

Grace Weekly Email Update

August 20, 2025

Message from Pastor Jeff



We have a **new church app** that we rolled out last week that you can download now. You can find instructions on how to do that [HERE](#). You can get churchwide notifications through the app, see upcoming events, watch sermons, and follow along with the 5 day devotional. I know that many of you, like me, get tired of all the text notifications. You can now use the app so that you don't miss immediate notifications on weather changes, events, and reminders. Check it out.

You can find the Bible Project video I showed last weekend [HERE](#). It's about 8 minutes long and will give you a great introduction to 1 Corinthians. Remember, if you want to do a 5 day devotional that goes along with each week's sermon, you can find that in the app or on the website: www.gracefs.com. Here is the [link](#) to this week's devotionals. New studies and events are starting soon, so read on through the newsletter and prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to connect or serve.

Remember, if you are joining us for Monday night worship on Labor Day (September 1), plan to stay after worship and enjoy some great BBQ and even better fellowship.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — August 24 & 25

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Hymn of Promise; Surely the Presence of the Lord

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

Songs: I Believe; Reign Above It All; He Who Is To Come; The Image

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Who You Say I Am; He Who Is To Come
Reign Above It All; The Image

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

Holy Communion Celebrated at all services.

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](#).



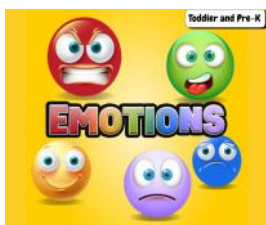
CHRISTINE TURPIN

(Infants—PreK)



SARAH REYKER

(K-5th grade)



Kids Church (Infants-PreK) **EMOTIONS**

Now through September 22

We think of some emotions as good and others as bad. But God made every part of us, and no matter how we are feeling, we can always turn to Him for

help.

MEMORY VERSE: "And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5



Kids Church (K-5th Grade)

MAKER'S WORKSHOP

Month of August

**SOMETHING NEW FOR
KIDS CHURCH....**



Hey parents! Your kids will be coming home with weekly Bible verses to memorize. Get excited with them because there are some pretty cool prizes! Each week they memorize a verse, they get a small prize. They also get a sticker. As a group, the more stickers we get, the bigger and better the incentives get. Ice cream? Yep. Pie in the face? Oh yeah! Monkey House? SO FUN!! Help them memorize the verse each week!

This weeks verse is " I am with you always." - Matthew 28:20.



Family Movie Night **Friday, September 12** **The King of Kings**

Join us for Family Movie Night in the Worship Center. Popcorn, water and lemonade provided. Kids are welcome to bring their pillow and a blanket. Movie starts at

7pm! Doors open at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah](#).

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: sarah@gracefs.com; 479-414-2071

Come join the FUN!

DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



Wednesday Night Youth

Starts back TONIGHT! AUGUST 20

6-7:30pm

StuMin Building

Each Wednesday we come together for food, fun and fellowship.
Bring a friend!.



Alpha Group

(FM students 9-12th grade)

Sunday, September 7, 10:45-noon

A safe place for youth to ask questions, explore and learn more.

Weekend Retreat November 1st & 2nd
(WHERE TO? 242)

ASK !!!!!!!!!

Sign up [here](#).



Wonderfully Made

(DASH students 6-8th grade)

Sunday, September 21

Lunch is Provided.

Student Session: 10:45am-4pm

Parent Session: 2:30-4pm

A Christian perspective on human sexuality, values and relationships.
Deadline to enroll Monday, September 1.

Sign up [here](#).



Starts Back Sept. 8



TRAIL LIFE USA

(K-12th grade boys)

Contact [JD](#) for Trail Life.

Troop 316, First 3 Mondays of Each Month

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/STUDIES

Women's Bible Study: Revelation by Jen Wilkin

Tuesdays, starting Sept. 2, 10am-12pm

10 Sessions, Activity Ctr, Cost \$20

Facilitators: Martha Cochenour & Cassey Browning

Two thousand years ago, John's Revelation was circulated and read aloud among seven churches in Asia Minor. Those who heard

the letter understood it and drew encouragement from its message. The same can be true for you today. Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse Bible study, Jen Wilkin helps you discover how the last book of the Bible—the culmination of

God's great story—speaks both a steadying word of assurance and a strong call to endure to the church in every age. To read more about this study and to register, click [HERE](#).

The Book of Mark Small Group Study

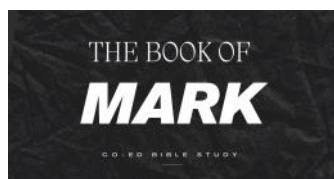
Co-Ed Bible Study

Wednesdays, Sept 3-December, 6-7pm

Brown Residence (Fianna Hills)

(childcare at the church)

Join Justus and Baylee Brown as they lead their group through an in depth study of the book of Mark. Together you will unpack the



powerful account of Jesus' life, ministry and mission. Together you will dig deeper into the historical context of Mark and how the message still speaks to us as

Christians today. This group will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. This group is open to both men and women, individuals and couples. Childcare will be available at Grace, be sure to sign up [HERE](#).



The Minor Prophets Bible Study

Wednesdays, starting Sept. 3

2 Opportunities: 10am & 6pm

Facilitator: Kathryn O'Brien

9 Sessions, No Cost

The Minor Prophets (last 12 Books of the Old Testament), also referred to as The Book of the Twelve, often receive little notoriety. However, they are no less important than the Major Prophets of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. They are only called “minor” because the writings are shorter than any of the “major” writings. These short Books provide insight into God's character and His desire for relationship with His people. They contain important messages for both the people then and believers today — messages of justice and mercy for sin and rebellion, along with messages of hope and God's faithfulness to those who seek Him.

Opportunities: Both morning and evening groups are available.

AM group will meet 10-11:30 in the Activity Center

PM group will meet 6-7:30 in the Children's Wing

There is no cost associated with this study; a study guide will be provided. To register, click [HERE](#).

CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES

Practicing the Way—John Mark Comer

Tuesdays, starting Sept 9-Oct 28, 6-7:30pm, 8wks

Facilitated by JD, Open to Everyone

No cost. Materials will be provided.

Our culture is distracted, fragmented, and hurried. Many people are simply too busy and exhausted to have a meaningful life with

God. We need a clear path to being formed by Jesus in the modern era, rather than being counter-formed by a culture that skims near the surface.

Based on the book "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer, this study is designed to help us integrate the practices and rhythms of Jesus and his earliest followers, creating space for the Holy Spirit to form us into a people of depth and love. Register [HERE](#).



Young Believers

(College Small Group)

Sundays, September 21, 4-5pm

This small group is for young believers ages 17- 24! Our current study is exploring the Book of Daniel. Each week we'll be digging into the Sunday sermon and discussing how the words of Daniel still speak to us today. Whether you've been in church your whole life, are a new believer, or your just curious about the Bible, we would love to have you! Contact [Reagan](#) with any questions! Register [HERE](#).



Marriage By Design

Two More Sessions Available

Sept 24-Oct 8 OR Oct 22-Nov 5

Join Jeff and Susan in their home for a three week workshop on building a marriage that represents Christ's love for the Church. Most couples are just hoping that they will have a great marriage without any real idea of God's intention for marriage or any plan to build a great marriage. Whether you are just married or married for decades, this is a great opportunity to grow your marriage. This is not marriage counseling, and is not intended for couples whose marriage is currently in a crisis (it's more like a workout at the gym than surgery at the hospital). Groups are limited to 5 couples. There are only 2 different opportunities left to participate this Fall. The cost is free. Childcare is available. Register [HERE](#).



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.



Young Adults Passion 2026

January 1-3, 2026; Arlington, TX

Passion is for 18-25 year olds. [Check it out and sign up](#). If you have questions, contact [Reagan](#).

CONNECT—On Going Groups



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 Fellowship Lunch **1st Thursdays, Sept. 4, 12pm** **The Egg of Fort Smith** **3801 Planters Rd.**

Join men from Grace the first Thursday of each month, 12pm at The Egg of Fort Smith for a meal, fellowship and updates on our Men's Ministry. There is no need to sign up. We usually meet from noon-1pm. Invite a friend or co-worker.



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](#). Sept 6, Oct 4

OTHER

Grace Place Preschool Has Job Opening for Aftercare Worker

Grace Place is looking to hire an aftercare worker Monday-Friday, noon-5:30pm availability, good with kids, can pass a background check, childcare experience preferred. Contact Grace Place office: 646-6503 or graceplace@gracefs.com.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



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Join us for Family Movie Night in the Worship Center. Popcorn, water and lemonade provided. Kids are welcome to bring their pillow and a blanket.

Movie starts at 7pm.
Doors open at 6:30pm.

If you have any questions,
please contact [Sarah](#).



Blood Drive

Sunday, September 28

8:30am—noon, Lobby

Summer months always find blood supplies extremely low. Consider giving the gift of life at our next Blood Drive.

To sign up for a time slot, click [HERE](#).



Mark Your Calendars

**Nicaragua Recap Luncheon
September 21 at Noon**



Join our teams as we share stories and details of our Nicaragua experience.



Dates for 2026 will be announced at that time.
More information to follow.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

Mental Health



Ministry

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.

Scan this QR code or go to Gracefs.com/mental-health

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

Meet our team: Click [HERE](#).

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

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

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

Grace Families

Mary Carter

Grace Friends

Darlene Boyd (Beverly Jeffery's mother)

Tom Fenn (Donna Sharp's nephew)

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Nora Lowe