

Grace Weekly Email Update

July 22, 2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



Our mission team is serving in Buffalo, NY, this week. Keep them in your prayers. On August 1, team 3 leaves for Nicaragua to bring clean water, sanitation, and the good news about Jesus to a village in Nicaragua. In addition to that, every community partner we have is blessed by people from Grace serving and bringing life to those in need. This is our vocation and it is wonderful to serve Jesus with you all and to see all the life, blessing, and beauty flowing out of this body! You are forgiven and redeemed, and you are free to live out your God given vocation through the power of the Holy Spirit in you!

We are launching a new kid's ministry program on Wednesday nights beginning on August 19th. It's called Launch-Starting Point. You can check it out [HERE](#).

I look forward to worshipping with you this weekend!

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICE — July 26 & 27

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
I Need Thee Every Hour

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

Songs: Goodbye Yesterday; Center
Firm Foundation; At the Altar

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

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

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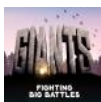
*Grace Community Church exists for the glory of God,
to make visible the kingdom of God, and
to declare the grace of God to all the world.*

KIDS MINISTRY

Jr. Kids: Infants—PreK
Kids Church K-5th Grade

Contact: [Jessica Cochenour](#)

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: "I am sure that your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life. And I will live in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6



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



Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 9, 9:30 & 11am



**Launch-The Starting Point Kids 1st-5th Grades
(New Wednesday Night Program)**

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.



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



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.

[Worship Night](#) — **TONIGHT July 22 — 6-8pm**

[Church Wide Waterpark Night](#)—**This Friday, July 24**

[Girls' Swim Party](#), Wednesday, July 29, 6-8pm

(contact [Dana](#) for location & directions)



Feed the Future, Friday, July 31, 10am (Service Project)

Meet at the church @ 9:00am

We will work @ the Clearinghouse from 10-11 packing bins for the community's backpack program. All students will get service hours and the first 15 that sign up will get a free Tshirt. Sign up [HERE](#).

Let's go to lunch together afterward.



Color Wars with ALL YOUTH

6th-12th Grade

Sunday, August 9, Noon-3pm

Grace Campus

Come dressed in clothes you don't mind getting messy as you compete in team challenges, games, and lots of laughs. Bring your friends and get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fun!

CONNECT

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

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

- Upper Room (Women) **Aug 5, 19**
- By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women/Men) **Aug 6, 20**
- Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) **Aug 6**
- Women's Lunch (Women) 2nd Thursdays, **Aug 13** (see **NEW!** *more info below in Event section*)

EVENTS



[Grace Waterpark Night](#)

Alma Waterpark, **THIS Friday, July 24**
Pizza served at 6:30pm
Park open to us from 7-9pm



Grace Ministry Expo, Sunday, August 9 9-noon, Grace Lobby

Nearly everyone has attended a job fair or trade show where booths are set up to share information and promote different opportunities.

As summer winds down and schedules become more predictable, this event will help you discover upcoming activities, Bible studies, ways to connect, and opportunities to serve both at Grace and throughout our community.

The Grace Ministry Expo will focus on three key areas:

Group Studies, Connecting Ministries, and Serve Opportunities. Come explore the many ways you can get involved, build relationships, and take your next step at Grace. For questions, contact [JD](#) or [Reagan Newell](#).



Monthly Ladies Lunch Thursday, August 13, noon-1p The Egg of Fort Smith



Second Thursdays, No Need to Sign Up. More Info [HERE](#).



Reel Mentorship Saturday, August 22 7:15am leave (8-10am fishing) 11:00am lunch (Activity Center) Boys ages 8-14, or 4th-8th grade



Check out full details and register [HERE](#).



Men's Fish Fry, Tuesday, August 25 6-7:30pm, Student Ministry Building Check out full details and to register [HERE](#).



Selah Weekend, Church-Wide Retreat (Friday—Sunday), October 2-4 Ozark Natural Science Center, Huntsville, AR

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

SERVE

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



Ministry Partner “the CALL” Seeking Volunteers To Serve Our Community

Volunteer Orientation, Thursday, July 30, 6:30-7:30pm

Volunteer Orientation is a time to tour The CALL's facility, learn about volunteer teams, sign paperwork, and allow us to hear from you on what makes you passionate about volunteering.

Contact our church's Local Mission Liaison [Jeanne Harvey](#) for more information.

Link to event [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

- Learn about foster care
- Tour our facility
- Fill out paperwork
- Join a volunteer ministry team

When: July 30th, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: The CALL office
401 N. Greenwood Ave. Fort Smith, AR 72901

Take Action!

THE CALL
TheCALLinArkansas.org

Volunteer Teams: Prayer Team, CALL Mall Team, Cleaning Team, Delivery Team, Visit Activity Team, Event Team, etc.



Making Meal Kits For “the CALL”

Are you looking to **Serve** in an inexpensive and quick way that fits your current situation?

Shelf Meals are non-perishable meal kits that average under \$20 a meal. These easy meals are given to support foster parents through The CALL. These are HOT ITEMS with foster parents, second only to diapers!

[Jeanne Harvey](#) can provide the items list, how to get those to her, and more details.



SERVE

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

Buffalo 2026 Is Underway, July 18-25

It is day number 5 and we have helped over 110 families with home repairs, lawn care and various other projects. Our Grace team is hard at work in multiple places. Some are working in the kitchen to help feed the volunteers, some are serving with our prayer team offering coffee and prayer to the neighbors in this area while others are working on a porch project. Please continue to pray for our Grace team and the Eight Days of Hope ministry as we continue to serve the Buffalo community.



Nicaragua Team 3 to Serve in El Cebollin, Aug 1-8

The team will be building latrines and fuel efficient stoves. Please keep our team, El Cebollin and the El Porvenir staff in your prayers.

Allison Butler
Carol & Mike Kirby
DeVonne & John Grizzle
Doc Acklin
Rick Ralston
Olivia McManus
Gwen Mason
Nicole Germaine
Mary Jo Chown
Kathleen Halliburton

Nicaragua Mission Trip Informational Lunch

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](#).

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

Buffalo 2026 Team
Nicaragua Team 3
Jan Johnson
Kelli Cheek
Ann Synoground
Dana Higgins-Davis
Mike Cohea
Melissa Wilson
Emma Lakin
Family Relationships

Grace Friends

Logan Flanagan
Laura Coleman
Bill Chown
Maggie Lahtinen

Sympathies

Ann and Dennis Grimes (*death of Ann's mother Peggy Hinds-Baker*)
Larry and Cassey Browning (*death of their daughter Fran Cunningham*)

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.



[Meet Our Team](#)
[Mental Health Resources](#)
[Mental Health Page](#)

OTHER



Grace Place Preschool Has Openings in PreK

There are a few spots left in the PreK classroom for the 2026-2027 school year. Please contact Grace Place to start the enrollment process today!

479-646-6503 or graceplace@gracefs.com