

Grace Weekly Email Update

July 16, 2025

Message from Pastor Jeff



Sometimes we read Scripture and there is a clear command to obey or step to take. Other Scriptures require a bit more engagement on our part. We are meant to think and ponder on them (this is called meditating on Scripture). "God is a compassionate and gracious God" is of this second type. If you hear these messages and walk away without taking some time to ponder and turn them over in your mind, you'll miss the best part of what the Holy Spirit wants to do.

The last phrase of the passage we are focused on says, "he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." If that one has been bothering you, we are going to skip to the end this weekend and talk about what that means. It may not be what you think.

The deadline for couples to [sign up for the Amazing Race marriage night event](#) is Saturday. And ladies, don't forget to sign up for [Women's Summer Bunco Night](#) on July 24. Finally, there is a [Blood Drive](#) Sunday, July 27. You can donate before, during, or after service at the church in the lobby.

Remember who and whose you are!

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — July 20 & 21

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Are You Washed in the Blood; When Peace Like a River

Modern (9:30 & 11:00am Sunday)

Songs: My Testimony; What He's Done
Jesus at the Center; How Great Is Our God

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Evidence; What He's Done
Jesus at the Center; How Great Is Our God

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 (Infants—5th GRADERS)

Kids Page on Grace Website—Click [HERE](#).



[CHRISTINE TURPIN](#)
(Infants—PreK)



[SARAH REYKER](#)
(K-5th grade)

Grace Kids Needs VOLUNTEERS!!

Looking for a place to get plugged in? There's no better way than sharing the love of Jesus with kids! Exciting new curriculum coming in August! Once a month serve opportunities.

Email or text Sarah
(before she emails or texts you 😊).

sarah@gracefs.com or 479-414-2071

Come join the FUN!



Kids Church in July

This month's theme: God Is Wise

Solomon wrote the book of Proverbs after God answered his prayer and gave him great wisdom. We should seek God's wisdom! Wisdom is understanding a situation and

knowing what to do. God loves us so much that He sent His son to die for our sins. But His love doesn't stop there. God has much to say about human friendship and how we use our words and resources. We can trust His ways and apply what we learn from Him.

July Memory Verse: For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

Kids Summer 2025 Camp at Siloam Spring

July 21, 8am—July 25, 5pm; (3rd-5th Grades)

Kids Camp sign ups have officially begun for Summer 2025. Kids who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade as of May 2025 are eligible. Please click the link for more information or to sign up, spots are limited! This is a great opportunity for children to be with other believers their age and enjoy fellowship and fun. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Christine](#). 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](#)



**No Regular Wednesday Night Youth Group.
Summer activities planned.**

Two Service Opportunities for Grace Youth



Hwy 71 Clean-Up Saturday, July 19, 7am Start

NEW!

Grace Community Church does a Highway 71 clean-up once a quarter (roughly). This Saturday at 7am is our next opportunity to serve. Kids must be over the age of 11. Meet in front of the Worship Center at 7am. Contact JD at 479-806-8711 if you have any questions. Many hands make light work!!



Feed the Future Friday, August 1, noon-2pm.

NEW!

Grace has been partnering with the Community Services Clearinghouse in the fight against childhood hunger for many years. Join us in making a tangible difference in the lives of children as we prepare for the new school year. We have 12 spots available for students. We will leave the church parking lot at 11:45am and return at 2:30pm. Contact [Dana](#) to sign up.

SUMMER FUN PICS.....



CONNECT/EVENTS

Sunday Sermon Recap

Continues Sunday, July 20, Activity Center

Two Opportunities: 10:40-11:30am or 12:10-1pm

We are excited to announce Sunday Sermon Recap groups. Beginning Sunday, June 8 in the Activity Center, we will have two opportunities to discuss and review the Sunday sermon. Terry Gallamore, along with others will facilitate a group after the 9:30am service from 10:40-11:30am. JD Cunny will facilitate

a group after the 11am service from 12:10-1pm.

We hope this will help people dive deeper into the sermon and since Grace does not have traditional Sunday School classes, this will give people the chance to make connections with others folks at Grace. We will have these groups throughout the summer with the hope that it is well enough attended to have it as on-going groups.

Each week will be a stand alone study. We encourage everyone to attend.



Women's Bunco Night

Thursday, July 24, 6-8pm

Join us for a lively evening of Bunco!

Whether you're a newbie or a pro, it's all about having fun and building connections with other women in the church. There will be snacks, laughter, and plenty of chances to meet new ladies. Don't miss out on this relaxed and joyful night—come as you are and bring a friend! We can't wait to see you there! Register [HERE](#).



Amazing Race

Date Night for Married Couples

Saturday, July 26, 5-10pm

About Town & Activity Center

On **July 26** Grace will be hosting a fun Amazing Race themed date night for married couples. This will be an exciting night filled with adventure, teamwork, and friendly competition! You and your spouse will navigate clues, conquer challenges, and test your skills together! Dinner and awards to follow in the Activity Center. The cost is \$15 per couple. Childcare will be available, please make sure to sign-up [HERE](#) by **THIS Saturday, July 19** to secure your spot!



Grace Family Night @ Alma Waterpark

Friday, August 8, 7-9pm

We'll be having a night of fun, fellowship, and refreshing excitement at the Alma Water Park.

Bring the whole family and connect with others in our church community. The park is located at 731 City Park Rd, Alma, AR 72921. This is a free event.

CONNECT/EVENTS



**Grace University, Tuesdays
6:30am-7:30am, Activity Center
Sept 9-Nov 18 of 2025
& Jan 13-May 12 of 2026**

Grace University seeks to equip disciples of Jesus Christ with a

basic seminary level understanding of what the bible is and how to read and understand the Scriptures. The class is designed to teach you strategies with which to read and understand what the Scripture is saying and how that applies to us today. The class is composed of videos, podcasts, and books. This is not a bible study, but a class on how to read the bible and how to understand the impact of language, culture, and time on our understanding of God's word. Click [HERE](#) for full details and to sign up.

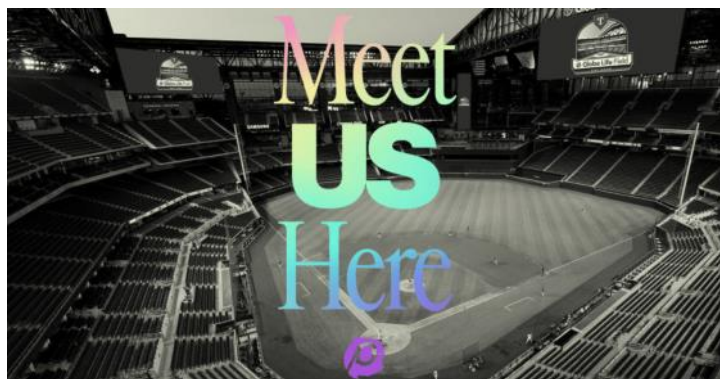


**For King and Kingdom
Men's Retreat**

**Oct. 1-5, Burning Bush Lodge
Wrightsville, AR**

This retreat experience is designed to inspire, unite, and free men to pursue their Kingdom destiny in a community

of like-minded men. To read full details and to register, click [HERE](#). Filling out this form does not commit you to the retreat. It is for men who are interested in learning more about the retreat. JD Cunny will contact you with more details.



Young Adults Passion 2026

January 1-3, 2026; Arlington, TX

From Jeff's article: It may seem crazy to be talking about a January event in July, but Passion 2026 is an event that we need people to send in their registrations early. Passion is for 18-25 year olds and is an amazing time of worship and building connections. We've seen God do some beautiful things in the lives of our young adults at Passion, and we'd love to keep it going. If you know of someone 18-25, encourage them to [check it out and sign up](#). If you have questions, [Reagan](#) would love to chat with you about it.

CONNECT—On Going Groups



Kingdom Men Tuesday Group (Men's Group) Tuesdays, 6-7pm, Activity Center

Many men cannot always commit to a 6 or 8 week study, but do desire to attend men's studies. With that in mind, beginning Tuesday, June 17th at 6pm in the Activity Center, we are hosting "Kingdom Men Tuesday Group". We will have devotional time, testimonies, fellowship and prayer during this time. We want to create opportunities for guys to connect with other men at Grace. JD Cunny will facilitate the first Tuesday, with different guys facilitating each week.



Upper Room Daily Devotional Discussion Group 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 1-2pm, Activity Center

Using the Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide, ladies discuss the daily reading and the Bible verses as a launching pad for in-depth discussions to include sharing personal experiences. Class is led by Ava Imotichey.



By Hook, Needle & Craft Women's Group 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1pm, Activity Center

Join a group of women who love crafts and visiting with each other. Crafts include knitting, crewel, needlepoint, cross-stitch and any other craft you wish to do. If you are gifted with these talents or want to learn, join these ladies in this wonderful ministry. On the few occasions when the first day of the month falls on a Thursday, meetings will be on 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Class is led by Mary Carter.



Men's Lunch Huddle Thursday, August 7, 12pm The Egg of Fort Smith 3801 Planters Rd.

This is a great way to connect with other men at Grace. Invite a friend or coworker. (First Thursday of each month)



Singles Ministry Thrive Monthly Lunch 1st Saturday Each Month, Noon Anthony's Italian Restaurant

Are you looking to find a community at Grace? Join the Thrive- Single's ministry for a monthly lunch full with conversation, connection, and yummy Italian food! Thrive will meet every 1st Saturday of the Month. The lunch will be hosted at Anthony's Italian Restaurant. No need to sign-up, just come when you can! If you have any questions please reach out to [Reagan Newell](#). Aug 2, Sept 6, Oct 4

Hwy Trash Pickup, **THIS** Saturday, July 19, 7am

It's time again for us to be good stewards for His Creation! Grace Community Church has been involved with the Adopt A Highway project for many years. Thank you to those who have dedicated hours and hours over many years to



represent Grace. Have you seen the highway signs to advertise this service for our community?

It will be hot. It will be humid. There will be insects. Doing good things is hard!

Let us start EARLY to beat the heat. Join us at 7:00am on Saturday, July 19 at the main church entrance. We will provide safety vests, gloves, water, and trash bags. If heavy rain or storms are predicted, we will reschedule.

Please join us for as many minutes as you can spare to do good work. Contact [Michelle Thomas](#) for more details or for questions.



Blood Drive, Sunday, July 27

8:30am-noon, Lobby

Consider donating at the Grace Blood Drive on July 27. You can donate before, during, or after service in the Lobby. If you are donating during service you will still have access to watching the service live! We hope that as a church we will come together in serving our community and meeting this need. You can sign up [HERE](#). If you have any questions please contact [Kathleen](#).



Eight Days of Hope (EDOH)



-Pray for the Grace Team Serving Next Week



Please be in prayer for our Grace Team that will be serving with Eight Days of Hope in Buffalo, New York from July 19-26. Damon Rye, Margie Partin, Scarlett Shook, Zoe Shook, Melissa Obermark, Preslie Barter, Zach Young and Matthew Dickerson.

-Heavy Equipment Team On the Ground in Texas.



The team is serving in the hardest hit area where the destruction and debris is unimaginable. This is not a typical deployment. Normally, EDOH deploys after search and recovery efforts are complete. Due to the overwhelming magnitude of the flooding, we were asked to assist. Please keep the team in your prayers as well as families affected by the devastating flooding. If volunteer opportunities are expanded, we will put the word out. If you would like to [donate directly to this effort go to the website](#). If you have any questions please contact [Kathleen](#).



2025 Fill The Bus Volunteer Opportunity July 25 & 26

Our own Jeanne Carroll will be “manning” the Neighborhood Market on Rogers Avenue on both days. If you would like to help her, please sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Jeanne](#).

To read all about the Fill the Bus campaign click [HERE](#).

To the right is a list of items being collected, but Grace is **not** collecting items here at the church. You are asked to take your items to any WalMart store in the Fort Smith area on Friday, July 25 from 9am-7pm or Saturday, July 26 9am-1pm.



3 Ring Binders
Antibacterial Wipes
Art Supplies
Backpacks (Full Size)
Black Ink Pens
Colored Pencils
Crayons
Erasers
Folders - 3 prong w/pockets
Glue
Headphones
Kindergarten Mats
Markers
Notebooks
Notebook Paper
Pencil Boxes
Pencils
Play-Doh
Rulers
Scissors
Tissues



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MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

Monthly Focus: Understanding Addiction From Brandy Cunningham



Addiction is a complex struggle that affects the mind, body, and spirit. It's not a moral failure, but often a response to pain, trauma, or emotional wounds. Whether it involves substances or behaviors, addiction creates isolation, shame, and disconnection — but healing is possible.

As the Church, we are called to respond with compassion, not judgment. Through prayer, support, Christ-centered counseling, and community, individuals can experience hope and restoration. Recovery is a journey, and no one has to walk it alone.

If you or someone you love is struggling, please reach out to a pastor or trusted member of our church family. We are here to support you in love and grace.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”
Psalm 34:18

Meet Our Team: Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health Resources: Click [HERE](#).

**Mental Health Page
on the Grace Website:** Click [HERE](#).

Mental Health Ministry



Scan this QR code or
go to 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

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

All those affected by recent floods

Grace Families

Mission Team headed to Buffalo, NY

Jackson Infield

Sue Powell

Gretchen Tucker

Mark Robinson

Allison Butler

Grace Friends

Kylee, Praise for Safe Return

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Tom Kaufenberg, Praise Report

Ken Harvey

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Scott Tidwell (death of his grandmother)

Family and Friends of Bryant Clifton

Family and Friends of Doris Cruce (Wesley UMC)