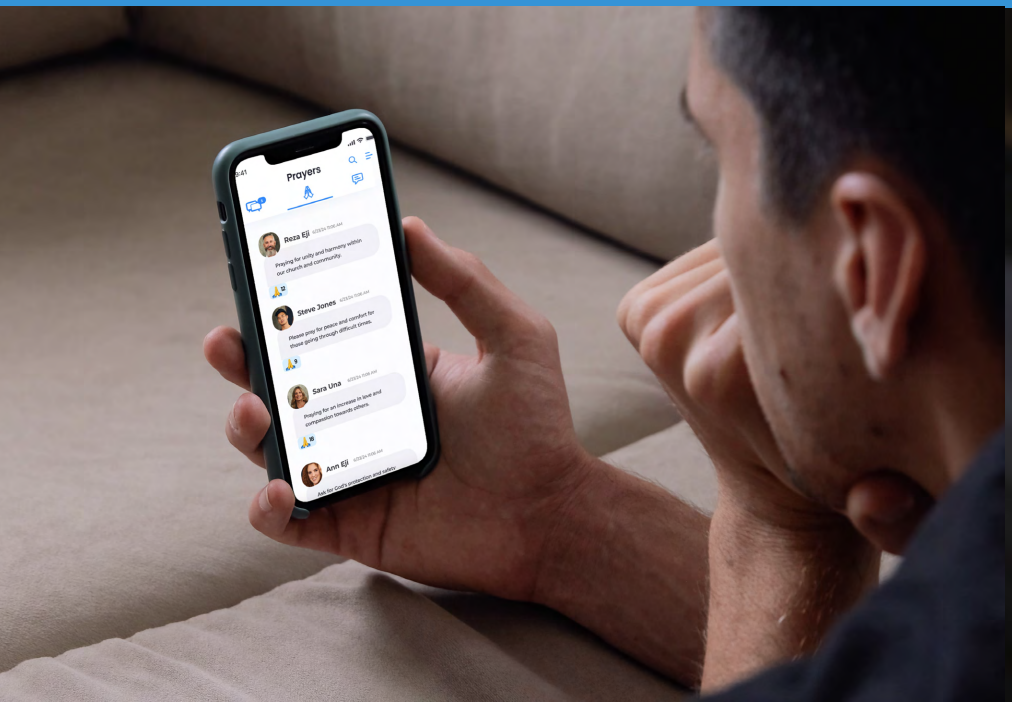


SEND PRAYER REQUEST

Provide a dedicated space for church members to submit, view, and respond to prayer requests, enhancing community support and spiritual connection.



Spiritual Growth Resources

Highlight resources for spiritual growth and sermon accessibility. Key features include live streaming, sermon shorts for quick inspiration, and access to past sermons in the archives.

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Media
SERMON SHORTS
Most Recent
Feast on Peace
Jul 16, 2024
Media Library
Sermon Shorts
Romans
8:23
LIVESTREAM
Live STREAM
You can also listen via phone at (712) 432-3410. The Church Code ID is 47622.
(712-432-3410,,2,,47622)
Recent Sermons
Sermon ARCHIVE
Man
July 14, 2024 | Psalm 1 | 48:37 ...
Plan for the Ch..
Greatest Joy A..
July 7, 2024 | Colossians 1:11-...
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All Sermons (2378)
Sort by Newest
The Blessed Man
Micah Smith - July 14, 2024 | Psalm 1 | 48:37 ...
Denying Yourself, Bearing Yo..
Calvin Walden - July 14, 2024 | Luke 14:25-35 ...
The Master's Plan for the Ch..
John Polderman - July 14, 2024 | 30:10 | 4
Jesus Is Your Greatest Joy A..
Gordon Cook - July 7, 2024 | Colossians 1:11-...
Prayer REQUEST
Sign up TO SERVE
Deacon SUPPORT
Home
Calendar
Connect
Bible
Bulletin
Group Meetings
Small GROUPS
Women's Bible Study
Wed, Jul 17
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sat, Aug 3
Men's Fellowship & Coffee
Tue, Aug 13 • 10 – 11am
Men's Fellowship and Coffee
Tue, Aug 13
Women's Bible Study
Wed, Aug 21
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Register your child for VBS 2024
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