

Grace Weekly Email Update

August 13, 2025

Message from Pastor Jeff



This Sunday and Monday we are going to have a preview of some of the opportunities to connect, learn, and serve. Plan on taking a moment after the worship service to check out some of the opportunities available and prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to get involved.

Labor Day is just a couple of weeks away. If you are going to be out of town that Sunday, remember that we have Monday night worship at 6:00pm. We will be having BBQ after service that Monday night, so plan on joining us for worship and staying for some food and fellowship.

Susan and I are doing several short three-week marriage enrichment workshops in our home. The first three-week session is already filled. We have two more opportunities available: September 24-October 8 or October 22-November 5 (Please note: this is not marriage counseling and is not the best path if you are currently struggling deeply in your marriage. If that is the case see me, and I can point you in a good direction.)

Go to the church website and see all the different [opportunities to learn and grow](#). We have a study on minor prophets, Mark, Revelation and an awesome study on authentically following Jesus called Practicing the Way. Check it out. See you this weekend!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — August 17 & 18

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: I Know Who Holds Tomorrow; Amazing Grace

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

Songs: Grace On Top Of Grace; What He's Done
Good Plans; The Lord Will Provide

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: The Lord Will Provide; What He's Done
Good Plans; Let It Be Jesus

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](#).



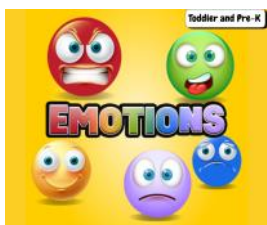
CHRISTINE TURPIN

(Infants—PreK)



SARAH REYKER

(K-5th grade)



Kids Church (Infants-PreK) **EMOTIONS**



Now through September 22

We think of some emotions as good and others as bad. But God made every part of us, and no matter how we are feeling, we can always turn to Him for

help.

MEMORY VERSE: "And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5



Kids Church (K-5th Grade) **MAKER'S WORKSHOP** Month of August



Family Movie Night Friday, September 12 **The King of Kings**



Join us for Family Movie Night in the Worship Center. Popcorn, water and lemonade provided. Kids are welcome to bring their pillow and a blanket. Movie

starts at 7pm! Doors open at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah](#).

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!

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



**THIS 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.

Women’s Bible Study: Revelation by Jen Wilkin

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

10 Sessions, Activity Ctr, 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 Book of Mark Small Group Study

Co-Ed Bible Study

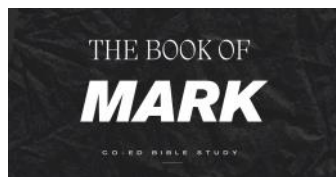
Wednesdays, Sept 3-December, 6-7pm

**Brown Residence (Fianna Hills)
(childcare at the church)**

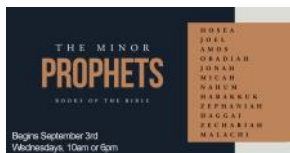


Join Justus and Baylee Brown as they lead their group through an in depth study of the book of Mark. Together you will unpack the powerful account of Jesus’ life, ministry and mission. Together you will dig deeper into the historical context of Mark and how the message still speaks to us as Christians today. This group will

be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. This group is open to both men and women, individuals and couples. Childcare will be available at Grace, be sure to sign-up!



CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



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.

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](#).

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](#).



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 Cuny will contact you with more details.



Young Adults Passion 2026 **January 1-3, 2026; Arlington, TX** Passion is for 18-25 year olds. [Check it out and sign up.](#) If you have questions, contact [Reagan](#).

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, Sept. 4, 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](#). Sept 6, Oct 4

OTHER

Grace Place Preschool Has Job Opening for Aftercare Worker

Grace Place is looking to hire an aftercare worker Monday-Friday, noon-5:30pm availability, good with kids, can pass a background check, childcare experience preferred. Contact Grace Place office: 646-6503 or graceplace@gracefs.com.



MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.



Meet our team: Click [HERE](#).

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

Mental Health page on our website: 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

Eight Days of Hope Ministry

Those who are sick

Those struggling w/mental illness & addictions

Those struggling with grief

Grace Families

Mary Carter

Nicaragua Mission Teams

Grace Friends

Darlene Boyd (Beverly Jeffery's mother)

Tom Fenn (Donna Sharp's nephew)

Scott and Martha Price (Avillion/Kimbrough family)

Kirk Price, Judy Morgan, Tom Doherty

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Diane (Graham) & Bryce Marshall (death of Diane's sister)

Kristi David (death of her father)