

# Grace Weekly Email Update

## March 26, 2025



### Message from JD Cuny (Associate Pastor)

Spring is certainly in the air! There is pollen on the cars and everyone is still trying to adjust to “springing” forward an hour (or is it just me). We are in the 3rd week of Lent, with the eyes of our hearts looking forward to celebrating Easter in a few weeks. We are excited for all of our Grace family and the numerous guests who will worship with us on Easter Sunday. In preparation, we are having our own form of “spring cleaning” as we get the campus ready to celebrate with everyone.

We are having a **Grace Work Day THIS Saturday, March 29** from 9am-12pm. This is not just about working around the church. It is a great opportunity to connect with others from Grace as we get our hands a little dirty and work up a little sweat. If you would like to lead a team, contact the office 646-1177.

**Outside work:** *trimming plants/bushes/trees; digging up weeds; clearing leaves out of beds/plants; knocking down dirt dauber nests; putting down fresh mulch; power washing mildew on brick walls outside.*

**Inside work:** *cleaning dust from HVAC vents in the kids wing; cleaning chairs cushions in the worship center and lobby; cleaning windows and door thresholds.*

*(If you have time during the week, and want to help tackle some of this work, contact the church office.)*

The Adoption/Foster Care Support Luncheon is in 11 days on Sunday, April 6, from 12:15-1:30pm in the Activity Center. The goal of this lunch is to create awareness and develop support systems that better serve our Grace families who are fostering or in the adoption process. Who is invited to this lunch? 1. Anyone who is in the adoption process or serving as a foster family 2. Anyone who has adopted/fostered in the past who would like to lend wisdom and support to these families 3. Anyone who would like to support our adopting/fostering families.

It is such a blessing to serve our Lord Jesus Christ with all of you!

Yours in Christ,

JD

## WORSHIP SERVICES — March 30 & 31

### Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Lead Me To Calvary; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

### Modern (9:30 & 11:00am Sunday)

Songs: House of the Lord; What a Beautiful Name  
The Image; Jesus at the Center

### Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Jesus at the Center; What a Beautiful Name  
The Image; Breathe

Live Stream @ 9:30am Sunday: [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

### Grace Community Church

4001 Brooken Hill Dr., Fort Smith, AR 72908

479.646.1177

[contact@gracefs.com](mailto:contact@gracefs.com)

Office Hours: 9-5 Monday-Thursday

[www.gracefs.com](http://www.gracefs.com)

*Grace Community Church exists for the glory of God,  
to make visible the kingdom of God, and  
to declare the grace of God to all the world.*

## KIDS MINISTRY (Infants—5th GRADERS)

Contact [Christine](#) for Children's Ministry.

Kids Page on Grace Website—Click [HERE](#).



### March Kids Church

Time and time again, Jesus showed that He cared for everyone, regardless of their social standing. He paid special attention to the poor and those excluded. Jesus spent His time with the outcasts of society and chose to be the ultimate sacrifice for everyone. For the sake of clarity, we will be using the NIV 1984 version of our memory verse for this month.

*Verse of the month: "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7*

### Grace to Support the CALL's

#### Bunny Breakfast & Rabbit Run; Saturday, April 12



For this year's pancake breakfast and egg hunt, we will be supporting one of our community partners and we hope you will join us in supporting them downtown at the River Park Buildings and Amphitheater on Saturday, April 12! All proceeds from the event benefit The CALL in Crawford & Sebastian Counties.

The Rabbit Run 5K will start at 8, followed by the Family Fun Run at 8:30. The Family Run will consist of a quick out and back that is about 1/2 of a mile round trip! Hang out afterward for the Bunny Breakfast event featuring a pancake breakfast, music, and fun activities for all ages from 9-11 AM. Race participation is not required to attend the breakfast and activities. Our local school mascots will also have a chance to race against the Easter Bunny! The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 11 to wrap up the morning.

SIGN UP OR DONATE [HERE](#). (Receive 10% off with promo code: 5VYWXLPG for either event!)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We are also looking to add volunteers to help with the event, so if you would like to help with any part of the event, please contact Christine by Sunday, March 23. Cooking/serving food, games/crafts, and cleaning up are the areas that will be needed. Volunteers will be in shifts from either 8:30-10 or 10-11:30.

### Kids Summer 2025 Camp at Siloam Spring

#### July 21, 8am—July 25, 5pm; (3rd-5th Grades)

Kids Camp sign ups have officially begun for Summer 2025.



Kids who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade as of May 2025 are eligible.

Please click the link for more information or to sign up, spots are limited! This is a great opportunity for

children to be with other believers their age and enjoy fellowship and fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Christine](#). To register, click [HERE](#).

## DASH & FM

(6-8th grades) & (9-12th grades)

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

Dash/FM Page on Grace Website—Click [HERE](#)



### Weekly Gatherings: Wednesdays, 6:00pm!

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship!

(No Youth on March 26.... Spring Break!)

### Senior Sunday, May 4!

We will celebrate in the Student Ministry Building with a luncheon after the 11:00 worship service. Invite friends and family to celebrate. Be sure to sign up for the luncheon [HERE](#) as well as provide Senior information for the “Senior Brochure.”



**Parents: Important....**Please send three pics to Dana no later than Sunday, March 16. Two pictures of the senior when he/she was younger and one senior picture. Email these to [Dana](#).

### Summer Camp— Few Spots Left 6th –12th Grade

We only have a few spots still available. Must [register](#) ASAP. First and second deposits will be due...\$200 total. If you need financial assistance for camp, please contact [Dana](#).



**Scholarship Donations Appreciated**—If you would like to help a student(s) go to camp this year, we would greatly appreciate full or partial scholarships. Donations can be made by clicking [HERE](#) (instructions in second paragraph of “Youth Summer Camp 2nd Installment” page)

## TRAIL LIFE USA

(K-12<sup>th</sup> grade boys)

Contact [JD](#) for Trail Life.

**Troop 316, First 3 Mondays  
of Each Month (April 7, 14, 21)  
6:15-7:30pm, StuMin**



Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship ministry that speaks to the heart of a boy. Set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created.

# CONNECT/EVENTS



## **Women's Bunco Night** **Thursday, March 27, 6-8pm**

Join us for a lively evening of Bunco on March 27 from 6:00-8:00pm! Whether you're a newbie or a pro, it's all about having fun and building connections with other women in the church. There will be snacks, laughter, and plenty of chances to meet new ladies. Don't miss out on this relaxed and joyful night—come as you are and bring a friend! We can't wait to see you there! Click [HERE](#) for more information!



## **Adoption/Foster Care** **Support Luncheon** **Sunday, April 6, 12:15-1:30pm** **Activity Center**

The goal of this lunch is to create awareness and develop support systems that better serve our Grace families who are fostering or in the adoption process.

Who is invited to this lunch?

1. Anyone who is in the adoption process or serving as a foster family
2. Anyone who has adopted/fostered in the past who would like to lend wisdom and support to these families
3. Anyone who would like to support our adopting/fostering families

Please register [HERE](#) so we can make the appropriate accommodations.



## **The Chosen Study: Season 1** **Wednesdays, April 9, 8 Weeks** **5:45-7:30pm (Women's Group)**

This study will be built around "The Chosen" series. The Chosen is a TV series that follows the life and ministry of Jesus. The group will watch an episode together, study scripture that the episode is based upon and discuss. This group is led by Erin Delassus. Click [HERE](#) for more information!

## **Peace for the Anxious Heart Study** **Wednesdays, April 9-30, 6-7pm, 4 weeks** **Leaders: Jamie Webb and Alecia Farley** **(Women's Group)**

This 4 week study will walk you through the lives of Biblical characters who walked through anxiety themselves. It will remind you of God's love, the hope of the gospel, and the presence of God who provides lasting peace in the battle against anxiety. Please be sure to sign-up [HERE](#) to secure your spot!



# CONNECT/EVENTS

## Men's Camping/Float Trip, Steel Creek Campground, Buffalo River, (Outside of Ponca)

May 2-4 (Fri-Sun)

Join guys from Grace as we enjoy some outdoor adventure in God's beautiful creation. For many people, there is just something about sitting around a campfire and telling stories



that is good for the soul. It is also great way to get to know some guys from Grace whom you may not

know. It is a great chance to unwind and slow down from the fast pace life and get outdoors under the stars.

Cost: \$40 - Camp only, \$45 - Float only, \$85 Camp & Float

Invite a friend/coworker to join us. Register [HERE](#).

# MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

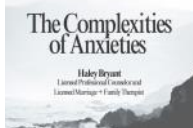
## The Complexities of Anxiety Presented by Haley Bryant, LPC, LMFT Wednesday, April 2, 5-6:30pm Grace Community, **Activity Center**



Haley Bryant is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She is a Van Buren native who graduated from the University of Arkansas 2010 and from John Brown University in 2012.

She enjoys speaking in the community focusing on mental health and family relations. She counsels individuals and families at Van Buren Counseling. She has two children ages 6 and 9 and has been married 15 years to Blake.

We hope you will join us for this important and informative session! Sign-up [HERE](#)!



## Mental Health

Ministry



Scan this QR code or go to [Gracefc.com/mental-health](https://www.gracefc.com/mental-health)

Are you concerned about your personal mental health or that of a family member? Do you struggle with knowing who you can talk to? Do you carry the common concern that others cannot know? Perhaps you are ready to discuss it, but are just not sure what the next right step is? Talk to our mental health team! The form is confidential.

Once the form is received, the director will contact you to set up a confidential meeting to further understand your needs and assist in the options for your potential next steps

# CONNECT—On Going Groups



**Upper Room Daily Devotional  
Discussion Group**  
**1st & 3rd Wednesdays** *Revised*  
**1-2pm, Activity Center**

Using the Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide, ladies discuss the daily reading and the Bible verses as a launching pad for in-depth discussions to include sharing personal experiences. Class is led by **Ava Imotichey**.



**By Hook, Needle & Craft  
Women's Group**  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays**  
**1pm, Activity Center**

Join a group of women who love crafts and visiting with each other. Crafts include knitting, crewel, needlepoint, cross-stitch and any other craft you wish to do. If you are gifted with these talents or want to learn, join these ladies in this wonderful ministry. On the few occasions when the first day of the month falls on a Thursday, meetings will be on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Class is led by Mary Carter.



**Men's Lunch Huddle**  
**Thursday, April 3, 12pm**  
**The Egg of Fort Smith**  
**3801 Planters Rd.**

This is a great way to connect with other men at Grace. Invite a friend or coworker. (First Thursday of each month)



**Moms Growing in Grace**  
**(2nd Tues each month—Sept-May)**  
**Remaining Dates:**  
**April 8, May 13, 6-7:30pm**  
**Kids Church Classroom**

Moms Growing with Grace is a group where mothers can come together. Whether you are raising children now, are pregnant, are fostering, or have grown children, all are welcome. We come together each month to discuss topics that matter to us and use our faith and experiences to encourage each other. Our study this session will be "Reclaiming Motherhood: Embracing the Untamed, Beauty, Fun, Passion & Vitality of Motherhood" Questions, contact Jessica Michael 479-322-2164 or Ariana Gallamore 417-274-4671 (free childcare provided)



## EDOH Deploys Rapid Response Team to Cave City, Arkansas

Over the weekend, the area was hit by a devastating EF-3 tornado. The outreach will begin Thursday, March 20, and go through Saturday, April 5. Volunteers can begin arriving at 3pm on Wednesday, March 19. The first meal will be dinner that evening. The last meal will be breakfast on Saturday, April 5. Our headquarters is located at Cave City First Assembly. You can get more details or sign up [HERE](#). Please contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.



## Next Work Day is Saturday, March 29, 9am-noon

There is work to do inside and outside before Easter comes. If you would like to lead a team, contact the office 646-1177.

Work to be done outside: trimming plants/bushes/trees; digging up weeds; clearing leaves out of beds/plants; knocking down dirt dauber nests. We will be putting down fresh mulch.

Work to be done inside: cleaning dust from HVAC vents in the kids classrooms; chairs cushions in worship center and lobby; windows; door thresholds.

(If you have time during the week, and want to help tackle some of this work, contact the church office.)



## Care Portal

Simply put, the Care Portal is a technological system that connects people who can help with people who need help...right now, in real time. You can register (by using the QR code on the right) as a care provider and do the simple training online. Please contact [Susan Mixon](#).



## Support Arkansas - Alaska Missions

Grace has supported the ministry of Arkansas - Alaska Missions for several years. This ministry focuses on the villages of Metasta, Tanacross, Tetlin, Northway and Tok. During the summer months, VBS, bible studies, family night worship, and retreats are held weekly to plant seeds of hope through the love of Jesus. If you would like to purchase items needed for their summer programming, you can do so on their [Amazon registry](#).



## Collecting Shoes for Arkansas Family Alliance —for TEENS

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. Currently, there are approximately 380 children in foster care in Sebastian County.



Grace will be participating in the Walk a Mile in My Shoes campaign by collecting ADULT size, new shoes for teens in the foster system through the month of April. Shoes can be

dropped off in the designated area of the Worship Center. All shoes collected will be displayed on the lawn of Sagely and Edwards Realtors on Rogers Avenue on Thursday, May 15 for public awareness. Contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.

## Eight Days of Hope, Buffalo, NY Outreach, July 19-26

Are you looking for a mission trip, but don't want to travel outside



the United States? Maybe Buffalo is just the opportunity you are looking for. We will be serving people in a district that has substantial needs. This is a great trip for families and people of all ages

to serve together. Projects will include all skill levels. Lodging and meals are provided while serving with EDOH. If riding on the church bus seems to be too much for you, you can fly at your own expense and arrangements for transportation to and from the airport will be available. There are lots of variables to this mission opportunity. If you can't be gone for that many days but still want to serve, please contact [Kathleen](#) to discuss alternatives. Details are still being finalized, please sign up [HERE](#) if you are interested.

## Upcoming Events

### Supporting Some of Our Community Partners



#### The CALL's Bunny Breakfast & 5K Saturday, April 12

If you are interested in being on Team Grace for the 5K (walk or run), please contact [Christine Turpin](#). Click [HERE](#) for a link to the Sponsor Packet.



#### First Choice Pregnancy Center Walk for Life, Saturday, April 19

Grace will sponsor the first 20 participants. Contact [Kim Green](#) to learn more. Click [HERE](#) for more information about this event.



#### Kick for a Cause, Sun., May 4, 1:30pm, Northside HS

Enjoy a day of thrilling soccer action, community spirit, and a chance to make a real impact. All proceeds will support Arkansas Family Alliance, helping families in crisis right here in our community. For more information and tickets click [HERE](#).



#### CASA Benefit, May 27 FSLT Dark Nights Theater presents "Girls' Weekend"



#### Community Services Clearinghouse True Grit Ride *Benefiting Backpack Food Program* Saturday, June 28





# GRACEPLACE



## **Volunteers Needed for Bible Story Hour**

Grace Place Preschool is looking for Volunteers to come help with Bible story hour once a week. If you are interested in learning more or in volunteering please contact [Natalie Cole](#).

## **Grace Place Preschool**

### **Summer and 2025-2026 Open Enrollment**

OPEN ENROLLMENT has begun for Summer 2025 and the 25/26 school year at Grace Place.

If you are interested in Summer care for your child ages (8 weeks - 5th grade) or if you are interested in enrolling your child (8 weeks-PreK) in the 25/26 school year, please contact Grace Place through [our Email](#) or call the preschool office at (479) 646-6503.

## **Grace Place Preschool Is Hiring**

Grace Place is looking to hire one to two full-time staff members. Applicants need to be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, and be able to pass a background check. Experience with children is preferred. Please contact Grace Place Preschool at (479) 646-6503 or stop by the Grace Place Preschool office to pick up an application.

# PRAYER

## **Community & World**

Unsaved

United States

Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza

All Military

Foster and Adoptive Parents

Victims of Violence

Weather Event Victims

Eight Days of Hope Ministry

Those who are sick

Those struggling w/mental illness & addictions

Walker & Jessica Lowe (YWAM Missionaries)

Spring Breakers

## **Grace Families**

Becky Basinger

Erin DeLassus

Carla Hilliard

Kimberly Dye

Ralph and Pam Mills

Cory Goodwin

Vicki Brixey

## **Cancer Fighters—Grace Family**

Ken Harvey

Nora Lowe

Tom Kaufenberg

## **EASTER SERVICES**



**Our Good Friday service will be a time of worship, prayer, and reflection on the seven last words of Jesus. All are welcome to join us at 12pm or 6pm in the Worship Center!**



**Join us this Easter as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope it brings to all. Experience a service filled with joy, worship and reflection on the incredible gift of new life. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor, we welcome you to be part of this special day as we come together in faith, fellowship and thanksgiving for the love and grace of our Savior.**