

Grace Weekly Email Update

February 4, 2026

Message from JD Cunny (Associate Pastor)

Get game-day Super Bowl ready and help send our students to summer camp! This Sunday we're hosting a Super Bowl Snack Sale with all the favorites—chips + dips, crowd-pleasing appetizers, and easy grab-and-go goodies that make watching the game better. The best part? Every purchase goes directly toward helping our youth get to summer camp.



Summer camp is more than a trip—it's one of the most impactful weeks of the year for many students. It's time away from distractions, time in God's Word, time building friendships, and time for the kind of conversations that can shape faith for years to come. Your support helps remove the financial barriers so more students can say "yes" to being there.

So whether you're hosting friends, feeding family, or just want something good for kickoff, stop by the snack sale in the lobby and stock up. You'll walk away with great food—and you'll be investing in the next generation at the same time.

Safety Team will meet this Sunday. We want to invite all current Safety Team members—and anyone interested in joining—to a Safety Team meeting this Sunday after the 11:00am service in the Worship Center. In today's world, safety is not something we can take for granted. It's one of the practical ways we love our neighbors—creating a welcoming environment where families can worship, kids can learn, and everyone can gather with peace of mind. Whether you've served on the Safety Team before or you've simply felt a desire to help, we'd love for you to come hear the vision, learn what's involved, and see how you might fit.

Snack for a great cause. Step up for a vital ministry.

God Bless,

JD

WORSHIP SERVICE — February 8 & 9

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Nearer My God To Thee

Modern (9:30 & 11:00am Sunday, 6pm Monday)

Songs: We Praise You; Let It Be Jesus
Who Else; How Great Is Our God

Live Stream @ 10am Sunday: [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

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

Grace Community Church

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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

Jr. Kids: Infants—PreK Contact: [Christine Turpin](#)
Kids Church K-5th Grade Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)

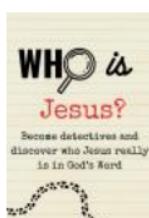


Jr. Kids February Theme:

Bubbles: Jesus' Love Is Clear To Me

Bubbles are endlessly fascinating to look at, to blow, and to pop! In this series, toddlers and preschoolers will play with bubbles, and through their play learn some important lessons about the love of Jesus.

Memory Verse: "We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love." 1 John 4:16a



Kids Church K-5th Grade

We are kicking off the New Year learning about prayer and Who Jesus is. We will become detectives and discover who Jesus really is in God's word by answering questions and collecting clues. What will we discover about Jesus?

Memory Verse: "God is our refuge and strength." Psalm 46:1



Painting + Pastries, Feb. 21, 9-11am

Girls K-5th Grade, Activity Center

Join us for a sweet morning of creativity and fun just for the gals! Girls are invited to come paint, eat some yummy pastries, and hear a short devotional. We hope you can join us! Sign up [HERE](#)! Contact [Sarah](#) with any questions!

Nerf Wars + Nachos, Feb. 21, 1-3pm

Boys (K-5th) are invited to an action-packed afternoon from 1-3 PM in StuMin! We'll battle it out in epic Nerf wars, enjoy nachos, and wrap up with a short devotional. Sign up [HERE](#)! If you have any questions contact [Sarah](#).

NEW!



Kids Worship and Pizza

Wednesday, March 4

6-7:30pm

Drop your kids off from 6-7:30pm for a night of worship, dinner and hanging out. [Sign up](#) is required so we know how much pizza to order.



VBS — Coming Up Soon—June 7-10

Need Volunteers + Old T-shirts/Towels

What A Mess VBS is underway! Sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer. Have questions? Text (479-414-2071) or email [Sarah](#)! **Also, looking for donations of old towels and old adult size t-shirts.**

DASH & FM

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

Contact Dana For DASH and FM

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



Join Us on Wednesday Evenings in 2026!

During the school year, DASH and FM meet routinely every Wednesday from 6-7:30pm.

We have dinner, games, worship, biblical lessons, and small groups.

Small groups are split by grade level and male/female.

Only a few spots open!



DASH SUMMER CAMP
Upcoming 6th -8th graders
June 14-17, 2026
Encounter Cove, MO
Lake of the Ozarks
For more info →  → to Sign up
Sign up deadline Nov. 30th
Spots are Limited. Sign up soon!
\$100 deposit



DASH SUMMER CAMP
Total Cost: \$500
Lots of Fundraising opportunities
High-energy worship
Powerful messages
Crazy fun activities and games
New friendships
Unforgettable memories
A chance to grow deeper in faith and discover who God created you to be
Payment Installment Deadlines:
Nov 30-----Dec 31-----Jan 31-----Mar 31-----May 31

Only a few spots open!



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
Upcoming 9th graders - graduated seniors
JUNE 29-JULY 4, 2026
Cleveland, TN,
SIGN UP DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 30TH TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT \$100

Scan the QR code to sign up or get more information
SPOTS ARE LIMITED
SIGN UP EARLY!



HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP
Total Camp Cost: \$500
We'll be doing fundraisers to lower the cost for everyone who participates!
WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CAMP:

- An awe-inspiring week in Cleveland, TN
- Life changing messages
- Powerful worship
- Crazy fun with students from across the country
- A chance to grow in faith, build friendships, and discover what God has next for you.

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CONNECT—Community Groups

For all groups listed below: Full details & sign up click [HERE](#).
Contact [JD Cunny](#) for any questions.

Sunday Sermon Recap, On Going

Sundays following the 8:30 service until about 10:15am

Facilitator: Becky Ruth

Type: Co-Ed, all are welcome! Status: Open

Sunday Sermon Recap, Tuesdays 6-7:30pm

January 27-March 17 (8 Weeks), Church Office

Facilitator: Scott Tidwell

Type: Men's Community Group Status: Open

This Men's Weekly Sermon Recap Group exists to create space for that kind of connection as we gather to revisit Sunday messages, ask honest questions, and talk through how God's Word applies to real life.

Sunday Sermon Recap, Wednesday Evenings 6-7:30pm

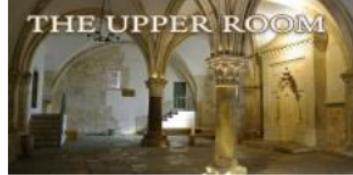
January 28-March 18 (8 Weeks), Upstairs Blue Room at Grace

Facilitators: Robert + Natalie Cole

Type: Couples Status: Open

The purpose of our community group is to create a space for couples/married people to come and build lasting relationships with others who want to center their marriage around God.

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 Birdsong.



Men's Fellowship Lunch

1st Thursdays, February 5, 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.



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.

EVENTS



**Super Bowl Snack Sale,
THIS Sunday, February 8, 8:15am-12:15pm
during & after Worship Services
Worship Center Lobby**

Chips-Dips-Appetizers—Stock up for kick-off!!

Benefiting Youth Summer Camp

Get game-day ready with our Super Bowl Snack Sale! From chips + dips to crowd-favorite appetizers, we've got everything you need for kickoff. Every purchase helps support sending our youth to summer camp! Make sure to stop by so that you can snack for a great cause!



**Ash Wednesday Services
February 18, 12noon and 6pm**



Ash Wednesday invites us to remember who we are and whose we are. Join us as we begin Lent together, reflecting on God's mercy and grace as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



**Men's Shrimp Boil
Tuesday, February 24, 6-7:30pm
Student Ministry Bldg**



Join us for a Men's Shrimp Boil! A fun evening of delicious food, fellowship and encouragement. This is a great opportunity to connect with other men, build community and share a meal together. The cost is \$10 per person, first time guests eat free. Contact [JD Cunny](#) with any questions! Register [HERE](#).



**IF: One Night
Friday, February 27, 5:30-10pm
Grace Worship Center**

We will be hosting the IF: One Night Gathering for women. The event will be from 5:30PM-10:00PM, you are of course free to leave early if needed. We will be providing dinner and refreshments throughout the night. We have always enjoyed the IF: Gatherings in the past and are excited for what the Lord will do this year. I am so thankful for the technology that allows us to virtually worship with other women from around the nation and world. We will not be providing childcare for this event but would welcome youth aged girls to join us if they would like! I think they would really enjoy it. Please sign-up as soon as possible so that we can begin making final plans for food! **The deadline to sign-up is Friday, February 20.** Speakers are: Jennie Allen, Christine Caine, Francis Chan, Lauren Chandler, Jada Edwards, Davy Flowers, Layla de la Garza. Fee is \$10. Register [HERE](#). Questions contact [Reagan Newell](#).



**Men's Fish Fry
Tuesday, March 24, 6-7:30pm
Student Ministry Building**



Join us for a Men's Fish Fry—a fun evening of great food, fellowship, and encouragement. It's a simple way to connect with other men, build community, and share a meal together. Cost: \$10 per person (first-time guests eat free) Questions? Contact [JD Cunny](#). Register [HERE](#).

EVENTS

NEW!

For King and Kingdom—Men's Retreat

Wednesday-Sunday, April 15-19

Burning Bush Lodge, Wrightsville, AR

A For King and Kingdom retreat is designed to inspire, unite, and set men free to pursue their Kingdom destiny alongside other men who want more of God. Through teaching, reflection, and shared experience, we grow by knowing God, knowing ourselves, and knowing others at a deeper level.



Many men in the church feel stuck—tired, distracted, or living on autopilot. This retreat is a call to wake up the heart, strengthen the spirit, and reawaken the

warrior within. The church of Jesus needs men of courage and conviction—men willing to surrender fully to King Jesus and live for His Kingdom mission.

If you'd like more information or are interested in attending, contact [JD Cunny](#) or 479-806-8711.

Cost: \$300 (Scholarships and payment arrangements are available. Space is limited.)

Register [HERE](#).

Men's 3rd Annual Buffalo River Float Trip

Wednesday-Saturday, April 22-25

Steel Creek Campground, Ponca, AR

Men are invited to arrive when they are able. We have reserved Spots 9-11, on the river, three sites for 18 tents. There are restrooms and water on site.

There will be Camping, Food, Fire, and Fellowship!

Canoeing on Saturday (Steel Creek to Kyle's Landing @ 8 mi)

Renting canoes, paddles, PFDs

May bring your own boat.

Cost \$120...covers food, canoe, firewood and supplies.



Pre-registration with Grace is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED !!

Register [HERE](#).

Looking Forward to another Special Time !!

Questions: Call or text KEN DUNCAN
479-285-9600.

SERVE

Contact [Michelle Thomas](#) for more information on local mission efforts.

Contact [Kathleen Halliburton](#) for more information on mission efforts outside of our community.



Safety Team Meeting This Sunday, February 8

All current Safety Team members and anyone interested in joining are invited to a Safety Team meeting this Sunday after the 11:00am service in the Worship Center.

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Where are YOU being called to Serve?

We have a summary of our Local Community Partners and their Mission on our Grace Community Church [website's Serve page](#). You can look at the age of people the organization supports, or category, such as families, pregnancy support, etc.

We are blessed to have a Mighty "Serve Team" as dedicated liaisons. These Grace volunteers can provide so much information about what they do with their Partners, and you likely know some of the people that serve with them. It's a great way to meet others from Grace and people in our community.

Please look at the [website](#) to see if a mission speaks to you. Click on the [Serve Team liaison's name](#) and drop them an email. Ask more about it! Ask if you can help. Let Jesus help lead you to serving by taking the first step.

Serve Delivery Team Volunteers Needed

Do you have time during the week to help Serve by delivering items to our community partners? We are updating our Delivery Team members. Items like food, household items, baby and child supplies, and other miscellaneous things need to be delivered to our community partners and people in need. Please let [Michelle Thomas](#) know if you would like more information.



VBS "Wish List"

Go out to the ["Wish List"](#) for our VBS program happening this summer.

Amazon has some great sales on a few items right now! When you place your order, the items will be shipped directly to Sarah at the church address with a notation of who purchased the item. If you see these same items in other stores at a better price, feel free to purchase them and drop these items to the kids checkin station or at the church office.

SERVE



Fundraiser for the CALL
At Whataburger on
Phoenix Avenue
Monday, February 16
5-8pm

**When you place your order,
be sure to tell them you are
supporting the CALL...**

they will donate 15% of the
sale to the CALL.



**The CALL
Bunny
Breakfast
and
5K & Family
Fun Run
Saturday,
March 21**



March 21, 2026

River Park Event Buildings - 121 Riverfront Dr. Fort Smith

Rabbit Run 5k and
Family Fun Run



- \$40 for the 5k and \$20 for the Fun Run.
- All runners get a t-shirt and Finisher medal.
- Easter Themed Awards!
- Best Bunny Costume award for runners.



The Bunny Breakfast is FREE!

- Pancake Breakfast
- Crafts and Games
- Story Time and Sing-a-long
- Easter Bunny Photo Booth
- Bounce Around, Baby bunnies and MORE!
- Egg Hunt with Harvest Time starts at 10AM!

Eight Days of Hope Responding in Mississippi

Eight Days of Hope is deploying our Rapid Response team to serve the Oxford, MS community after Winter Storm Fern caused much devastation in their area. We are continuing to remove dangerous trees, cleaning up debris, mucking homes, and more. We will be headquartered and lodging at North Oxford Baptist Church during this response, until Saturday, February 14. Please pray for our neighbors in Oxford, Kathleen and EDOH Ministry as they rally the troops to love and serve in Oxford. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to the [EDOH website and sign up](#). All the information is listed there. Kathleen Halliburton will be serving until February 11 before moving on to another assignment. Don't hesitate to contact [Kathleen](#) if you have any questions.



OTHER



Information Meetings for Trips to Germany and Italy

Sunday, February 15, noon, Chapel

Sunday, February 22, 10:30am, Chapel

Doc Acklin and Staci Moore will have an informational meeting about the two upcoming trips to Germany and Italy on Sunday, February 15 at noon in the chapel and on February 22 at 10:30am in the chapel. There will be no obligation to sign up at this time. This is just a Q & A session to pass along info.

Two Trips to Europe in 2026 with EO Travel

Leaders: [Staci Moore](#) and Jim Acklin

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!



Full deposit required. Savings are deducted from the balance.

(11 Days in Germany & Poland)

[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!



Full deposit required. Savings are deducted from the balance.

(10 Days in Italy)

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



[Meet Our Team](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)

[Mental Health Page](#)

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
Christians in Nigeria

Grace Families

Susie Hill
Jade Lawrence
Allison Butler
Baby Sharp
Macy Lloyd
Larry Woodham

Grace Friends

Brenda Chapman
Abrie Morris
Everly Bell
Aunt Alicia (Allison Butler)
Russ and Cassie Thurston
Mac and Garry Vineyard
Russell and Chevy Burkhardt
Bobby Jones
Father addicted to alcohol

Sympathies

Paula Allen and Family
(death of her husband Keith "Red" Allen)
[Obituary. Service, Feb. 9, Hutchins, TX](#)