

Grace Weekly Email Update

8-26-2026

Message from Sarah Reykers (Kids Minister)



For most, the first full week of school is behind us and hopefully you are settling back into a routine. Some students jumped right back into the same school, with the same friends, and some maybe even the same teachers. A few though, started a new school and are in the process of trying to make new friends. That can be really scary for a lot of kids.

On Sunday, we are hosting an event, Building Strong Foundations, for parents of elementary students that will help navigate some of the more stressful times you might be going through, at home and at school. We will meet in the Activity Center from 4-6 on Sunday. Snacks and childcare (birth through 5th grade) will be provided. Rick Ralston will focus on mental health specifically for this age group of kids. Sometimes it's hard to know what kids are feeling or dealing with at school. Rick will give us some insight and useful tips to help us better help our kids navigate these situations. You will also hear from Chuck Lauver, ARPN, on physical wellbeing and how to help set boundaries and limits at home for a successful school year. I will leave you with some simple spiritual tools that will help you connect with your children throughout the busy school week. I hope you will join us!

Have you heard about Launch-The Starting Point? We kicked off last week with 36 kids! Launch is our new Wednesday night program for kids in grades 1-5. Each week we eat pizza, play games, have a large group lesson, and small group time. It's a time for deeper connections with each other and with Christ. We will meet every Wednesday throughout the school year from 6-7:30. Kids can join at any time! We hope to see you there!

Sarah



**Full prayer
request listing
on last page.**

Vicki Brixey
Jack Hill
Leah Carroll & family
Ken McClain
Evelyn Bracamontes & family
Rylie Edgerton

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)
6-7:30pm

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



Fizz, Foam & Fun Party
Friday, August 28, 6:30-8:30pm
Revelation Room

Calling all K–2nd graders! Join us from 6:30–8:30 PM for a night packed with slime-making, fizzy experiments, foamy fun, and lots of laughs. You won't want to miss this exciting hands-on adventure! Be sure to [sign up!](#)



Building Strong Foundations
(For PARENTS)
THIS Sunday, August 30
4-6pm, Activity Center
(See Event Section for details.)



Trunk or Treat Time!!!!
Sunday, October 25, 4-6pm
Trunk or treat is two months away! [Sign up now](#) to host a trunk or game at our annual community wide event!



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, 6-7:30pm, StuMin

We have dinner, games, worship, biblical lessons, and small groups. Small groups are split by grade level and male/female. Kids are encouraged to bring a friend.



Youth Alpha Begins, Sunday, October 18, 11am

To find out more info and how to register, click [HERE](#).

CONNECT—STUDIES

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

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

- Sunday mornings following the 8:30 service in the Grace Place meeting room (kids wing). Men & Women
- Men's group. Wednesdays, 6pm, Church Office, Pastor's office



Alpha at Grace (11 Weeks)

(Christine Ralston & Doc Aklin, Facilitators)

Tuesdays, Sept. 8-Nov. 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.

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, Sept. 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) **Sept 2 & 16**

-By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women/Men) **Sept 3 & 17**

-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

Building Strong Foundations THIS 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.

Snacks and childcare (birth through 5th grade) will be provided.



Ladies Craft Night Thursday, Sept. 17, 6-7:30pm Student Ministry Bldg.

Full Details [HERE](#). [Contact Reagan](#) if you have any questions! Register [HERE](#).



Strong Roots A Parenting Conversation Sunday, September 20, 4-6pm Activity Center

In this presentation, parents will discover the foundational principles from Dr. Becky Kennedy's Good Inside that help build stronger, more connected relationships with their children. You will learn how to better understand the meaning behind your child's behavior, respond with confidence rather than reactivity, set firm and compassionate boundaries, and navigate challenging moments in ways that strengthen trust instead of damaging connection. Drawing directly from the core concepts of Good Inside, this material will equip you with practical tools to parent with greater empathy, resilience, and effectiveness while fostering emotional health and long-term character development in your child.

This presentation is led by Rick Ralston, MS, LAC, NCC and Sarah J. Gibbons, MS LPC-S, RPT-S.



For King and Kingdom Men's Retreat November 11-15

Full details and to get more information click [HERE](#).



Update



Selah Weekend, Church-Wide Retreat (Friday—Sunday), October 2-4

Ozark Natural Science Center, Huntsville, AR

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

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPT. 9

SERVE

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

Freezer Meal Ministry—Led by the Grace CARE Team Tuesday, Sept. 1, 5pm, Student Ministry Kitchen

The CARE Team at Grace is kicking off a new ministry to provide ready-to-reheat homemade meals to our members who are facing real life challenges. In this simple, tangible way, we can bless a family or individual during a time of need or crisis.

We will gather once a month, or maybe every other month, in the kitchen at Grace to prepare casseroles and soups which can easily be defrosted or heated. These meals will be stored in the freezer at Grace and used as needed.

If you are interested in cooking up some comfort and love, please join us on Tuesday, September 1st at 5:00pm in the Student Ministry building as we fill up the freezer! We plan to be in the kitchen for a couple of hours as we package and label the meals, so feel free to show up when you can.

How many cooks can we fit in the kitchen??

Contact [Staci Moore](#) for more information.

Community Rescue Mission Servants!

We have several servants helping with our local missions and making connections! Many thanks to everyone who helped prepare and serve food to the residents of the CRM in August. This happens every single month plus additional opportunities throughout the year. Are you interested in helping in September? Contact Carol Kirby.



Left to right: Carol Fisher, Carol Kirby, Eva Maria Beckmann, Amy Sweeten, Holly Pate, and Christine Goulet (friend of Grace). Not pictured, Freda Martin. Thank you, dear servants!

Thank you, Grace Community Church family, for your support for our community. Our missions are indebted and so appreciate your love and generosity. God is good!

See our [website page](#) for more information and how you can connect!

See the different ministry partners [HERE](#).

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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](#).

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

Mental Health



Scan this QR code or go to Gracefs.com/mental-health

Ministry

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](#)

WORSHIP SERVICE — August 30 & 31

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Victory in Jesus; Wonderful Words of Life

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

**Songs: Who You Say I Am, Another in the Fire
Holy Forever, Jesus Be the Name**

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

Past Sermons/Materials: 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

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

Vicki Brixey

Jack Hill

Leah Carroll and family

Ken McClain

Evelyn Bracamontes and family

Rylie Edgerton

Grace Friends

Dustin, deployed soon

Karen Kisse

Melanie Sharp

Kelli Cheek

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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.*