

Grace Weekly Email Update

July 2, 2025

Message from Pastor Jeff



We are digging into Exodus 34:5-7 for the next few weeks in worship. If you'd like to go a bit deeper each week with a devotional, we put up a five-day devotional to go along with the sermon each week. Just go to our website, click on "SERMONS," and then click on "Study Materials." You can see this week's [here](#).

When our church left the denomination we were a part of in 2020, we left a dysfunctional organization that we felt was more of a distraction to our ministry than a blessing to the mission of our church. It has been great to be free of that organization and we never want to go back into such an arrangement again.

My brother, Tommy, who also pastors a church that left the same denomination as we did, and I began shortly after leaving the denomination to discuss what it would look like to have a connection of churches that freely chose to associate with one another because we made each other better. We dreamed about a connection that was not bound together by legalities and rules, but by a shared sense of mission and theology. We dreamed of a connection that would be more about worship than workshops, relationships than rituals, and mission than maintenance. Something where we truly valued belonging over bureaucracy.

We dreamed of a connection where anyone could freely leave at any time, but that people wanted to stay in because it was a work of God and a witness to the unity of the church.
(To read the full message from Jeff, click [here](#))

See you this weekend!

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — July 6 & 7

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: America the Beautiful; My Country 'Tis of Thee

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

Songs: Glorious Day; Our Father
How Great Is Your Name; Great Are You Lord

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Stand In Your Love; No Other Love
How Great Is Your Name; Great Are You Lord

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

Past Sermons/Materials: Click [HERE](#).

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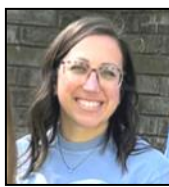
*Grace Community Church exists for the glory of God,
to make visible the kingdom of God, and
to declare the grace of God to all the world.*

KIDS MINISTRY (Infants—5th GRADERS)

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



[CHRISTINE TURPIN](#)
(Infants—PreK)



[SARAH REYKER](#)
(K-5th grade)

Grace Kids Needs VOLUNTEERS!!

Looking for a place to get plugged in? There's no better way than sharing the love of Jesus with kids! Exciting new curriculum coming in August! Once a month serve opportunities.

Email or text Sarah
(before she emails or texts you 😊).

sarah@gracefs.com or 479-414-2071

Come join the FUN!



Kids Church in July

This month's theme: God Is Wise

Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs after God answered his prayer and gave him great wisdom. We should seek God's wisdom! Wisdom is understanding a situation and

knowing what to do. God loves us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins. But His love doesn't stop there. God has much to say about human friendship and how we use our words and resources. We can trust His ways and apply what we learn from Him.

July Memory Verse: For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

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](#)



**No Regular Wednesday Night Youth Group.
Summer activities planned.**



Girls' Swim Party

THIS SUNDAY, JULY 6, 6-8PM

Join us for a relaxed evening at the pool with friends. There will be swimming, light snacks, and lots of girl chat! We hope you'll join in the fun! If you bring a friend, sign them up as well!!! Sign up [HERE](#) to register and to find the location of the party.



BRAND NEW DASH KIDS Swim Party



Saturday, July 12, 2-4pm

If you are leaving the 5th grade and entering 6th grade this coming school season, you are now "DASH Kid" age! Welcome to Youth! You are invited to a special swim party in your honor. We want to get to know you and your parents. Sign up [HERE](#) to register and to find the location of the party.



Slip n Slide Kickball

Sunday, July 13, 2-3pm

Join Grace Youth for a competitive game of Slip n Slide Kickball! This will be a fun way to cool off with your friends! The game will be played in the court yard, students should meet inside the Student Ministry building to be split up into teams. If you have any questions, contact [Dana Davis](#).



Youth Guys Swim Party

Tuesday, July 15, 4-7pm



All DASH and FM boys are invited to this swim party/cookout. Sign up [HERE](#) to register and to find the location of the party.

CONNECT/EVENTS

Sunday Sermon Recap

Continues Sunday, July 6, Activity Center

Two Opportunities: 10:40-11:30am or 12:10-1pm

We are excited to announce Sunday Sermon Recap groups. Beginning Sunday, June 8 in the Activity Center, we will have two opportunities to discuss and review the Sunday sermon. Terry Gallamore, along with others will facilitate a group after the 9:30am service from 10:40-11:30am. JD Cunny will facilitate

a group after the 11am service from 12:10-1pm.

We hope this will help people dive deeper into the sermon and since Grace does not have traditional Sunday School classes, this will give people the chance to make connections with others folks at Grace. We will have these groups throughout the summer with the hope that it is well enough attended to have it as on-going groups.

Each week will be a stand alone study. We encourage everyone to attend and typically you would not need to register, however we are asking those who plan to attend to sign-up for the first class, so we can make sure the room is set up appropriately. Click [HERE](#) to register.



**Sacred Spaces—Young Adult Ministry
Hiking the Boston Mountain Trail
Saturday, July 19, 9:30am-2pm**

The Young Adults will be hiking the Boston Mountain Trail on July 19. We'll be hosting lunch and a bible study along the way in the beautiful outdoors! We'll meet at the church at 9:30 AM and will arrive at the trail around 10:30 AM. We hope you'll be able to join us! We suggest you bring sunscreen, water, and bug spray! Fans will be provided. Sign-Up [HERE](#)!



**Women's Bunco Night
Thursday, July 24, 6-8pm**

Join us for a lively evening of Bunco! 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! Register [HERE](#).



**Amazing Race
Date Night for Married Couples
Saturday, July 26, 5-10pm
About Town & Activity Center**

On **July 26** Grace will be hosting a fun Amazing Race themed date

night for married couples. This will be an exciting night filled with adventure, teamwork, and friendly competition! You and your spouse will navigate clues, conquer challenges, and test your skills together! Dinner and awards to follow in the Activity Center. The cost is \$15 per couple. Childcare will be available, please make sure to sign-up [HERE](#) by **July 19** to secure your spot!

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CONNECT/EVENTS



Grace Family Night @ Alma Waterpark Friday, August 8, 7-9pm,

We'll be having a night of fun, fellowship, and refreshing excitement at the Alma Water Park. Bring the whole family and connect with others in our church community. The park is located at 731 City Park Rd, Alma, AR 72921. This is a free event.



Grace University, Tuesdays 6:30am-7:30am, Activity Center Sept 9-Nov 18 of 2025 & Jan 13-May 12 of 2026

Grace University seeks to equip disciples of Jesus Christ with a basic seminary level understanding of what the bible is and how to read and understand the Scriptures. The class is designed to teach you strategies with which to read and understand what the Scripture is saying and how that applies to us today. The class is composed of videos, podcasts, and books. This is not a bible study, but a class on how to read the bible and how to understand the impact of language, culture, and time on our understanding of God's word. Click [HERE](#) for full details and to sign up.



For King and Kingdom Men's Retreat

Oct. 1-5, Burning Bush Lodge, Wrightsville, AR

This retreat experience is designed to inspire, unite, and free men to pursue their Kingdom destiny in a community of like-minded men. To read full details and to register, click [HERE](#). Filling out this form does not commit you to the retreat. It is for men who are interested in learning more about the retreat. JD Cunny will contact you with more details.



Young Adults Passion 2026 January 1-3, 2026; Arlington, TX To learn more and to register, click [HERE](#).

CONNECT—On Going Groups



Kingdom Men Tuesday Group (Men's Group) Tuesdays, 6-7pm, Activity Center

Many men cannot always commit to a 6 or 8 week study, but do desire to attend men's studies. With that in mind, beginning Tuesday, June 17th at 6pm in the Activity Center, we are hosting "Kingdom Men Tuesday Group". We will have devotional time, testimonies, fellowship and prayer during this time. We want to create opportunities for guys to connect with other men at Grace. JD Cunny will facilitate the first Tuesday, with different guys facilitating each week.



Upper Room Daily Devotional Discussion Group 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 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, July 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)



Singles Ministry Thrive Monthly Lunch 1st Saturday Each Month, Noon Anthony's Italian Restaurant



Are you looking to find a community at Grace? Join the Thrive- Single's ministry for a monthly lunch full with conversation, connection, and yummy Italian food! Thrive will meet every 1st Saturday of the Month. The lunch will be hosted at Anthony's Italian Restaurant. No need to sign-up, just come when you can! If you have any questions please reach out to [Reagan Newell](#). July 5, Aug 2, Sept 6, Oct 4



Blood Drive, Sunday, July 27 8:30am-noon, Lobby

Consider donating at the Grace Blood Drive on July 27. You can donate before, during, or after service in the Lobby. If you are donating during

service you will still have access to watching the service live! We hope that as a church we will come together in serving our community and meeting this need. You can sign up [HERE](#). If you have any questions please contact [Kathleen](#).

EDOH, 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.



2025 Fill The Bus Volunteer Opportunity July 25 & 26

Our own Jeanne Carroll will be "manning" the Neighborhood Market on Rogers Avenue on both days. If you would like to help her, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Jeanne](#).

To read all about the Fill the Bus campaign click [HERE](#).

To the right is a list of items being collected, but Grace is **not** collecting items here at the church. You are asked to take your items to any WalMart store in the Fort Smith area on Friday, July 25 from 9am-7pm or Saturday, July 26 9am-1pm.



3 Ring Binders
Antibacterial Wipes
Art Supplies
Backpacks (Full Size)
Black Ink Pens
Colored Pencils
Crayons
Erasers
Folders - 3 prong w/pockets
Glue
Headphones
Kindergarten Mats
Markers
Notebooks
Notebook Paper
Pencil Boxes
Pencils
Play-Doh
Rulers
Scissors
Tissues

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.



Monthly Focus: Understanding Addiction *From Brandy Cunningham*

Addiction is a complex struggle that affects the mind, body, and spirit. It's not a moral failure, but often a response to pain, trauma, or emotional wounds. Whether it involves substances or behaviors, addiction creates isolation, shame, and disconnection — but healing is possible.

As the Church, we are called to respond with compassion, not judgment. Through prayer, support, Christ-centered counseling, and community, individuals can experience hope and restoration. Recovery is a journey, and no one has to walk it alone.

If you or someone you love is struggling, please reach out to a pastor or trusted member of our church family. We are here to support you in love and grace.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Meet Our Team: Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health Resources: Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health page on the Grace website: Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health *Ministry*



Scan this QR code or
go to Gracefs.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

PRAYER

If you have prayer needs, please submit request [HERE](#).

Community & World

Unsaved

United States

Countries in Turmoil

All Military

Foster and Adoptive Parents

Victims of Violence

Weather Disaster Victims

Eight Days of Hope Ministry

Those who are sick

Those struggling w/mental illness & addictions

Those struggling with grief

4th of July Travelers and Celebrations

Grace Families

Sue Powell

Gretchen Tucker

Mark Robinson

Matt Vera

Allison Butler

Ann

Grace Friends

Lynn (Sherry Grimm's daughter)

Everly Bell, preemie

(g-granddaughter of Pam & Scott Brixey)

Kylee

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Tom Kaufenberg

Ken Harvey

Nora Lowe