

Grace Weekly Email Update

July 23, 2025

Message from JD Cunny (Associate Pastor)



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This past week we have had Grace folks serving in our community and in other parts of our country. The Highway 71 clean-up crew had 18 volunteers this past Saturday and did a wonderful job cleaning up the roadway where Grace is responsible (check out their pics in Serve section.) We had a group leave for Buffalo, New York to serve Eight Days of Hope ([Check out this news video!](#) and picture in the Serve section). We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers to serve in different capacities to be a witness for the Kingdom of God. It is a blessing to serve our Lord with all of you!

Yours in Christ,

JD Cunny

WORSHIP SERVICES — July 27 & 28

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Shine Jesus Shine; Here I Am Lord

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

Songs: This Is Our God; Raise A Hallelujah; The Image; Holy Forever

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Raise A Hallelujah; The Image
Holy Forever; How Can I Keep From Singing

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

Holy Communion Celebrated at all services.

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



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.**



One Last Service Opportunity for Grace Youth: Feed the Future Friday, August 1, noon-2pm

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.

ALPHA GROUP

9th-12th grade

Beginning

Sept. 7th

Weekend Retreat following
our course

Every Sunday

10:45-noon



Sign up here

A safe place for youth to explore, ask questions, and learn more about the basics of the Christian faith.

“Alpha” symbolizes a beginning or starting point of a journey

Top Golf trip this week!



CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



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](#).

NEW!



Men's Night at Grace — Burgers and More **Tuesday, August 5, 6-7:30pm** **Activity Center**

Hey Guys, You are invited to join us for Burgers and more!! We will have food and fellowship. Men of Grace, you are encouraged to invite a friend. God is moving in many ways and one of those ways are in the Men of Grace. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions about this event contact [JD](#) or 479-806-8711. Cost: \$10 (Includes Burger, side, drink and dessert). Please go to the [event page](#) and click on the register button so that we know how much food to prepare.



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.

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CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES

Marriage By Design

August 27-September 10, 6:15pm

Jones Residence

Join Jeff and Susan in their home for a three week workshop on building a marriage that represents Christ's love for the Church. Most couples are just hoping that they will have a great marriage without any real idea of God's intention for marriage or any plan to



build a great marriage. Whether you are just married or married for decades, this is a great opportunity to grow your marriage. This is not marriage counseling, and is

not intended for couples whose marriage is currently in a crisis (it's more like a workout at the gym than surgery at the hospital). Groups are limited to 5 couples. There are 3 different opportunities to participate this Fall. The cost is free. Childcare is available. Register [HERE](#).



Women's Bible Study:

Revelation by Jen Wilkin

Tuesdays, starting Sept. 2, 10am-12pm

10 Sessions, Activity Center, Cost \$20

Facilitators: Martha Cochenour & Cassey Browning

Two thousand years ago, John's Revelation was circulated and read aloud among seven churches in Asia Minor. Those who heard the letter understood it and drew encouragement from its



message. The same can be true for you today. Over 10 sessions of verse-by-verse Bible study, Jen Wilkin helps you discover how the last book of the Bible—the culmination of God's great story—speaks both a steadying word of assurance

and a strong call to endure to the church in every age. To read more about this study and to register, click [HERE](#).

Grace University, Tuesdays

6:30am-7:30am, Activity Center

Sept 9-Nov 18, 2025 & Jan 13-May 12, 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. Click [HERE](#) for full details and to sign up.

CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



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 Fellowship Lunch 1st Thursdays, August 7, 12pm The Egg of Fort Smith 3801 Planters Rd.

Join men from Grace the first Thursday of each month, 12pm at The Egg of Fort Smith for a meal, fellowship and updates on our Men's Ministry. There is no need to sign up. We usually meet from noon-1pm. Invite a friend or co-worker.



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



Blood Drive, THIS 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 This 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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Adopt A Highway Success

We had a great response for the Hwy 71 Clean Up event! There were 18 people, including several Trail Life young men. We picked up 15 bags in less than 1.5 hours. Please thank these dedicated



stewards of God's Creation when you see them. Those from our Trail Life Ministry are: Sawyer & Steve Walter, Jackson & Mark Teeter, Thomas & Brandon Cochenour, Jack Fisher, & Jayden. Others from church are: Jeff & Susan Jones, Matt & Rachel Vera, Donna & Gerald Hartman, Donnetta Smith, David and Michelle Thomas.

Our next event will be in September or October.

Buffalo Mission Crew This Week



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

OTHER

Congratulations to our very own Lt. Col. Daniel Munoz for assuming command of the 188th Operations Group.



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

Kids and Leaders at Camp Siloam

Mission Team in Buffalo, NY

Allison Butler

Mac Vineyard

Jackson Infield

Kason Whitehead

Sue Powell

Gretchen Tucker

Mark Robinson

Grace Friends

Stan Andrews (Pam Mill's BIL)

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Ken Harvey-Praise Report!

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Steve and Wendi Dungan

(death of Steve's father Stewart "Butch" Dungan)