

Grace Weekly Email Update

October 15, 2025 (sent October 16, 2025)

Message from Pastor Jeff



Since 2020, we have collected almost \$100,000 in food for the Community Services Clearinghouse through our "Feeding a Multitude" Sunday when we give the church family envelopes with \$25 cash (the total amount we give out is \$5000.) We began this during the covid era when it was impossible for our community partners to buy in bulk. So we went out as individuals and each bought a little that turned into a lot. God multiplied that \$5000 in such a beautiful way that first year that we decided to make it an annual event.

Each year it is fun to watch our \$5000 investment grow into a harvest of close to \$25,000 in food for those who are in need. This Sunday is our "Feeding a Multitude" Sunday, and I encourage you to take an envelope and to purchase some non-perishable food items. Return them to the church any time next week. The Community Services Clearinghouse truck will be here to receive your items until Monday, October 27. Last year we filled the truck up three times!

We are going to have a choir for our 9:30am and 11:00am services on Sunday, December 21, and we would love for you to be a part of it. Abbie has already shared the music with me and this is going to be a beautiful time of worship. You would make a difference. Find out more information [HERE](#).

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — October 19 & 20

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Come, We That Love The Lord; I Must Tell Jesus

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

Songs: Glorious Day; King of Kings
How Great Is Your Name; Holy Forever

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Who You Say I Am; How Great Is Your Name; Holy Forever

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*

KIDS MINISTRY

(Infants—PreK)



Contact:
[Christine Turpin](#)



Kids Church Pumpkin Prayers: Connecting With God (Now—October 26)

It's no trick - prayer is a treat we can enjoy as believers. It's our chance to connect with God, to grow our faith, and to find direction away from sin and toward a brighter future.

Memory Verse:
"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6

(K-5th Grade)




Contact:
[Sarah Reykers](#)



Kids Church
Simply
Loved
(September)

Something New in 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!

Our new verse: 
"When I am afraid, I will trust in you." Psalm 56:3

Spring Weekend Retreat (3rd-5th Graders) Camp Siloam, April 10-12, 2026



Instead of a full week camp in summer 2026, we are doing a spring weekend retreat! It will be at the same location, [Camp Siloam](#). The tentative plan is to leave Grace around 3:30 on that Friday so we have time to stop and eat and arrive by check-in time. We will return Sunday around noon.

Cost is \$130 with a \$35 nonrefundable deposit due at time of registration. The remaining balance can be paid out over the next few months. We will send reminders and a link to pay the installments. PLEASE do not let cost be an issue. We have scholarships available for those that may need it. Please let [Sarah Reykers](#) know if you need financial assistance.

As we get more details closer to time, we will pass them along! Register [HERE](#).

DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



GRACE YOUTH GUYS' OPEN GYM

PIZZA AND FREE PLAY

OCT
19



TIME
NOON
- **3PM**

STUMIN

JOIN
US!



We'll order pizza once everyone
arrives!

YOUTH
OCTOBER 22ND
TIME
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YOUTH EVENT
MAZE
TRUNK OR TREAT

Grace Youth will participate in building and working the maze during this year's Trunk or Treat

Sign up to help
<https://gccfs.breezechms.com/form/53034b>



Building the maze: October 25
3pm - till it's finished
Event: October 26
4PM - 6PM

CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

Seasonal Depression Support Group
Monday, October 20, 7-8:30pm
Class is Limited to 10
See Mental Health section of the newsletter for details and sign up.

MEN'S BONFIRE

Men's Bonfire Night
Thursday, October 23, 6-7:30pm
Food • Fellowship • Football
(off campus-directions below)

Men, you're invited to a night around the fire designed just for you! Join us for a relaxed evening of good food, meaningful

fellowship with brothers in Christ, and football. This is more than just a bonfire—it's a chance to slow down, laugh together, share stories, and build stronger connections that go beyond Sunday morning. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, this is the perfect opportunity to meet other men and strengthen your walk with God through community.

What to Expect: A warm fire and plenty of food. Football and friendly competition. Encouragement, laughter, and real conversations. A place to invite a friend or neighbor.

Cost: \$10 per person (Bring a Chair)

Come as you are, bring a buddy, and enjoy an evening that will leave you encouraged and refreshed.

Directions: 7102 Rye Hill Road. Pull into driveway, drive through gate towards house. When you get to garage, keep right on road around the yard. Circle all the way around back to barn.

If you have any questions, contact [JD Cunny](#).

Click [Link](#) to register.



Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26
4-6pm

Grace Parking Lot

Bring out the whole family for a safe, fun, and festive evening! Kids can dress up,

enjoy our parking lot filled with decorated trunks ready to fill your buckets with candy, play games, and make sweet memories. This free community event is open to everyone. We'd love to see you there!

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

We have 28 trunks registered! We could use 2-4 more. If you are interested in hosting a trunk or game, click [HERE](#). (We will help you with candy.)

Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat

If you are not able to host a "Trunk" or "Game," you can help out by supplying candy. Either purchase the candy and bring it to the church starting or you can give a monetary donation (be sure to mark your donation "Trunk or Treat Candy").

CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES

*NEW
MEMBERS +
GUESTS
RECEPTION*

New Member/Guest Reception Sunday, November 2, Noon-1pm Student Ministry Building

Are you a new member of our church or a guest who is interested in learning more about Grace Community Church and how to get connected? We'd love to meet you! Join us for our New Member & Guest Reception—a casual and welcoming time to connect, ask questions, and discover more about who we are as a church family.

This reception is a great opportunity to:

- Meet our pastors and ministry leaders
- Learn about our mission, vision, and values
- Find out how you can get connected and involved
- Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with others who are new

Whether you've visited once, been attending for a while, or are considering making this your church home, we'd be honored to spend this time with you.

Come as you are—we look forward to welcoming you!

For questions or more info, contact [JD Cunny](#).

Register [HERE](#).



Young Adults Passion 2026 January 1-3, 2026 Globe Life Field Arlington, TX

Join the gathering of a generation united for Jesus at

Passion 2026 in Arlington, TX on January 1-3, 2026. At Passion 2026 18-25 year olds from across the country and around the world are coming together, lifting one voice, declaring one name—JESUS. And the invitation is open: meet us here.

Grace Young Adults will travel down to Arlington on Thursday, January 1 and return the evening of Saturday, January 3. Hotel + Ticket included in \$150 fee. [Click HERE to sign up](#). If you have questions, contact [Reagan](#).

TRAIL LIFE USA

(K-12th grade boys)

Contact [JD](#) for Trail Life.

**Troop 316, First 3 Mondays
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.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Join the 2025
**GRACE
CHRISTMAS
CHOIR**



Christmas Choir Forming— Practice Starts November 2

We are looking for individuals to join us for this year's Christmas Choir! For special services, having a choir in the mix adds so much to worship, and our worship team enjoys

praising the Lord with a wonderful group of worshippers! [HERE](#), you will find information such as rehearsal times, important dates, skills needed, and other things pertaining to the Christmas choir.

We hope that you will sincerely pray and consider lending your voice to the praise and worship of the Lord. Whether young or old, seasoned professional or just a joyful noise maker, we welcome ALL who are willing to smile, sing praises, and joyfully celebrate the season of glorifying the new born KING! More info and sign ups click [HERE](#).

Rehearsal times are as follows:

- Sundays, Nov. 2—Dec 14, 12:30-2pm, Chapel
- Wednesday, Dec. 17, 5:30-7:30pm, choir and band, worship center
- Sunday, Dec. 21: (Day of service) 7:30-9am, final run-through with full band and choir in the worship center



Deck the Halls Chili Cook Off and Cookie Bake Off Sunday, November 30 5-7pm 'ish, StuMin Bldg

Come join our Grace family for a fun, festive night of food and decorating! We will begin at 5:00pm with our annual Chili Cook Off + Cookie Bake Off in the Student Ministry Building. We'll then divide everyone up to help us deck the halls of Grace with Christmas decor!

If you are interested in entering a Chili or Cookie [sign-up now!](#) Childcare will be available during the event up until 7pm.



Ladies Christmas Tea Saturday, December 6, 10-11:30am Worship Center

Join the ladies of Grace for a festive Christmas tea/brunch. We will worship together and hear a

wonderful message from our speaker **Jenn Jett Barret**. Our theme this year is "A Thrill of Hope". In the midst of all of life's struggles we want to begin the Christmas season grounded in the Hope that the birth of Christ brings us. We are women who have the privilege of living with a hope that the world cannot offer, we want to celebrate that truth together! Register [HERE](#).



Jenn Jett Barret
Speaker



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, Nov. 6, 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](#). Nov 1, Dec 6



The Need
Local community partners continue to see an increase in demand for providing meals and pantry items to families and homeless in the River Valley. We have had great success with this campaign over the last few years and have great expectations for this year. Together we can make a difference if we all participate. **We ask that you take this \$25 and shop for some of the items listed.** If you are able to multiply this \$25 by 2, 3 or 4 that would be fantastic and go a long way in helping us serve people in need in our community.

- Grocery List**
- | <u>Canned Items</u> | <u>Dry Goods</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corn• Green Beans• Yams• Cranberries• Beans• Chicken/Tuna• Spaghettios/Ravioli• Chili/Soup• Chicken Broth• Spaghetti Sauce• Gallon Can Fruit• Gallon Can Vegetables | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oatmeal/Grits• Boxed Dressing• Rice• Cereal• Mac & Cheese• Crackers/Snacks• Hamburger Helper• Gravy Mix• Pancake/Baking Mix• Instant Potatoes• Pasta/Spaghetti |
| <u>Beverages</u> | <u>Condiments</u> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Powdered Drink Mixes• Fruit Juice Boxes• Coffee• Powdered/Canned Milk | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ketchup• Mustard• Mayonnaise• Peanut Butter• Syrup |



BENEFITING: Riverview Hope Campus, Community Services Clearinghouse, Community Rescue Mission, and Next Step Homeless Services

Feeding a Multitude Food Drive Sunday, October 19-Monday, October 27



For the last several years Grace has collected approximately \$90,000 in food to help in the fight against food insecurity in our local community. At church this Sunday, October 19 and Monday, October 20, we will be giving out \$25 along with a shopping list. Our hope is that you will take an envelope and multiply that gift by 2, 3, or 4, whatever you can do will help make a difference. All the food collected will benefit the Community Services Clearinghouse, Community Rescue Mission, Hope Campus and Next Step Homeless Services. There will be tables set up under the breeze way so that you can drop off items any time between 8:00am-6:00pm through



Monday, October 27. Help us surpass our goal of 4 full truck loads! Contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.



Volunteers Needed for Trunk or Treat

Children's Ministry is looking for 5-6 volunteers for various stations at Trunk or Treat (helping with cookie decorating, kids coloring table, candy runners, etc). If you are able to help from 3:30-6, please text Sarah at 479-414-2071.



Meal Servants Needed at the Community Rescue Mission

Volunteers needed to cook and serve a meal at the Community Rescue Mission on the third Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The meals are fairly simple and usually only require reheating and serving. This is a great way to serve as a family or with a few friends. Please contact [Carol Kirby](#) for more details.



Crawlin' for Kids CASA Fundraiser Saturday, October 25

FREE

Ben Geren Pk
Safe Room

Register using UPC code.



Nicaragua Teams Are Filling Up Fast Teams 1 & 2 are now FULL!

We have had a tremendous response to our 2026 Nicaragua Mission opportunities.

We have opened the dates for Team 3 on August 1-8 and will add a Team 4 the following week if needed. If you are interested in going, please don't wait to [sign up](#). We will be doing a few fundraisers to help offset costs and scholarship assistance is available. If you aren't interested in going on the trip but want to be a part of someone's story, contact Kathleen to discuss the possibilities. Please pray for our Teams, the people still considering going, the families in Nicaragua that we will be serving and for the El Porvenir staff. Please contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.

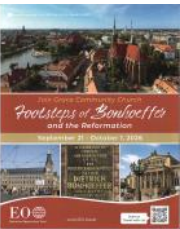
OTHER



Medicare 101-Education Lunch 'n' Learn Seminar
Sunday, October 19
1-3pm, Activity Center
Hosted by Church
Member Margie Partin

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is right around the corner, and this year brings several important changes you'll want to know about. Get all the information you need about Medicare in a relaxed setting with a complimentary lunch. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, ask questions, and get prepared. Prior registration is appreciated in order to have a count for food. Register [HERE](#). Questions, contact [Margie](#).

Two Trips to Europe in 2026 with EO Travel
Leaders: [Staci Moore](#) and Jim Acklin
Info Meetings Coming Soon
Click on the name of the tour to read more.



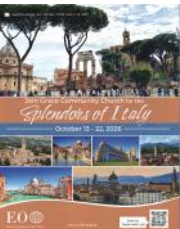
[Footsteps of Bonhoeffer & the Reformation](#) (Sept. 21—Oct. 1, 2026)

Join Grace Community Church for the Footsteps of Bonhoeffer and the Reformation, starting at \$5,196* from Fayetteville, on September 21, 2026. You will see the Church of St. Elizabeth, the original village of Lehde, Cecilienhof Palace, the Church of Peace, the picturesque old city of Potsdam, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, the door of the Castle Church, Eisleben, Erfurt, St. Nicholas Church, Weimar, Frankfurt area, St. Thomas Church, the Church of St. Peter and Paul, St. Andrew's Church, St. Anne's Church, Wartburg Castle, and much more! (11 Days in Germany & Poland)

Register Early & Save

- \$150 Register by October 21, 2025**
- \$125 Register by November 21, 2025**
- \$100 Register by December 21, 2025**
- \$75 Register by January 21, 2026**
- \$50 Register by February 21, 2026**
- \$25 Register by March 21, 2026**

Full deposit required. Savings are deducted from the balance.



[Splendors of Italy](#) (Oct. 12-22, 2026)

Grace Community Church on a Splendors of Italy tour, starting at \$5,196* from Fayetteville, AR on October 13, 2026. You will see Lake Garda, Verona, Venice, the Piazza San Marco, the Basilica of St. Mark, the romantic Bridge of Sighs, Pisa, Lucca, Florence, San Gimignano, Siena, Assisi, the magnificent Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Constantine, and much more!

Register Early & Save

- \$150 Register by November 13, 2025**
- \$125 Register by December 13, 2025**
- \$100 Register by January 13, 2026**
- \$75 Register by February 13, 2026**
- \$50 Register by March 13, 2026**
- \$25 Register by April 13, 2026**

Full deposit required. Savings are deducted from the balance.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

DEPRESSION SUPPORT GROUP

Seasonal Depression Support Group Starts Monday, October 20, 7-8:30pm Limited Registration to 10 Persons

Many of us are impacted by the seasonal changes in a variety of ways. For some of us, there can be a noticeable change in our mood and energy as we move from summer to fall, and winter. Oftentimes this condition can be known as Seasonal Depressive Disorder or Seasonal Affective Disorder. It is more than just the “winter blues” and there can be numerous causes.

For some of us, it may not be the change in the season but the difficulty of the holidays. Holiday struggles due to relational challenges, difficult memories, or the loss of someone that we love are real and impactful to many.

As a church community, it's important that we remember those who struggle during this season. Compassion, prayer, and simple acts of connection—like a phone call, a walk together, or an invitation to fellowship—can make a real difference. Most importantly, there is hope and help available through our Mental Health Ministry.

I will be leading an 8 week group designed to assist in combating seasonal depression difficulties. This space will be designed to provide a safe space to find support, processing of your experience and maintain meaningful connections during this time.

The group will be on Monday evenings, starting on October 20 from 7 - 8:30 pm. This is a closed group, meaning that once all of the spots are filled, additional members will not be admitted. There are 10 spots available. If you would like to be part of this group, please sign up [HERE](#).

If you have struggled with significant changes in mood and energy, or are challenged by grief during this time of year, please consider joining us and being lifted up by your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

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

Kimberly Dye

Cayden Cox

Pam Brixey

Robert Young

JD, Misty, and Emmalin Cunny

Grace Friends

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Shani Patterson

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Forrest Marvin (death of his mother Carol Turner)

Tina Lipscomb (death of her father Ray Menjuga)