Grace Weekly Email Update
11-25-2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



Grace Community Church Family,

Have you decided to follow Jesus and are ready to be obedient to Jesus' call to be baptized? You have an opportunity this Sunday immediately following the 11am service. If you'd like to be baptized this Sunday, I'd love to hear from you. Call the office or email **me**.

If you haven't signed up to join us to begin Advent with us this Sunday night, do that now! You can sign up **here**. This is for all ages from our youngest to our oldest!

Ladies, we have almost 100 women signed up for the **Ladies Christmas Tea**! The deadline to sign up is Friday. Don't miss it.

As our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, I am super grateful to be a part of this church family and for all that each of you mean to what God is doing here. It is a joy to serve Christ with you. May you overflow with gratitude for every good thing in your life that comes from Him.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICE
November 29 & 30

Traditional (8:30am Sunday) First Sunday of Advent
Hymns: O Come, O Come Emmanuel
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Modern (9:30 & 11am Sunday, 6pm Monday)
Songs: The Joy/Joy to the World; Hope Has Come
He Who Is To Come; King of Kings

Live Stream @ 9:30am Sunday: Facebook & YouTube

Past Sermons/Materials: Click HERE.



Full prayer request listing on last page.

Grace Families

Marcella Lamm	Jim Wiley
Bill Lovorrn	Wes Moore
Brad	Janice Winford
Deniece Beckman	Gentry Duncan and family
Mary Carter	Erica Barter and family
Kimberly Dye	All Families hurting this Thanksgiving

KIDS MINISTRY

Jr. Kids: Infants—PreK Contact: **Jessica Cochenour**
Kids Church K-5th Grade Contact: **Sarah Reykers**



Launch-The Starting Point
Kids 1st-5th Grades
Wednesday Nights, 6-7:30pm
Includes dinner, games and a deeper dive into the Bible.
Launch dates to remember:

Nov. 25, No Launch
Dec. 2 & 9, wear festive clothes, Grinch theme
Dec. 16, Christmas Party at the Monkey House
Dec. 23 & 30, No Launch
Jan. 6, normal schedule starts back



Fort Smith
Christmas Parade
Saturday, December 12, 3pm
We're spreading Christmas cheer! Grace is excited to be part of the 2026 Fort Smith Christmas Parade! We would love for everyone to join us as we celebrate the season and spread a little Christmas joy throughout our community! Whether you want to ride on our float or walk alongside us, all are welcome! Children in 2nd grade and younger must have a parent accompany them. If your child is riding on the float, you're welcome to walk alongside! Have questions? Contact Sarah at 479-414-2071. We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with you! Sign up **HERE**.



Christmas Play: "CSI: Bethlehem"
Practice: Wed., 5:30pm, Revelation Rm
Production: Sunday, Dec 13, 9:30/11:00am
Monday, Dec 14, 6:00pm
A comedic detective skit where a Bethlehem investigator is on the case to find out who the mysterious baby in the manger is. Interviewing the wise men, shepherds, and animals, the detective pieces together the miracle of Jesus' birth, all while making humorous misinterpretations along the way.



Kids Summer Camp
July 19-23, 2027
Camp Siloam
3rd-5th Grades
For more details and to register, click **HERE**.

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.



"Boots, Bling & BBQ" Dinner/Silent Auction
Thursday, December 31, 6-8pm
Student Ministry Building
Ring in the new year with a fun night of games, silent auction, door prizes and lots of laughs! All proceeds go toward sending our Youth to Summer Camp 2027.
Bar-B-Q Meal (More details to come) $25 per plate. To-Go orders available! Childcare provided from 5:30pm - 8:00pm.
Sign up **HERE**. Youth camp fundraiser.



Confirmation Class
(6th Grade and older)
Sundays, Jan 10-Mar 14
10:45am
Confirmation is an opportunity for students in 6th Grade and older to explore what it means to follow Jesus and grow in their own faith. Together, we'll learn about God, Jesus, the Bible, prayer, Christian community, the Holy Spirit, and the basics of Christian faith.
The class will meet every Sunday morning at 10:45am. Through discussion, Scripture, activities, and reflection, students will have a chance to ask questions, deepen their understanding, and begin to claim their faith as their own. Contact Dana Davis with any questions!
Deadline to enroll is Friday, January 1st. Sign up **HERE**.



Middle School Summer Camp 2027
June 7-10, 2027, Encounter Cove, MO
For more information and to register, click **HERE**.



High School Summer Camp 2027
July 5-10, 2027, Colorado Springs, CO
For more information and to register, click **HERE**.

CONNECT—STUDIES

Contact JD Cunny for any questions.

Advent Study (facilitated by Kathryn O'Brien)
Wednesdays, 10-11:30am, Dec. 2/9/16, Chapel

Come join others in the Chapel each Wednesday morning to discuss these timeless stories of love, sacrifice, forgiveness and hope. While the recommended book *Christmas Through The Classics* contains four stories, we will only engage in these three:



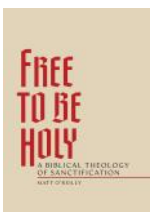
Dec. 2: The Gift of the Magi
Dec. 9: The Story of the Other Wise Man
Dec. 16: The Burglar's Christmas

Full study details **HERE**. Purchase of the book isn't necessary — all of the stories are available under public domain and can easily be accessed online. However, if you want to purchase the book, it is available thru Amazon for about $13; click **HERE.**



Lunch and Learn: Romans
Thursday, January 21, noon-12:50pm
Activity Center

Bring your lunch. Share the table. Explore the good news. Pastor Jeff will walk us through the book of Romans. Discover how Romans reveals the good news of God's grace and how it changes our relationship with God, one another, and all creation. Sign up and we will save you space around the table. Sign Up **HERE**.



Monthly Book Club Starting Monday,Jan. 25
6-7pm, Church Office Conference Room
January Book: *Free to be Holy* by Matt O'Reilly
Women and Men Are Invited

Join us for our new Grace book club! It will be monthly on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00pm. At 7:00pm the group will join the Monday night service families in the worship center lobby for dinner at 7pm. Participants must read the book in advance. Questions: Amy Sweeten.

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

Click HERE for details of ON-GOING GROUPS

-Upper Room (Women) Dec 3 & 17
-By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women/Men) Dec 4 & 18
-Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) 1st Thursdays, Dec 3
-Women's Lunch (Women) 2nd Thursdays, Dec 10
-Mama Meetups, click **HERE** for more info, Fridays, 9-10am

EVENTS



Christmas Kick-Off
THIS Sunday, Nov. 29, 5-7pm
Student Ministry Building
Join us as we gather to kick off the Christmas season together as a church family! We will be hosting our Annual Chili/Soup Cook Off, we'd love for you to join the friendly competition. Then we will host a Dessert Bake-Off, and make Christmas cards for local nursing homes. We'll also light the first Advent candle together, marking the start of this special season as we reflect on the hope we have in Christ. Please make sure to sign-up **HERE** and let us know you're coming!
If you have any questions reach out to Reagan Newell.



Ladies Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 5, 10-11:30am
Worship Center
Join us for our annual Ladies Christmas Tea! We'll gather to celebrate the joy and hope we have in Christ. In the midst of a busy season, we'll take time to slow down, enjoy sweet fellowship, a yummy brunch, and be reminded that true joy comes from the Lord. Come be refreshed by His presence and encouraged by the promise that "the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Childcare is available! **Please make sure to register HERE by THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27!**



Women's Cookie Exchange
Thursday, December 10, 6-8pm
Cohea's Home, Greenwood
Bring 2 dozen cookies and take 2 assorted dozen home with you! (Boxes provided). Dinner, Games, Crafts, and Prizes will be provided! Contact **Reagan Newell** with any questions! For more details click **HERE**.



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Christmas Eve With Grace
Thursday, December 24, 4:00 & 6:00pm
Join us for our special Christmas Eve Service! Come celebrate the joy of Christmas with worship, a message, and our traditional candlelight moment to close the evening. Kids Church will be available for children 4 and under. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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NEW!



In The Garden
Thursday, January 28
6-7:30pm
Worship Center
(Women's Ministry)
Join us for In the Garden, an evening of meaningful fellowship, heartfelt testimonies, and worship as we reflect on God's faithfulness in our lives. We invite you to bring a soup, salad, or dessert, but it is not required in any way! We want to gather together and testify on how good God has been to us. We hope you can join us! Register **HERE**.



4th Annual Grace Men's Camp/ Canoe Trip
Buffalo River/Ponca
Steel Creek Campground
Wednesday-Sunday
April 21-25, 2027

We have 3 adjacent sites with plenty of room for tents !!
Water and restroom on site.
For GRACE MEN and Friends!

Enjoy Fellowship, Food, Fire, Fun!
Canoe on Saturday (rentals available)
Come when you can!!! Even for the day!!!
We NEVER RUN OUT OF COFFEE or FIREWOOD !!!
For additional information or if you have questions, call Ken Duncan 479-285-9600.

SERVE

Contact **Michelle Thomas** for more information on local mission efforts.
Contact **Kathleen Halliburton** for more information on mission efforts outside of our community.



Local Ministry Partners Say "Thank You"

The local missions Grace Community Church family support want you to know how thankful and blessed they are for your gifts and love for them, and the clients they serve. Grace Community Church is an "active" church doing the work of Jesus Christ.



The CALL

The CALL set up Caramel Apple Bars at the Department of Human Services offices in Fort Smith and Van Buren. These small but IMPORTANT actions to show appreciation have a huge impact on our community. What does The CALL do? Learn more by contacting our Liaison Jeanne Harvey! Ask the many people in our church family that are involved in small and very big ways!

Financial support:

- Support The CALL financially with regular giving
- Offer a one-time gift
- Donate online: TheCALLinArkansas.org/donate

Read Isaiah 6:8. God uses ordinary people across Arkansas to do extraordinary things in the lives of children and families.



Families in Transition (FIT) Toy/Clothing Drive

All Tags Have Been Pulled!
Thank you, Grace Families!

We suggest keeping toy purchases at $75 or less. If you choose a clothing tag, you may plan to spend as much as $100. **All items are due back by Sunday, December 6.** If you are interested in helping with this year's toy drive or have other questions, please contact **Erin Delassus**. You can bring items back wrapped or unwrapped, it is up to you! If you are wrapping items, **please put a tag with the Family # and Name of Child on the gift.** Remember, this is the only Christmas these children will receive. Please be conscientious about their wish lists.

Upcoming Recurring Serve Opportunities

- Hope Campus: Tuesday, Dec 8 prep/serve food
- Community Rescue Mission
  Thursday, Dec 17 prep/serve food
  Contact **Carol Kirby** for details.
- Ronald McDonald House
  Thursday, Nov 26 & Dec 31 meal prep
  Contact **Kathryn O'Brien** for details.

SERVE…continue

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Eight Days of Hope Rebuild XXI
January 15-22
Avoyelles Parish, LA

Eight Days of Hope Rebuild XXI is coming to Avoyelles Parish, LA, after the remnants of Tropical Storm Arthur dropped over 2 feet of water in 48 hours, causing massive flash flooding across the state. In Avoyelles Parish alone, over 200 homes were impacted by the rapidly rising waters, displacing many as they work to rebuild.

We will be taking a team of people to Louisiana to serve people who suffered from this severe flooding. This is a family friendly event and it is FREE. Lodging, materials and meals are all covered. Please go to our website for all the **details.** Bus. If you would like to travel with Grace, please sign up **HERE.** If you do not sign up to ride with Grace, you will be responsible for arranging your own transportation. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15 and return in the afternoon of Friday, January 22. If you have any questions please contact Kathleen Halliburton.



Nicaragua Mission Trips
4 Trips Set for 2027

Full details HERE.

Team 1: May 29 - June 5, 2027
Team 2: June 5 - June 12, 2027– FULL
Team 3: July 31 - August 7, 2027
** Team 4: August 7 - August 17, 2027
** (This is an extended trip and reserved for experienced team members due to the extensive travel times and lack of accommodations, price TBD.)

Contact **Kathleen Halliburton** for more details. You can also check out our Frequently Asked Questions **here**. Visit the **El Porvenir website** to learn more about their work in Nicaragua. Interested? Sign up **HERE**.

GRACE PLACE PRESCHOOL

T-Shirt Fundraiser for Grace Place

The preschool is always in need of replacing classroom equipment and outdoor playground equipment. These fundraisers help them fund these purchases.

There are **"Bundles" available:**

Cozy Bundle ($50)- 1 Adult Crewneck & 1 Kids Crewneck
Double Up Pack ($20) - 2 Kids Short Sleeve T-Shirts
I've Got Style Bundle ($46)- 1 Kids Short Sleeve & 1 Kids Long Sleeve & 1 Kids Crewneck

To order online, click **HERE**. If you have any questions or issue with this form please contact Grace Place or Reagan Newell
To download the form and turn into GracePlace, click **HERE**.
Thank you so much for supporting Grace Place Preschool.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact Rick for more information.



Meet Our Team

Mental Health Resources

Mental Health Page

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
Election Results
Those traveling this holiday

Grace Families
Families hurting this Thanksgiving
Marcella Lamm
Bill Lovorrn
Brad
Deniece Beckman
Mary Carter
Kimberly Dye
Jim Wiley
Wes Moore
Janice Winford

Grace Friends
Christie Dillion
Will Williams
Dian Sharp and daughter Aria
Melanie Sharp

Deployed
Dustin Flaspohler and family Charlie and Gus

Sympathies
Gentry Duncan and family (death of her father Mike Kirkpatrick)
Alfie and Erica Barter (death of Erica's father Ricky Young)

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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.