

Grace Weekly Email Update

July 30, 2025

Message from Pastor Jeff



We had elementary kids at camp and a mission team in Buffalo last week. This week we have a mission team leaving for Nicaragua. Our week 1 team leaving this Saturday will be building fuel efficient stoves that make an amazing difference in the health of the families and the quality of water in the villages due to less smoke inhalation and fewer trees being cut down. Our week 2 team that leaves August 9 will be building latrines. We take our toilets for granted, but in many parts of the world people still do not have adequate access to latrines. This leads to all kinds of preventable sickness and to the contamination of the drinking water. Keep these groups in your prayers over the next two weeks.

Men, don't forget the [Men's Night at Grace](#) this coming Tuesday, August 5, 6pm. If you plan to attend, please [register](#) in advance so that we know how much food to prepare for the group!

Everyone, the [Grace Family Night at the Alma Waterpark](#) is Friday, August 8 from 7-9pm. It's free. Plan to come join us!

This week in worship we are going to learn about hesed and emet (not a misspelling, true words). It's good stuff!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — August 3 & 4

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: My Hope Is Built; Trust and Obey

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

Songs: We Praise You; Same God; Make Room; How He Loves

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever; Same God
Make Room; How He Loves

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

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

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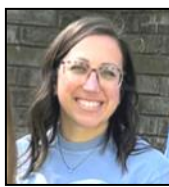
*Grace Community Church exists for the glory of God,
to make visible the kingdom of God, and
to declare the grace of God to all the world.*

KIDS MINISTRY (Infants—5th GRADERS)

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



CHRISTINE TURPIN
(Infants—PreK)



SARAH REYKER
(K-5th grade)



Kids Church in August
This month's theme:
Maker's Workshop



Back Pack Blessing, August 10

On August 10, all kids and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church for blessings of the backpacks to kick off the new school year! Everyone will receive a Bible verse bag tag.

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: sarah@gracefs.com; 479-414-2071

Come join the FUN!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT.....

Grace Family Night @ Alma Waterpark
Friday, August 8, 7-9pm

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DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



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



WONDERFULLY
MADE

A Christian Perspective
on
human sexuality, values
and relationships

6TH - 8TH GRADE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST,
10:45AM-4PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)
PARENT SESSION 2:30-4PM

Enrollment deadline
Sept 1st



CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



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.



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Ministry Expo Sunday, August 17 9:30am-noon Grace Lobby

Nearly everyone has been to a "Job Fair" or "Trade Show" where booths are set up to sell or promote certain things. On August 17, Grace is going to have our very own "Ministry Expo." As summer winds down and schedules become more predictable, we are excited to have an event that promotes upcoming activities, studies and ways to serve at Grace and in the community. We have done this the last two years but this year will be a little different. We are going to host the Expo in the Worship Center Lobby (instead of the StuMin as it has been). We are going to focus on four specific areas; Group Studies, Connecting Ministries, Serve Opportunities, and Communication. Although we will not have as many individual tables, rest assured that we will do our best to make sure all the different opportunities to connect and serve at Grace are promoted.



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](#).

CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES

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](#).

The Minor Prophets Bible Study

Wednesdays, starting Sept. 3

2 Opportunities: 10am & 6pm

Facilitator: Kathryn O'Brien

9 Sessions, No Cost

The Minor Prophets (last 12 Books of the Old Testament), also referred to as The Book of the Twelve, often receive little notoriety. However, they are no less important than the Major Prophets of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel. They are only called "minor" because the writings are shorter than

any of the "major" writings. These short Books provide insight into God's character and His desire for relationship with His people. They contain important messages for both the people then and believers today — messages of justice and mercy for sin and rebellion, along with messages of hope and God's faithfulness to those who seek Him.

Facilitator: Kathryn O'Brien.

Length: 9 sessions [September 3-November 12 with 2 breaks]

Opportunities: Both morning and evening groups are available.

AM group will meet 10-11:30 in the Activity Center

PM group will meet 6-7:30 in the Children's Wing

There is no cost associated with this study; a study guide will be provided. To register, click [HERE](#).



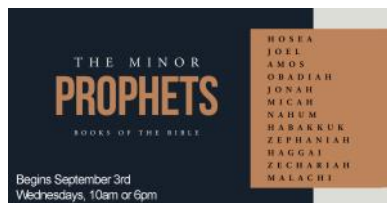
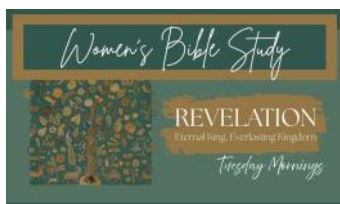
Grace University, Tuesdays

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

Practicing the Way—John Mark Comer

Tuesdays, starting Sept 9-Oct 28, 6-7:30pm, 8wks

Facilitated by JD, Open to Everyone

No cost. Materials will be provided.

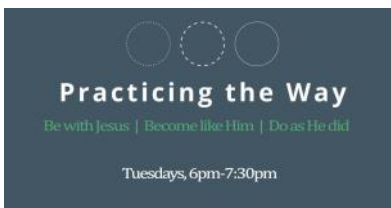


Our culture is distracted, fragmented, and hurried. Many people are simply too busy and exhausted to have a meaningful life with God. We need a clear path to being formed by Jesus in the modern era, rather than being counter-formed by a culture that

skims near the surface.

Based on the book "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer, this study is designed to help us integrate the practices and rhythms of Jesus and his earliest

followers, creating space for the Holy Spirit to form us into a people of depth and love. Register [HERE](#).



4K

FOR KING & KINGDOM
MEN'S RETREAT
OCTOBER 1ST - 4TH

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

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



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

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

Nicaragua Mission Teams

Women's Cruise Group

Allison Butler

Mac Vineyard

Jackson Infield

Grace Friends

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Sonya and Cody Elliott

(death of Sonya's father Dennis Perceful)

Pam and Ralph Mills

(death of Pam's BIL Stan Andrews)

Tanya Haynes and family

(death of Barbara Leathers)