

# Grace Weekly Email Update

October 1, 2025

## Message from Pastor Jeff



What are the people around you this week learning about God? If you are a follower of Jesus, your life is making pronouncements about His character, His kingdom, what eternal life will be like, who matters to God, how powerful God is, and much, much more. You are not your own so let your life speak the message of God's grace to the world this week.

Our community Trunk or Treat is a great opportunity to love on our neighbors and show hospitality. It's going to be Sunday, October 26, from 4-6pm. Help us out by bringing some candy to donate. If you'd like to do a trunk, we've got a spot for you. Click this [link](#).

Ladies, the deadline to sign up for the women's craft event is October 2. So get [signed up today](#).

Monday night folks, remember that we will be celebrating National Noodle Day this Monday. Stay after worship to enjoy some great noodles and awesome people.

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

## WORSHIP SERVICES — October 5 & 6

### Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Wonderful Words of Life

When We All Get To Heaven

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

Songs: Gone; Hosanna

He Who Is To Come; Come To Jesus

### Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Come to Jesus; He Who Is To Come

Holy Spirit; I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

**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—PreK)

Contact: [Christine Turpin](#)

## Kids Church (Infants-PreK)



**Pumpkin Prayers:  
Connecting With God**  
(Now through October 26)

It's no trick - prayer is a treat we can enjoy as believers. It's our chance to connect with God, to grow our faith, and to find direction away from sin and toward a brighter future.

*Memory Verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - Philippians 4:6*

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Trunk or Treat—Sunday, October 26, 4-6pm**



## (K-5th Grade)

Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)

**Kids Church (K-5th Grade)**  
**SIMPLY LOVED**  
**Month of September**



**SOMETHING NEW  
FOR KIDS CHURCH....**

Hey parents! Your kids will be coming home with weekly bible verses to memorize. Get excited with them because there are some pretty cool prizes! Each week they memorize a verse, they get a small prize. They also get a sticker. As a group, the more stickers we get, the bigger and better the incentives get. Ice cream? Yep. Pie in the face? Oh yeah! Monkey House? SO FUN!! Help them memorize the verse each week!

*Our new verse:*

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5*

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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](#)



## Wednesday Night Youth

6-7:30pm,. StuMin Building

Each Wednesday we come together for food, fun, fellowship, small groups and worship. Bring a friend!



## TRAIL LIFE USA

(K-12<sup>th</sup> grade boys)

Contact [JD](#) for Trail Life.

Troop 316, First 3 Mondays of Each Month

6:15-7:30pm, StuMin

Trail Life USA is a Church-Based, Christ-Centered, Boy-Focused mentoring and discipleship ministry that speaks to the heart of a boy. Set in the context of outdoor adventure, boys are engaged in a Troop setting by male mentors where they are challenged to grow in character, understand their purpose, serve their community, and develop practical leadership skills to carry out the mission for which they were created.



# CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



## **Women's Craft Night** **Thursday, October 9, 6-8pm** **STUDENT MINISTRY BLDG.**

Join the women of Grace for a fun night of crafting, conversation, and friendship! We will be

painting outdoor doormats, all supplies are provided. If you aren't the most artistic person don't worry, we have all the things necessary to make it easy on you! The cost is \$10 per person, I hope you can join us! Contact [Reagan Newell](#) with any questions!

**Deadline to sign-up is Thursday, October 2.** Register [HERE](#).



## **Men's Bonfire Night** **Thursday, October 23, 6-7:30pm** **Food • Fellowship • Football** **(off campus-directions below)**



Men, you're invited to a night around the fire designed just for you! Join us for a relaxed evening of good food, meaningful

fellowship with brothers in Christ, and football. This is more than just a bonfire—it's a chance to slow down, laugh together, share stories, and build stronger connections that go beyond Sunday morning. Whether you're new to the church or have been here for years, this is the perfect opportunity to meet other men and strengthen your walk with God through community.

**What to Expect:** A warm fire and plenty of food. Football and friendly competition. Encouragement, laughter, and real conversations. A place to invite a friend or neighbor.

**Cost:** \$10 per person (Bring a Chair)

Come as you are, bring a buddy, and enjoy an evening that will leave you encouraged and refreshed.

**Directions:** 7102 Rye Hill Road. Pull into driveway, drive through gate towards house. When you get to garage, keep right on road around the yard. Circle all the way around back to barn.

If you have any questions, contact [JD Cunny](#).

Click [Link](#) to register.



## **Young Adults Passion 2026** **January 1-3, 2026** **Globe Life Field** **Arlington, TX**

Join the gathering of a generation united for Jesus at Passion 2026

in Arlington, TX on January 1-3, 2026. At Passion 2026 18-25 year olds from across the country and around the world are coming together, lifting one voice, declaring one name—JESUS. And the invitation is open: meet us here.

Grace Young Adults will travel down to Arlington on Thursday, January 1 and return the evening of Saturday, January 3. Hotel + Ticket included in \$150 fee. [Click HERE to sign up](#). If you have questions, contact [Reagan](#).

# CONNECT/EVENTS/STUDIES



**Trunk or Treat**  
**Sunday, October 26**  
**4-6pm**

**Grace Parking Lot**

Bring out the whole family for a safe, fun, and festive evening!

Kids can dress up, enjoy our parking lot filled with decorated trunks ready to fill your buckets with candy, play games, and make sweet memories. This free community event is open to everyone. We'd love to see you there!

If you have any questions contact [Sarah Reykers](#).

If you are interested in hosting a trunk or game, click [HERE](#). (We will help you with candy.)

## **Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat—start NOW!**

If you are not able to host a "Trunk" or "Game," you can help out by supplying candy. Either purchase the candy and bring it to the church starting NOW or you can give a monetary donation (be sure to mark your donation "Trunk or Treat Candy").



**New Member/Guest Reception**  
**Sunday, November 2, Noon-1pm**  
**Student Ministry Building**

Are you a new member of our church or a guest who is interested in learning more about Grace Community Church and how to get connected? We'd love to meet you! Join us for our New Member & Guest Reception—a casual and welcoming time to connect, ask questions, and discover more about who we are as a church family.

This reception is a great opportunity to:

- Meet our pastors and ministry leaders
- Learn about our mission, vision, and values
- Find out how you can get connected and involved
- Enjoy light refreshments and fellowship with others who are new

Whether you've visited once, been attending for a while, or are considering making this your church home, we'd be honored to spend this time with you.

Come as you are—we look forward to welcoming you!

For questions or more info, contact [JD Cunny](#).

Register [HERE](#).

# 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, Oct. 2, 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](#). Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6



## Baby Clothes and Shoes Needed

Two of our Community Partners Heart to Heart Pregnancy and Family Center and 1st Choice Pregnancy Medical Center are in need of **Boys and Girls 2T and 3T** clothing as well as shoes. If you happen to see a sale anywhere and want to pick up a few items, that would be great. Like new, second hand clothing is accepted too. You can drop items off on Sunday morning or at the church office during the week.

## Volunteers Needed at the Community Rescue Mission

Parenting Classes for the residents of the Community Rescue Mission are back in session. Each Thursday night, Jeanne Carroll, our Families in Transition liaison, leads classes from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. In order for the parents to be fully engaged, child care providers are needed. Please contact Jeanne Carroll at [Jcarroll@fortsmithschools.org](mailto:Jcarroll@fortsmithschools.org) for more details.



## Crawlin' for Kids CASA Fundraiser

**Saturday, October 25**

**FREE**

**Ben Geren Pk  
Safe Room**

Register using UPC  
code.



## Nicaragua Teams Are Filling Up Fast

Teams 1 & 2 are now FULL!

We have had a tremendous response to our 2026 Nicaragua Mission

opportunities. We have opened the dates for Team 3 on August 1-8 and will add a Team 4 the following week if needed. If you are interested in going, please don't wait to [sign up](#). We will be doing a few fundraisers to help offset costs and scholarship assistance is available. If you aren't interested in going on the trip but want to be a part of someone's story, contact Kathleen to discuss the possibilities. Please pray for our Teams, the people still considering going, the families in Nicaragua that we will be serving and for the El Porvenir staff. Please contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.

# OTHER

## River Valley Master Gardeners

“Fall Is Fabulous”

**This Saturday, October 4**

**9am-noon, Worship Center**

Grace has offered our facility for this event hosted by the River Valley Master Gardeners. The event is free of charge and open to the public. If you enjoy gardening, you will surely want to attend. Shown below are the guest speakers.



Steve Dobbs,  
MS Horticulture  
Seasonal Color  
Design & Plant  
Ideas



Katlyn Nolker,  
City of Alma  
Horticulturalist  
Native Plants



Courtney Witt,  
Blossomberry  
Nursery  
Preserving Cut  
Flowers

*Follow River Valley Master Gardeners  
on Facebook*



## Grace Place Dine to Donate Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse

**Dine In or Dine Out Counts**

**Tuesday, October 14, 3-10pm**

Please support Grace Place Preschool by dining or ordering to go. Be sure to mention “Grace Place” when you order. The school will earn a percentage of your purchase. Funds will be used for new technology for the preschool’s classrooms.



# OTHER



**Medicare 101-Education  
Lunch 'n' Learn Seminar  
Sunday, October 19, 1-2pm  
Activity Center**

**Hosted by Church Member Margie Partin**

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) is right around the corner, and this year brings several important changes you'll want to know about. Get all the information you need about Medicare in a relaxed setting with a complimentary lunch. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, ask questions, and get prepared. Prior registration is appreciated in order to have a count for food. Register [HERE](#). Questions, contact [Margie](#).

## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

# Mental Health



# Ministry

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.

Scan this QR code or go to [Gracefs.com/mental-health](https://Gracefs.com/mental-health)

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

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

Donna Newbold

Sandy Rye

Pam Brixey

## Grace Friends

Candace Wibbing

Crystal Beene and family

A Father addicted to alcohol

## Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Shani Patterson

Nora Lowe

## Men Attending 4KK Retreat THIS WEEK!



Kyle Been



Sean Martin



Zach Johnson



Kevin Dye



Howard Walton



Forrest Marvin



Damon Rye



Chad Treadaway



Brandon Green

## Sympathies

JD and Misty Cunny (death of JD's stepdad, Jerry Fulton)

Nicole West and family (death of her father-in-law)