

Grace Weekly Email Update

June 3, 2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



It was great to be back with you all this past weekend. Susan and I enjoyed our time away, but were glad to be back in worship with you all! I also want to say thank you to the amazing staff at Grace. I know many pastors who stress when they are away, and I carried none of that with me because we have an amazing staff at Grace that loves the Lord and loves what they do. I am super grateful for them and for the peace that affords me when Susan and I are on vacation.

Next week is VBS. If you haven't signed up the kiddos yet, do so [HERE](#) ASAP. That really helps us a lot to have those signups in advance. It's going to be GREAT!

Several people have asked about the Monday night worship service the week of VBS. It's still on! We'll have worship as always at 6pm in the chapel. You'll just have to wade through the mess to get there.

If you have been wondering about what it takes to lead a community group, JD would love to meet with you on June 14. You can find more information [HERE](#).

I look forward to seeing you this weekend as we dig into another dusty book!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICE — June 7 & 8

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Great Is Thy Faithfulness
There's Something About That Name

Modern (9:30 & 11am Sunday, 6pm Monday)

Songs: Reasons; Move Your Heart
What A Beautiful Name; Build My Life

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

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

Holy Communion celebrated at all services.

Grace Community Church

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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

Jr. Kids: Infants—PreK Contact: [Christine Turpin](#)

Kids Church K-5th Grade Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)



Jr. Kids Theme:

Our series for summer is GIANTS!

We face many Giants in life, like Loneliness, Fear, and Shame. But our God is greater than them all. As the life of David shows us, when we put our Faith, Hope and Love in God, He will give us the power to defeat any giant.

Memory verse: "My faithful God, answer me when I call out to you. Give me rest from my trouble. Have mercy on me. Hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1



Kids Church K-5th Grade: Simply Loved—Where Kids Experience God's Greatest Gift

IT'S TIME FOR VBS!!!!



THIS Sun-Wed, June 7-10

5:30-8:00PM

K-5th Grade

Register [HERE](#).

VBS Service Project: CHANGE DRIVE

Winner: Becomes Human Ice Cream Sundae

Jeff, Sarah, Braden and Christine will have jars with their picture on them...whoever has the most change on the last night of VBS, will become a **human ice cream sundae!**

Funds collected in the CHANGE DRIVE will go toward kids activities at the Community Rescue Mission.



DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



Summer Fun Begins

Click [HERE](#) for full details of summer activities.

Getting Serious in Scripture: Life with Jesus

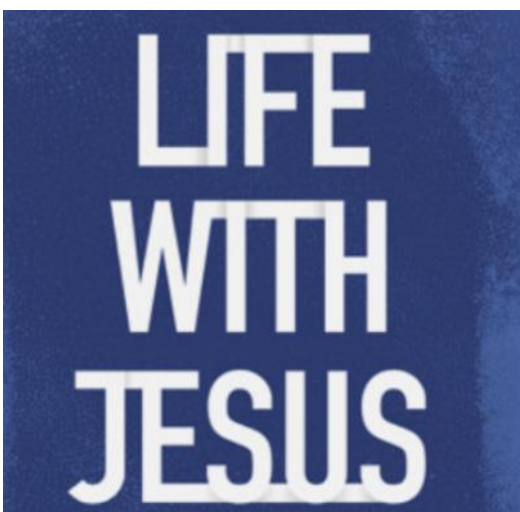
STARTS THIS SUNDAY!!!!!!

June 7 - September 20

Sundays, 10:45am-Noon

Any Youth interested in truly gaining more Bible knowledge and living your life for Christ, PLEASE join us !!!

This summer, we're diving deeper into what it really means to follow Jesus. "Getting Serious in Scripture: Life with Jesus" is a youth class focused on understanding God's Word, asking real questions, growing in faith, and learning how to live



out the teachings of Jesus in everyday life.

Whether you're new to reading the Bible or ready to go

deeper, this class is for you. Come ready for meaningful conversations, practical lessons, and a chance to grow closer to God together.

Bring your Bible, invite a friend, and join us this summer as we get serious about Scripture and discover life with Jesus.

Sign up [HERE](#).

CONNECT

Contact [JD Cunny](#) for any questions.

Click [HERE](#) for details of ON-GOING GROUPS

- Upper Room (Women) **June 17**
- By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women and Men) **June 4 & 18**
- Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) **June 4**

EVENTS



Mama Meetups Summer Park Playdates Fridays (weekly), June 5, 9-10am Carol Ann Cross Park

Join other Grace Moms on Friday mornings for a park play date! We want to be intentional about finding joy and community in the chaos of motherhood! Get your kiddos out of the house, let them burn some energy, and meet other moms in the process! If you have any questions reach out to [Reagan Newell](#).



Leader Interest Meeting for Community Group (Small Group) Sunday, June 14

Community Groups (Small Groups) are one of the primary ways we grow together, care for one another, and live out our faith in everyday life. If you are interested in learning more about leading a Community Group at Grace, we invite you to attend one of our upcoming informational meetings.

Two meeting times are available:

10:40–11:30 AM — after the 9:30 AM worship service

12:10–1:00 PM — after the 11:00 AM worship service

Location: Student Ministry Meeting

This meeting is for anyone who may be interested in leading, co-leading, or simply learning more about what Community Group leadership could look like. Attending does not commit you to leading a group—it is simply a chance to hear the vision, ask questions, and explore next steps.

Register [HERE](#). Questions: contact [JD](#).



[Grace Waterpark Night](#)

Alma Waterpark

Friday, July 24

Pizza served at 6:30pm

Park open to us from 7-9pm



Selah Weekend

Church Wide FAMILY Retreat

October 2-4, 2026 (Fri—Sun)

Ozark Natural Science Center,
Huntsville, AR

Selah is a church-wide retreat designed for every age! Join us for a full weekend of activities focused on rest, relaxation, and renewal. Check out full details and to sign up, click [HERE](#).

SERVE

Contact [Michelle Thomas](#) for more information on local mission efforts.

NEW!



THANK YOU TO OUR 17 BLOOD DONORS!
We EXCEEDED the goal! This resulted in a total of 21 blood products added to the lifesaving supply, saving up to 63 lives. Our Blood Institute is incredibly grateful for your partnership and the difference you continue to

make. Our next drive will be in late September.

Many thanks to our superhero "OBI" who did an awesome job greeting and directing donors with a serving heart!

Thank you, Dean Tidwell!



Next Step Homeless Services Needs Items

- men's jeans sizes 32 to 34 waist
- men's/women's shoes for walking; can be gently used
- men's/women's underwear (only new)

We will have a collection box in the Worship Center lobby to collect items (right of Connection counter).

Please contact [Jeanne Carroll](#) for more information.

Riverview Hope Campus Meal Prep and Serving

Tuesday, June 9, 4:30-6:30 pm.

Contact [Emma Lamm](#) for more information.

Heart to Heart Pregnancy and Family Care Center

[Heart of the Fort—A Family Fun Day!](#) at Kay Rodgers Park

Saturday, June 13, 10am-2pm

If you have questions, contact [Debbie Goux](#).

The Arc River Valley Film Festival Fundraiser

Tuesday, June 16

Here @ Grace!

Show Starts at 7pm

Grace is hosting this event to support The Arc. Family friendly movies showcasing adults with disabilities will be featured from 7-8pm.

Tickets are \$20, and \$5.00 for The Arc members, with concessions available for purchase. Please come to support one of our local missions and enjoy a night of celebration!

Contact [Ken Duncan](#).



Community Rescue Mission Meal Prep and Serve

Thursday, June 18

4:30-6:30pm

Contact [Carol Kirby](#).

NEW!

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Families Help Assemble Office Chairs This Week

Big thank you to Terri and Bill Hewitt for putting office chairs together! Another family helped over the weekend but we did not get their photo...Thank you to Emily and Chad Treadaway and kiddos!

SERVE

Contact [Kathleen Halliburton](#) for more information on mission efforts outside of our community.

Nicaragua Teams 1 and 2

Please pray for our teams serving in Nicaragua May 30-June 13. Both teams will be partnering with El Porvenir to serve the community of San Isidro. This is the same community we served last year. We will be helping to install a water pumping station. This will make it possible for the community to have water lines run closer to their homes so they won't have to travel so far every day to collect water for their family. So, over these next few weeks, as you turn on a water faucet at your home, be grateful and say a prayer for the community of San Isidro.

Team 1

Bonnie Jones
Steve Walter
Ken Duncan
Jackie Duncan
Jim Acklin
Rick Ralston
Christine Ralston
Wade Ralston
Nicholas Ralston
Rodney Shepard
Lisa Shepard
Alicyn Howard
Robert Halliburton
Kathleen Halliburton

Team 2

Andrea Maldonado
Maya Carter
James Ford
Cathy Ford
Emerson Schaefer
Gerald Schaefer
Bryce Green
Gabe Hice
Aidan Nobles
Maggie Heppner
Arron McAllister
Jim Acklin
Kathleen Halliburton



Team 1



Report from Nic Team 1: Everyone is doing well. It is super HOT and HUMID. Today we will be doing quite a bit of digging in ROCK!



Plus a little fun,
like zip lining!

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

Christians in Nigeria

Grace Families

Nicaragua Teams

Emma Lakin

Barbara Braswell

Darrell Elliott

Ron Adams

Mary Carter



Grace Friends

New Born Baby in Nic-U

Officer Kyle Newman and family

A father with addiction issues

Sympathies

Ken and Jan McClain

(death of Ken's uncle Al Horn)

(death of Jan's sister, Lisa Roland)

Sallie Hall (death of her father Greg Hall)

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

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](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)

[Mental Health Page](#)