

Grace Weekly Email Update

February 25, 2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



On January 1 of this year our church membership went to zero and everyone in our church family had an opportunity to recommit to membership or to join in membership for the first time (if you want to read more about what joining and church membership is about--find that [HERE](#).) We have had membership cards out in the lobby and in the backs of our chairs since the first of the year so that people can simply fill out one of the forms and place it in the offering basket. This weekend will be the last weekend those membership cards will be out in the seats. After that, we will go back to our normal way of people joining the church that entails meeting with pastor JD or me (which is one of the most enjoyable parts of our job that we look forward to).

Those of you who joined the church got a follow-up email asking for you to help us update all your information. If you have not filled out the form, please do so. It is super helpful to us even if you assume that we already have all your information. If you lost this email (asking you to update your information) or did not receive one, contact [Jeannette](#).

I look forward to continuing to go deep into the book of James this weekend!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICE — March 1 & 2

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross; This Is He That Came

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

Songs: Come to Jesus; Same God; Who Else; Here I Am to Worship

Live Stream @ 10am 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

Jr. Kids: Infants—PreK
Kids Church K-5th Grade

Contact: [Christine Turpin](#)

Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)

NEW!



Jr. Kids March Theme: Countdown to Easter

So much happened during the last week of Jesus' life, as he prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for us. This series is designed to show the events leading up to and including Jesus' death on the cross – where he made a way for us to be saved.

Memory Verse: "But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



Kids Church K-5th Grade

During the month of March we'll have some eggciting science eggperiements by Dr Jellybean and Professor Eggbert that help us learn about Easter! Can the egg really fit inside THAT? Walking on...eggs? Come eggperience the fun!

Memory Verse: "Shout for joy to the Lord." Psalm 100:1

NEW!



Painting + Pastries & Nerf Wars + Nachos

The kids ministry at Grace had so much fun at their Painting and Pastries and Nerf Wars and Nachos events this past weekend!

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.



Easter Candy Donations Begin Now!

Our Children's Ministry is collecting small wrapped candy for our annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4. Bring your candy and put in the containers at the worship center entrance door...you cannot miss the sign!

NEW!



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 6-7:30pm

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.



Senior Sunday, April 26, 11:00 Service

Luncheon for Students and Their Families to Follow

We will recognize and celebrate our graduating seniors on April 26. If you have a senior that we may not be aware of, please contact [Dana](#). We are asking that you send info about your senior as well as three pictures...two from their childhood and one current picture. Pictures and info must be emailed to [Dana](#) by March 30 in order to have the Senior Brochure prepared in time for Senior Sunday. Following the service we will have a special meal for the seniors and their families. In order to prepare for this meal, we ask that you PLEASE complete [this form](#) no later than March 15.

**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

DASH: 6 Spots Open!

FM: 7 Spots Open!

***** March 1: Registration Deadline *****

**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

Contact [JD Cunny](#) for any questions.

Full details & sign-ups click [HERE](#).

BIBLE STUDIES:



The Book of Mark Study, Wednesday Evenings

Facilitators: Justus and Baylee Brown

Group is held at Brown Residence in Fianna Hills.

For Young Couples and Singles; Status: Open



Every Thought Captive Study

Monday Evenings 6-8pm, Starts March 2, 8wks

Facilitators: Rick Ralston and Erin Delassus



Peace for the Anxious Heart

Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, April 1-May 20 (8wks)

Facilitator: Amy Sweeten.

Meets in church office conference room.

Status: Open Cost is \$10



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Sunday Sermon Recap, On Going

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

Class meets in the church office conference room.

Facilitator: Becky Ruth

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

Sunday Sermon Recap, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

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

Facilitator: Scott Tidwell

Type: Men's Community Group Status: Open

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

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

Facilitators: Robert + Natalie Cole

ON GOING GROUPS



Upper Room Daily Devotional Discussion Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 1-2pm, Activity Ctr

Class is led by Ava Birdsong.



Men's Fellowship Lunch

1st Thursdays, March 5, 12pm

The Egg of Fort Smith, 3801 Planters Rd.



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



IF: One Night (Women's Event)
Friday, February 27
5:30-10pm
Grace Worship Center



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](#).



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.

Thank You, Liaisons and Volunteers



liaison noun

: a person who establishes and maintains communication for mutual understanding and cooperation
: a close bond or connection : interrelationship

Thank you, Serve Team *Liaisons* for all the communicating, coordinating, recruiting, organizing, cooperating, flexing, and SERVING you do with our local mission groups! Thank you, VOLUNTEERS who work with the liaisons to help represent the love of Christ in our community!

Want to know more and get connected? Check out our 2026 [Serve Team](#).



Meet Jeanne Harvey

Serve Team Liaison for The CALL

Jeanne has been working with The CALL for many years. The mission of The CALL is bringing awareness about the needs of children and families in crisis in our community to the attention of the Church.

This includes training and support for foster families. The Support Center in Fort Smith has expanded services to include a safe area for DHS involved family visits that involves basic needs such as snacks and necessities. Jeanne and other volunteers support the many people involved in the foster care system. Please consider talking with Jeanne Harvey to learn more and discover so many opportunities to support this local mission!



Serve Delivery Team Getting Organized

Thank you to many who have shown interest in being on the Delivery Team! We will have a short organizational meeting very soon to discuss opportunities and availabilities! Your support is critical for our local missions!



**The CALL Bunny Breakfast
and 5K & Family Fun Run
Saturday, March 21
Scan the QR code for details.**



VBS "Wish List"

Go out to the ["Wish List"](#) for our VBS program happening this summer. Your purchases will be sent directly to the church.

SERVE



Eight Days of Hope Buffalo, NY Outreach July 18-25, 2026

Are you looking for a mission trip, but don't want to travel outside the United States? Maybe Buffalo is just the opportunity you are looking for. We will be serving people in a district that has substantial needs. This is a great trip for families and people of all ages to serve together. Projects will include all skill levels. Lodging and meals are provided while serving with EDOH.



If riding on the church bus seems to be too much for you, you can fly at your own expense and arrangements for transportation to and from the airport will be available. There are lots of variables to this mission opportunity. If you can't be gone for that many days but still want to serve, please contact [Kathleen](#) to discuss alternatives.

Details are still being finalized, please sign up [HERE](#) if you are interested and would like more information.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



[Meet Our Team](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)

[Mental Health Page](#)

OTHER



Grace Place Preschool Hiring Teachers

Grace Place Preschool staff are early childhood educators and are given the respect and responsibility this title commands. We are looking for new members to join our team! Hours and pay vary based on availability and experience/education. Must be working towards or have a High School Diploma or GED, and be able to pass a background check. Experience in childcare preferred. Please contact the Grace Place Preschool office at (479)646-6503 or drop by the Grace Place office to pick up an application!

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)

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

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

Nancy Guthrie and her children

Grace Families

Rick Card

Bill Coleman

Caitlyn and Chris Welch

Paula Betnar

Annette and Mickel Kimbrough

Legacy Mendoza Dreyer and new baby Rose

Donna James

Grace Friends

Regina Reves

Brutus Bridges

Rick Woods

Joann Craig's father Bill

Leah Meeh Martin's father-in-law Dale

Shelton Sargent's mother

Father addicted to alcohol