

# Grace Weekly Email Update

July 8, 2026

## Message from JD Cunny (Associate Pastor)



Independence Day weekend often feels like the unofficial midpoint of summer. As we look back on this past Sunday, I want to say thank you to everyone who helped with our Grace meal. What a blessing it is to spend time together over a meal, visit with one another, and simply enjoy fellowship.

Sometimes everyday life gets so busy that we forget to make room for meaningful time with friends and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Summer is a great opportunity to slow down, invite someone over, host a cookout, share a meal, and enjoy time together. I even cooked my first brisket last weekend, and thankfully, no one had to go to the hospital with food poisoning—so I'm calling that a win!

But in all seriousness, we need each other. The enemy wants us isolated and alone, so we have to be intentional about fighting against that. Invite someone over. Reach out to someone you do not know as well. Make room at your table.

Be sure to check out the [Events section](#) of our website.

Join us for Mama Meetups on Friday mornings at 9am at Carol Ann Cross Park, Men's Bowling Night at Bowling World on Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00pm, and Family Night at Alma Water Park on Friday, July 24—and more!

Don't sit home this month. Get out and about, meet someone new, spend time with your church family, and take advantage of these opportunities to connect.

God Bless,

JD

## WORSHIP SERVICE — July 12 & 13

**Traditional (8:30am Sunday)**

**Hymns: There Is A Fountain; Glory To His Name**

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

**Songs: I Believe; The Lord Will Provide  
Gratitude; Do It Again**

**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.*

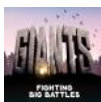
# KIDS MINISTRY

**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: "Be strong, all you who put your hope in the LORD. Never give up." Psalm 31:24*



**Kids Church K-5th Grade:**

**Simply Loved—**

**Where Kids Experience God's Greatest Gift**



**Launch-The Starting Point**

**(New Wednesday Night Program )**

**Kids 1st-5th Grades**

**Starting August 19, 6-7:30pm**

Includes dinner, games and a deeper dive into the Bible.

**Adult Volunteers Needed for New Wednesday Night Program**

Sarah is looking for adults to help with Wednesday Night Launch. If you feel lead to help with kids ministry, please reach out to [Sarah](#) for more details. 479-414-2071 or [sarah@gracefs.com](mailto:sarah@gracefs.com).



## Summer Calendar

**July 22: Worship Night  
(3rd-5th grade)**

**July 24: Water Park Night**

**August 14: Glow Night  
(3rd-5th grade) sign up!**

**August 19: Launch Begins**

**August 28: Fizz, Foam, & Fun  
(K-2nd grade) sign up!**

Scan here for more info and  
sign ups! Or go to our website  
[gracefs.com](http://gracefs.com)



# DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



## Summer Fun Happening NOW

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

# CONNECT

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

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

-Upper Room (Women) **July 15**

-By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women and Men) **July 16**

-Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) **August 6**

[Mama Meetups Summer Park Playdates](#), Fridays, 9-10am

# EVENTS



## Grace Men's Bowling Night

Bowling World

Tuesday, July 21, 6-8pm

Join us for a fun night of bowling, laughter, and connection with other

guys from Grace! The cost is \$10, pays for 2 games (food on your own). This is a great opportunity to hang out, build friendships and invite a friend to come along. Whether you are a serious bowler or just there for the fun, we would love to have you join us. Come hang out with some guys from Grace and bring a friend! Register [HERE](#).

## [Grace Waterpark Night](#)

Alma Waterpark

Friday, July 24

Pizza served at 6:30pm

Park open to us from 7-9pm



## SELAH WEEKEND

Rest. Renew. Reconnect.



Selah Weekend

Church-Wide Retreat

October 2-4, 2026

(Friday—Sunday)

Ozark Natural Science Center,  
Huntsville, AR

Click [HERE](#) for details and sign-ups.

# SERVE

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

## Do you know what is happening NEXT WEEK?



Grace Community Church members and Local Missions Liaisons are preparing and serving food to approximately 200 people in need within our community. These servants are reflecting the love and service of Jesus Christ to others.

1. Tuesday, July 14: **Riverview Hope Campus**, led by [Emma Lamm](#), with a dedicated team of servants.



2. Thursday, July 16: **Community Rescue Mission**, led by [Carol Kirby](#), and the team of servants.



Do you want to join them? They do this every single month. See our [“Serve the Community”](#) on the church website for more information or click on their name above to email the liaisons to connect directly. Let us be the humans God created us to be!

## Eight Days of Hope—Buffalo, NY Outreach This month, July 18-25

Be sure to keep this team in your prayers as they prepare for this trip; as they travel and as they serve those in Buffalo.

## San Isidro Water Project



We recently had two teams working on a water project in the San Isidro community of Nicaragua. This was by far the hardest, physical work our teams have done in years. But the effort was so worth it. When the project is complete, hopefully by mid-September, 88 families will have running water piped to their homes. This is a game-changer for the women in this community who typically spend three or more hours gathering water for their family's needs. Thank you to each team member who took time out of their busy schedules to make the trip and work tirelessly on the project. Also, thank you to each donor who helped with scholarships assistance for those needing it and for supporting our commitment to the people in Nicaragua. This sign will be built by the water tower in San Isidro when the water system is complete.

Mark your calendars for

Sunday, September 20, we will have an informational lunch and announce our dates for trips in 2027. For more details or information, contact [Kathleen](#).

LA IGLESIA DE  
JESUCRISTO  
DE LOS SANTOS  
DE LOS ÚLTIMOS DÍAS



ESTE ES UN PROYECTO HECHO POR LA  
COMUNIDAD SAN ISIDRO Y APOYADO POR:

- CENTER FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN EMPOWERMENT
- JACKSON KEMPER FOUNDATION
- JUST A DROP
- PPHE HOTEL GROUP
- LA IGLESIA DE JESUCRISTO DE LOS SANTOS DE LOS ÚLTIMOS DÍAS
- GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
- LA ALCALDIA DE CAMOAPA
- EL PORVENIR



# 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  
Recent Tornado and Earthquake Victims

## Grace Families

Melissa Wilson  
Emma Lakin  
Ron Adams  
Family in turmoil

## Grace Friends

Bill Chown  
Maggie Lahtinen  
Lesla Tedford (Teresa Nicely family member)  
Ronnie Garner  
Officer Kyle Newman's continued recovery

# MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

## Mental Health

Ministry



Scan this QR code or  
go to [Gracefs.com/mental-health](https://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](#)