

Grace Weekly Email Update

November 5, 2025



Message from Pastor Jeff

FIT (Families in Transition) Christmas trees go up this week at Grace, and before anyone gets excited and accuses us of hating Thanksgiving, it's for a good cause. Every year our church buys Christmas gifts for all the students in the Fort Smith School District who do not have a permanent residence. One tree will have tags for clothing gifts and one tree will have tags for toy gifts. Please read the instructions [HERE](#) on how all this works. This is just another way you all make a difference. Someone once asked a great question of churches: "If you ceased to exist, would the community you serve notice?" I assure you that the answer for Grace is "Yes!"

Youth Camp Works Wonders!!! [Sign ups are now](#). Don't let your child miss out!

A great many of you have been waiting all year to taste the world famous chili symphony that I create each year. I have heard your longing and received all your many, many requests for me to make the Beethoven of chilies. For all those who stood dumbfounded when last year's chili winner was announced and it wasn't me, I humbly ask you to extend kindness and grace to the chili judges. It is possible some of them were suffering colds or sinus congestion. This year's [chili cook off and cookie bake off](#) will be Sunday, November 30 at 5:00pm. We'll decorate the church after we eat.

See you this weekend as we worship the King together!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICES — November 16 & 17

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Come Thou Almighty King; Wonderful, Merciful Savior

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

Songs: I Believe; The Heart of Worship; Worthy; Promises Never Fail

Modern (6pm Monday)

Songs: The Heart of Worship; Worthy; Promises Never Fail

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 fear, for I am with
you." Isaiah 41:10

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



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, Dec. 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](#). Dec 6

CHRISTMAS EVENTS



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](#). **Deadline to sign up is November 28!**

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Jenn Jett Barret



Drop & Shop, Saturday, December 6, 12-4pm

NEW!

Need a few hours to get your Christmas shopping done without little eyes watching? We've got you covered! Drop your kiddos off for a fun-filled afternoon while you check off that gift list. Kids will enjoy a day packed with holiday fun: hotdogs for lunch, cookie decorating, Christmas crafts, and Minute to Win It games that will keep them laughing and busy! Drop-off & Pick-up will be in the Student Ministry Building main entrance. Spots are LIMITED, so don't wait to register! The Cost is \$10 per child. It's a win for parents and kids -- you shop, they play! Sign up [HERE](#).



Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24, 4 & 6 PM

Join us for our special Christmas Eve Service! Come celebrate the joy of Christmas with worship, a message, and our traditional candlelight moment to

close the evening. Kids Church will be available for children 5 and under. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

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

Families in Transition (FIT) Toy/Clothing Drive trees will be up and ready for Sunday/Monday services **THIS WEEKEND**. 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. **You may bring items back wrapped or unwrapped, up to you. If you are wrapping items, please put a tag with Family # and Name of Child on EVERY gift/package.**

Remember....this is the ONLY Christmas these children will receive. Please be conscientious about their wish lists.

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, November 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

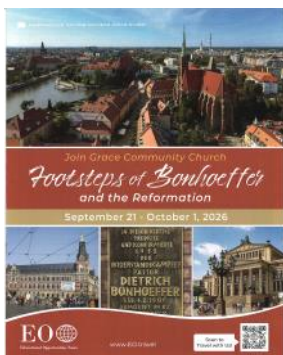


Mission opportunities. We have opened the dates for Team 3 on August 1-8 and will add a Team 4 the following week if needed. If you are interested in going, please don't wait to [sign up](#). We will be doing a few fundraisers to

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.

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

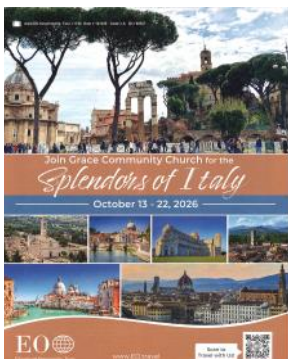
\$100 Register by December 21, 2025

\$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!

Register Early & Save

\$150 Register by November 13, 2025

\$125 Register by December 13, 2025

\$100 Register by January 13, 2026

\$75 Register by February 13, 2026

\$50 Register by March 13, 2026

\$25 Register by April 13, 2026

(10 Days in Italy)

Full deposit required. Savings are deducted from the balance.

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

Anna and Robert Kleinschmidt

Cara, Adam & Tate Price

Brenda

Kimberly Dye

Grace Friends

Melba Sargent

Bobby Jones

Tonya

A Father addicted to alcohol

Cancer Fighters—Grace Family

Nora Lowe

Sympathies

Family and Friends of Jean Nolte