

Grace Weekly Email Update

8-19-2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



It was great to begin working through the book of Daniel with you all last weekend. I believe the Holy Spirit wants to do a great work in us all as we learn what He wants to show us about faithful living in exile. We will be in chapter 2 this week. As always, if you want to get a good background for reading the book, check out the Bible Project introduction to Daniel [HERE](#).

There are multiple new opportunities to connect with others at Grace. If you are looking to find a place to connect, there are two great places to begin: the ["Events" page of the website](#) and the ["Connect" page on the website](#).

Are you new to Grace and looking to just get connected to a few other people here at church? We have a class just for that called ["New Connections."](#) The next class begins on Sunday, September 20, and is a great place to start building relationships at Grace.

I look forward to worshipping with you this weekend!

Jeff



Full prayer request listing on last page.

Grace Families

Ken McClain
Evelyn Bracamontes and family
Rylie Edgerton
Felicity Napier
Carter Ireland
Paula Betnar
Falcon Yarbrough
Emma Lakin

WORSHIP SERVICE — August 23 & 24

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Praise Him! Praise Him!
O How I Love Jesus

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

Songs: So So Good; Graves Into Gardens
Move Your Heart; The Heart of Worship

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

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

KIDS MINISTRY

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

Contact: [Jessica Cochenour](#)

Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)



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

Starting TONIGHT August 19, 6-7:30pm

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

Summer Calendar

August 19: Launch Begins

August 28: Fizz, Foam, & Fun

Scan here for more info and sign ups! Or go to our website gracefs.com

**Building Strong Foundations
(For PARENTS)**

**Sunday, August 30, 4-6pm, Activity Center
(See Event Section for details.)**

DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



Wednesday Evening Youth

**STARTS
BACK
TONIGHT**

August 19, 6-7:30pm

CONNECT

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

Sermon Recap Groups (click [HERE](#) for more info)

1. Sunday mornings following the 8:30 service in the Grace Place meeting room (kids wing). Men & Women
2. Men's group. Wednesdays, 6pm, Student Ministry building.

Alpha at Grace (11 Weeks)

(Christine Ralston & Doc Aklin, Facilitators)

Tuesdays, September 8-November 17, 6-7:45pm, Activity Center. For full information and to sign up, click [HERE](#).

Intentional Prayer: Psalms, Saints, Supplication & Scripture *(Kathryn O'Brien, Facilitator)*

Wednesday mornings, September 9-October 7 (5 weeks), Activity Center. Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register.

Becoming Disciples *(Kathryn O'Brien, Facilitator)*

Two Opportunities:

1. Wednesday evenings: 6-8pm, Sept. 16-Nov. 11
Kids Wing/Ezra Room
Childcare **is available** on Wednesday evenings.
2. Thursday mornings: 9:30-11:30am, Sept. 17-Nov. 12
Activity Center
Childcare **is not available** on Thursday mornings.

Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register for either class.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, AUGUST 24.

The Temple Project *(Brandon Morrison, Facilitator)*

Strengthening the Body, Renewing the Mind

Tuesdays 6-7pm, September 15-October 17, (7 weeks)

Church Office Conference Room

Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register.

New Connections Class

(Staci Moore & Amy Sweeten, Facilitators)

Sundays, September 20 (6 weeks), 11am-noon, Church Office. Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register.

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

- Upper Room (Women) **Aug 19**
- By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women/Men) **Aug 20**
- Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) **Sept 3**
- Women's Lunch (Women) 2nd Thursdays, **Sept 17**
- Mama Meetups, click [HERE](#) for more info, Fridays, 9-10am

EVENTS



Update

**Men's Fish Fry,
Tuesday, Aug 25**

6-7:30pm,

Student Ministry Bldg

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

**DEADLINE TO SIGN
UP IS TOMORROW,
THURSDAY,
AUGUST 20.**



**Building Strong Foundations
Sunday, August 30, 4-6pm
Activity Center**

(For parents of elementary age kids)

Join us for Starting Strong: A Back-to-

-School Parent Night for parents of elementary-age children. As a new school year begins, we want to help families think intentionally about their children's mental, physical, and spiritual health.

We will talk about practical ways to support kids through back-to-school emotions, build healthy routines at home, and disciple our children in everyday moments. Parents will leave with simple tools for prayer, Scripture, family rhythms, screen-time boundaries, sleep routines, and emotional check-ins.

This night is designed to encourage and equip parents as we help our children begin the school year rooted in Christ and ready to thrive.



Ladies Craft Night

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6-7:30pm

Student Ministry Bldg.

Join us for a fun evening of creativity, fellowship, and encouragement! We'll be painting wooden picture frames, filling them with pressed flowers and a meaningful Scripture that you want to pray over your heart and mind. Don't worry, you don't need to be an artist! We'll make everything as easy as possible! The cost is \$5, all craft supplies are provided—just bring yourself and a friend! We can't wait to spend the evening with you! Contact Reagan Newell at reagan@gracefs.com if you have any questions! 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.
Contact [Kathleen Halliburton](#) for more information on mission efforts outside of our community.



Cooling Stations and Information For Those In Need

These local mission groups provide refuge from the heat for those in need. Please share!

Excessive Heat

Next Step Homeless Services, 123 North 6th Street

Executive Director: Sharon Chapman

Day room where anyone in need can go to get out of the heat. They are open from 8am-3pm, Monday through Friday.

Hope Campus, 301 South E Street (behind the OK Foods murals)

Executive Director: Kasey Wilson

Serves as a cooling station whenever temperatures exceed 95 degrees. They open their TV room and, when needed, their cafeteria to provide a safe, air-conditioned place for individuals to escape the extreme heat. They have plenty of space and welcome anyone needing relief from the high temperatures as long as they are 18 or older.

Salvation Army, 301 North 6th Street

Captain Dakarai Darby and Captain Dominique Darby

Drop-in cooling station on extreme heat days during office hours for anyone in need. Office hours are from 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm (they are closed from 12pm-1pm), Monday-Friday, and 9am-12pm on Fridays.

MANY THANKS to the many people who signed up to express interest in helping to serve our community! You should be hearing from our Serve Team Liaisons, our Care Team coordinators, our volunteers, and/or maybe several from Grace that welcome anyone who is interested in lending a hand whenever you can. Please contact [Michelle Thomas](#) for more information or see our [website for details](#).



What do you do with almost 50 pounds of chicken strips and 320 bottles of water?

Donate (shop, pick up, and deliver) these humbly requested items for the clients of the Next Step Homeless Services! We support many local missions each and every month through your generous gifts. Our liaisons are the communication link between those organizations and our church to request specific needs or wishes. There are often needs for volunteer labor and services. Please contact [Jeanne Carroll](#) for more information or to learn of additional opportunities.

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Nicaragua Mission Trip 2027 — Informational Lunch Sunday, September 20, 12-1pm

Plans are already being made for our 2027 Nicaragua Teams. Please join us on Sunday, September 20 in the Student Ministry Building for an informative lunch. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and meet team members from years past. [Sign up today](#) to reserve your spot. For more details or information, contact [Kathleen](#). See a picture of our Nicaragua Team 3 shown below...



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

Victims of Earthquake Disasters

Eight Days of Hope Ministry

Those who are sick

Those struggling w/mental illness & addictions

Those struggling with grief

Christians in Nigeria

Those struggling with job layoffs

Grace Families

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Evelyn Bracamontes and family

Rylie Edgerton

Felicity Napier

Carter Ireland

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Falcon Yarbrough

Emma Lakin

Grace Friends

Karen Kisse

Melanie Sharp

Kelli Cheek

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.



Meet Our Team

Mental Health Resources

Mental Health Page

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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.*