

Grace Weekly Email Update

November 5, 2025



Message from Pastor Jeff

Thank you to all of you who participated in our Feeding the Multitude. At a time when it is greatly needed, you all brought in around \$22,000 worth of food. Thank you for your generosity!

Speaking of food:

The Monday night service will share a meal after worship this Monday night. Stick around and enjoy.

There will be a [bake sale](#) in the lobby on Sunday, November 23, to benefit our Families in Transition.

The annual [Deck the Halls Chili Cook Off/Cookie Bake Off](#) is Sunday, November 30. Please sign up if you are bringing chili so that we make sure to have enough for all.

Parents of [Jr. High](#) and [High School Students](#): Camp sign ups are happening now. It may seem early, but these camps fill up and we want your student to be able to attend. Camp works and God moves in powerful ways during this time so don't miss out!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — November 9 & 10

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: In Christ Alone
Bless the Lord, O My Soul

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

Songs: Come To Jesus; Christ Be Magnified
I Believe; Great Are You Lord

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: Great Are You Lord; Christ Be Magnified; I Believe

Holy Communion celebrated at all services.

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—PreK)



Contact:
[Christine Turpin](#)



**Kids Church
Thank You**
(Nov 2—23)

In life, we can choose to grumble and be selfish, or we can choose to be grateful. Kids will learn that we should praise God and give him thanks every day.

Memory Verse:
*"Give thanks to the Lord,
because He is good.*
1 Chronicles 16:34a

(K-5th Grade)



Contact:
[Sarah Reykers](#)



**Kids Church
Simply
Loved**
(November)

Something New in Kids Church

Hey parents! Your kids are coming home with a Thankful calendar challenge for November! Help them fill it out each day and bring it back after Nov 30 for a treat!

Our new verse: 
*"Do not worry about anything;
pray about everything"*
Philippians 4:6

Spring Weekend Retreat (3rd-5th Graders) Camp Siloam, April 10-12, 2026

Instead of a full week camp in summer 2026, we are doing a spring weekend retreat! It will be at the same location, [Camp Siloam](#). The tentative plan is to leave Grace around 3:30 on that Friday so we have time to stop and eat and arrive by check-in time. We will return Sunday around noon.



Cost is \$130 with a \$35 nonrefundable deposit due at time of registration. The remaining balance can be paid out over the next few months. We will send reminders and a link to pay the installments. PLEASE do not let cost be an issue. We have scholarships available for those that may need it. Please let [Sarah Reyers](#) know if you need financial assistance.

As we get more details closer to time, we will pass them along! Register [HERE](#).

TRAIL LIFE USA

(K-12th grade boys)
Contact [JD](#) for Trail Life.

**Troop 316, First 3 Mondays
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.



DASH & FM

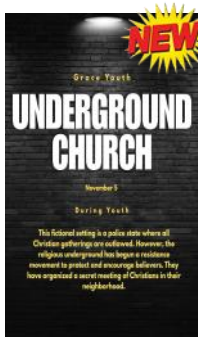
(6-8th grades) & (9-12th grades)

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



Youth Wednesday Night! 6pm-7:30pm



Tonight (11-5-25) is the Underground Church!

**Canned Food Drive
Nov. 5-Dec 10
Rewards for the Winner!**



Confirmation Class, Sundays, January 11-March 15

9:30-10:30am in the Student Ministry Bldg.

For 6th Graders and Older

Theme: A Deeper Understanding In Our Faith Journey

For more details and sign ups, click [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, Nov. 6, 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](#). Nov 1, Dec 6

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Join the 2025
**GRACE
CHRISTMAS
CHOIR**



Christmas Choir Forming— Practice Started November 2

We are looking for individuals to join us for this year's Christmas Choir! For special services, having a choir in the mix adds so much to worship, and our worship team enjoys

praising the Lord with a wonderful group of worshippers! [HERE](#), you will find information such as rehearsal times, important dates, skills needed, and other things pertaining to the Christmas choir.

We hope that you will sincerely pray and consider lending your voice to the praise and worship of the Lord. Whether young or old, seasoned professional or just a joyful noise maker, we welcome ALL who are willing to smile, sing praises, and joyfully celebrate the season of glorifying the new born KING! More info and sign ups click [HERE](#).

Rehearsal times are as follows:

-Sundays, Nov. 2—Dec 14, 12:30-2pm, Chapel

-Wednesday, Dec. 17, 5:30-7:30pm, choir and band, worship center

-Sunday, Dec. 21: (Day of service) 7:30-9am, final run-through with full band and choir in the worship center



Deck the Halls

**Chili Cook Off and Cookie Bake Off
Sunday, November 30**

5-7pm 'ish, Student Ministry Bldg

Come join our Grace family for a fun, festive night of food and decorating! We will begin at 5:00pm with our annual Chili Cook Off + Cookie Bake Off in the Student Ministry Building. We'll then divide everyone up to help us deck the halls of Grace with Christmas decor!

If you are interested in entering a Chili or Cookie [sign-up now!](#) Childcare will be available during the event up until 7pm.



Ladies Christmas Tea

**Saturday, December 6, 10-11:30am
Worship Center**

Join the ladies of Grace for a festive Christmas tea/brunch. We will worship together and hear a

wonderful message from our speaker **Jenn Jett Barret**. Our theme this year is "A Thrill of Hope". In the midst of all of life's struggles we want to begin the Christmas season grounded in the Hope that the birth of Christ brings us. We are women who have the privilege of living with a hope that the world cannot offer, we want to celebrate that truth together! Register [HERE](#).



Jenn Jett Barret
Speaker





Great job Grace!

Our Feeding a Multitude food drive was a huge success. We multiplied a little to serve a multitude. The Community Services Clearinghouse will be able to fill their pantry and Thanksgiving Food boxes for people facing food insecurity. The children at the Community Rescue Mission will enjoy snacks after school and during the weekends. Hope Campus will be able to provide delicious meals for their clients. Next Step Homeless Services will be able to serve a hot cup of coffee to someone in need. Thank you for being the church for so many in our community.

Also, a BIG thank you to Sherry Grimm who worked tirelessly at keeping all the food donations organized and sorted.



Toy/Clothing Drive Starts Sunday, Nov.16 for FIT



Families in Transition (FIT) Toy/Clothing Drive trees will be up and ready for Sunday/Monday services on November 16. There will be two trees set up in the church lobby. One tree will have tags



for clothing items and the other tree will have tags for toy and gift items. Each tag represents a child in the Fort Smith Public School system that does not have a consistent place to call home. We suggest keeping toy purchases at \$75 or less. If you

choose a clothing tag, you may plan to spend as much as \$100. All items are due back by Sunday, December 7. If you are interested in helping with this year's toy drive or have other questions, please contact [Erin DeLassus](#).



BAKE SALE

Calling ALL Bakers! Sunday, Nov. 23

Mark your calendars! We want to fill our church lobby with delicious baked goods to support the FIT (Families in Transitions) program. You can drop off your baked goods by noon on Friday, November 21 or bring them at 8:30 on the 23rd. Items will be sold before and after each service.

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.

Our Own Mike and Carol Kirby CASA Advocates of the Month

We are so proud of our church families serving out in our community. Here is what CASA wrote in their November newsletter:

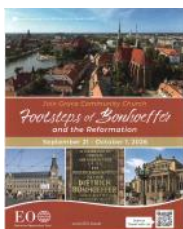
"Mike and Carol Kirby are definitely superheroes when it comes to serving their CASA kiddos.

They spend time not only visiting but make visits so much fun: like fishing, movies and arts and crafts. Mike and Carol pour their hearts into the children making their journey through foster care less heartbreaking. When Carol showed up to a new placement one of the kiddos ran up to her, hugged her and said "how did you find me?" This is what CASA is all about! Thank you for sharing your hearts with kids in foster care."



OTHER

Two Trips to Europe in 2026 with EO Travel
Leaders: [Staci Moore](#) and Jim Acklin
Info Meetings Coming Soon
Click on the name of the tour to read more.



[Footsteps of Bonhoeffer & the Reformation](#)

(Sept. 21—Oct. 1, 2026)

Join Grace Community Church for the Footsteps of Bonhoeffer and the Reformation, starting at \$5,196* from Fayetteville, on September 21, 2026. You will see the Church of St. Elizabeth, the original village of Lehde, Cecilienhof Palace, the Church of Peace, the picturesque old city of Potsdam, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Torgau, Leipzig, the door of the Castle Church, Eisleben,

Erfurt, St. Nicholas Church, Weimar, Frankfurt area, St. Thomas Church, the Church of St. Peter and Paul, St. Andrew's Church, St. Anne's Church, Wartburg Castle, and much more! (11 Days in Germany & Poland)

Register Early & Save

\$150 Register by October 21, 2025

\$125 Register by November 21, 2025

\$100 Register by December 21, 2025

\$75 Register by January 21, 2026

\$50 Register by February 21, 2026

\$25 Register by March 21, 2026

Full deposit required. Savings are deducted from the balance.



[Splendors of Italy](#) (Oct. 12-22, 2026)

Grace Community Church on a Splendors of Italy tour, starting at \$5,196* from Fayetteville, AR on October 13, 2026. You will see Lake Garda, Verona, Venice, the Piazza San Marco, the Basilica of St. Mark, the romantic Bridge of Sighs, Pisa, Lucca, Florence, San Gimignano, Siena, Assisi, the magnificent Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Constantine, and much more!

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\$150 Register by November 13, 2025

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\$100 Register by January 13, 2026

\$75 Register by February 13, 2026

\$50 Register by March 13, 2026

\$25 Register by April 13, 2026

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GRACE PLACE

Thank you to everyone who donated and came out to support Grace Place at our TX Roadhouse Night! We appreciate you!



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

Jeannette Jackson

Samuel Robbins

Grace Friends

Tonya

Donna Spencer's dad, Frankie Shaw

Allison Butler's mother

Annette Lauver's sister, Gail

Leslie Kohler's mother, Sally Rickard

A Son needing rehab for alcohol & transitional housing

A young lady needing to find a new home

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Tracie and Mike Opolka

(death of Tracie's mother, Patricia Black)

Family and Friends of Linda Kaufenberg Dowdy