

## Meet the Leadership



Georgie & Ted Nelson  
Biography & the Grace Station history

Ted was born & raised in Edna, Texas. He served in the U.S. Navy, attended the Univ. of Texas, and worked for a Houston company in Australia. Georgie was born and raised on a sheep farm near Wanganui, New Zealand. After graduating from St. Mary's High School in Stratford, NZ she attended art school in Wellington before becoming an airline stewardess in Australia.

Ted and Georgie met in Jan. of 1969 in Sydney, Australia and married on her father's sheep farm in New Zealand 11 months later and lived in Darwin, Australia until July 1970 before moving to Houston, TX. While living in Houston Ted worked for an engineering consulting firm and they had three sons; twins Angus & Marcus and Jonathon. In 1975 they moved to Wausau, WI where Ted was the sales manager of a manufacturing company. In 1979 Ted opened up a branch office for a manufacturer's rep. firm in Wausau and worked for them until Dec. 31, 2004.

In 1984, Georgie started attending a home bible study and reading her bible, which became an irritation to her husband Ted. In April, 1985, Georgie decided to take a 36 hr. video bible study course. Ted was pressured (tricked) to take the course with her. He would say he took it so that he could protect his wife from any "weird stuff". Even though he didn't want to be there, he became "born again" (saved), because he came to believe and accept Jesus as his Savior.

During the next year, all three of their sons accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior. In 1986, they started attending a small charismatic church and were introduced to real praise & worship. However, they left there after 3 or 4 months to attend an Assembly of God church because they had a vibrant youth group for their sons.

In 1989, their sons, Angus & Marcus graduated from high school and went off to Rhema Bible Training Center in Tulsa, OK . The following year Ted and Georgie enrolled at Rhema. After receiving certificates in Biblical Studies from Rhema, Ted & Georgie returned to their church in Wausau and his old job. After approx. four years of hosting home bible studies, teaching adult Sunday school, ushering, nursery, heading up building committees, being a chapter president of Full Gospel Businessmen, Ted and Georgie left that church looking for God's direction.

After 4-5 months of searching, they felt like God was leading them to start a new work in Wausau. Not another work, a new and difference work. In Nov. 1996, Big Church Alive (BCA) had it's first meeting with 11 people in a small hotel conference room.

In June 1998, Ted & Georgie attended a conference in Louisville, KY and had three different people, who knew nothing about them, prophecy over them, confirming them as pastors, confirming many things that were going on in their lives and many things God had put on their hearts. One of those things was a downtown youth center.

In August 1998, BCA leased the location at 101 Scott St. and started a youth center called RockWater Cyber Café, which later relocated to a larger bldg. on Stewart Ave. that could facilitate larger concerts.

During the 2001/2002 school year Ted & Georgie received their diploma from Oral Roberts University in Charismatic Ministry and certificates in Healing Evangelism & Apostolic Leadership.

In Jan. 2001, Ted & Georgie started a new journey in the revelation of God's unconditional love and grace, and an optimistic view of eschatology. It changed most everything in the way they viewed God and His Kingdom.

On Nov. 1, 2010 Big Church Alive changed its' name to The Grace Station. The Grace Station has a vision to "Declare the innocence of man thru faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ", and to reach out to those Christians disillusioned with the "institutional church", but want to go on with God without the pomp, guilt & unrealistic expectations that comes with performance modification.

Ted & Georgie have three sons, three daughter-in-laws and eight grandchildren. Son, Marcus and Emily live in EL Cerrito, CA with their three children, Olivia, Stewart, and Henry. Son, Jonathan and Sarah live in Wausau also with their three children, Daniel, Carissa and Charlie. Son, Angus and Samantha live in Huntsville, AL with their two daughters Sydney & Scarlett and son Duncan.



**Nelson Family Christmas 2007 (+ 4 grandkids that hadn't arrived yet)**

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Ted and his sons (Marcus, Jono & Angus)



Ted & Georgie and their sons



Baby Charlie, Sarah, Jono, Carissa & Daniel



Sydney, Sammy, Baby Duncan, Angus & Scarlett



Marcus, Olivia, Stewart & Emily