

Grace Weekly Email Update

March 11, 2026

Message from JD Cunny (Associate Pastor)



Spring is in the air, which means spring cleaning has arrived. One of the clearest ways we live out our faith is by serving. Serving helps us look beyond ourselves, love our neighbors in practical ways, and reflect the heart of Christ. As a church, we want to be people who are not only growing in faith, but also putting that faith into action. This season, we have two great opportunities to serve—one right here on our campus, and one beyond our city in Buffalo, New York.

Our [Grace Serve Day](#) on Saturday, March 21, from 9:00–11:30 AM is a simple but meaningful way to help prepare our church campus for Easter. We'll be cleaning, spreading mulch, and sprucing up spaces inside and out so that our members and guests are welcomed into a warm, inviting environment during Easter season. It's a great chance to jump in, serve alongside others, and make a real difference together. We'll wrap up the morning by cooking burgers and eating together as a church family around 11:30 AM. Please [register](#) if you plan to stay for lunch.

Looking ahead, we are also excited about the [Eight Days of Hope Outreach in Buffalo, NY, July 18–25, 2026](#). This is a wonderful mission opportunity for those who want to serve in the United States and be part of meeting real needs in a community that is hurting. Those traveling with the church group will ride the church bus or van, leaving Friday, July 17, at 7:00 PM and arriving in Buffalo on Saturday, July 18, in time for dinner. If traveling by bus is not the best option for you, you may fly at your own expense, and transportation to and from the airport will be arranged. If you cannot be gone the full length of the trip but still want to serve, contact [Kathleen](#) to discuss alternatives. The deadline to sign up is May 15, and spots are limited for those planning to ride the church bus.

Whether you serve here on campus for a morning or travel to Buffalo for a week, both of these opportunities remind us that serving is one of the ways God grows us and uses us to bless others. We hope you'll prayerfully consider how you and your family can be part of what God is doing through these opportunities.

God Bless,

JD

WORSHIP SERVICE — March 15 & 16

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Lead Me To Calvary; Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

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

Songs: Just That Good; Goodness of God; The Jesus Way; The Image

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

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

KIDS MINISTRY

Jr. Kids: Infants—PreK

Contact: [Christine Turpin](#)

Kids Church K-5th Grade

Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)



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: "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Hebrews 13:6



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](#)



Confirmation Sunday, THIS Sunday, March 15, 11:00am

This Sunday we will celebrate the Confirmation Class of 2026.. During the confirmation study, students explored the foundations of the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus in their daily lives. Please see the Prayer Section for the list of students to be confirmed.

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.

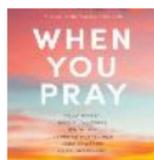


Senior Sunday

April 26, 11:00 Service Luncheon for Students and Their Families to Follow

Check out full details and to sign up for the lunch by clicking [HERE](#).

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



Women's Study: When You Pray
Tues., 10-11:30am, start March 31
Activity Center, \$20
Facilitator: Jeanne Harvey



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



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

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: Full details click [HERE](#).



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
Men/Women are welcome.
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1pm, Activity Center
Class is led by Beverly Jeffery.

EVENTS



Mama Meetups

Saturday, March 21, 10-11:30 am

Join us for our March Mama Meetup! A relaxed morning just for you moms and your little ones. Enjoy a cup of coffee (provided), connect with other moms, and take a moment to breathe while the kids have fun on the play place. For more details and to sign up, click [HERE](#).

NEW!



Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 3, 11am-7:30pm

On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus that made a way for all of us to be restored to a right relationship with God. To observe Good Friday, we will invite you to experience the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross walks you through 14 different moments from Jesus' arrest to his crucifixion. You may participate in the stations any time from 11am-7:30pm. Childcare for small children (under 5) will be provided from 6-7pm. Parents are encouraged to walk with older children through the stations and to talk with them afterwards about what Jesus has done for us. The time it takes to walk through the Stations of the Cross will be determined by you and how long you spend at each station. Some people move through fairly quickly and others spend more time. It will be up to you.

NEW!



Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, April 4

9am Breakfast; 10am Easter Egg Hunt

Get ready for an Egg-cellent time! Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4th.

9am: Easter Bunny Arrives and Pancake Breakfast begins in Student Ministry Building

10am: Easter Egg Hunt Begins (It all happens fast! Must be here by 10am to participate.)

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



Men's 3rd Annual Buffalo River Float Trip

Wednesday-Saturday, April 22-25

Steel Creek Campground, Ponca, AR

Details [HERE](#).

NEW!



Garden Party

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Join us for a beautiful time of creativity and connection during Mother's Day weekend. In this hands-on bouquet making class, women of all ages will learn how to arrange a fresh, seasonal bouquet to take home or share. Whether you're celebrating, remembering, honoring, or simply enjoying a spring day with friends, this space is for you. Feel free to bring a friend or come on your own and enjoy light refreshments, meaningful conversation, and a relaxed atmosphere as we gather and create together. Sign-Up [HERE!](#) Contact [Reagan Newell](#) with any questions!

SERVE

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



**St. Patrick's Luncheon Fundraiser
Comprehensive Juvenile Svc (CJS)**
Friday, March 13, 11:30am-2pm
1606 South J Street, FS, AR 72901
\$12 Meal; Dine In or Carry Out
Click [HERE](#) for details.



Grace Serve Day
Saturday, March 21, 9-11:30am
Click [HERE](#) for full details and to sign up for lunch.



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

**1st Choice Pregnancy Medical Center Fundraiser
Walk & 5K Run for Life, April 4, 9:00am, Ben Geren**



Grace is sponsoring this fundraiser for one of our ministry partners: 1st Choice Pregnancy Medical Center. See the brochure [HERE](#). To get details about 1st Choice click [HERE](#).



CASA of Sebastian County Fundraiser
Tuesday, April 14, FS Little Theatre
Play Production and Silent Auction
Doors Open at 6pm
Play Production at 7:30pm

CASA is one of our ministry partners. To learn about CASA, click [HERE](#). Grace Community Church has several CASA volunteers! Grace Community Church supports CASA through generous donations of time, money, and prayers. The key fundraiser is the "Dark Night" production by The Fort Smith Little Theatre. This presentation is not open to the public—only as a special showing for CASA! Please join us using the QR code to purchase tickets or see our Serve Team Liaison Diane Graham or any other CASAs for tickets. Also see Mike & Carol Kirby, Deb Card, or David & Michelle Thomas.



We are also in need of silent auction donation items for the event! Contact [Diane Graham](#) if you have item(s) to donate or for more information.

This is a FUN event and Grace members fill the auditorium! Come!

SERVE



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

Sign-Up Deadline: May 15

Click [HERE](#) for full details and to sign up.



Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center

Heart to Heart Pregnancy and Family Care Center offers a wide range of free and confidential services such as pregnancy tests and counseling, baby items, maternity items, adoption referrals, fatherhood program and more. Click [HERE](#) for more details on this agency and how you can help.



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.

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



[Meet Our Team](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)

[Mental Health Page](#)

OTHER

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
Savannah Guthrie and family

Grace Families

Confirmands:

Emerson Grace Bohbrink
India Summer Rayne Dennis
Makena Grace Farley
Tristan Deschain Leonidas Martin
Annette Nicole Phillips
Sawyer Michael Settle
Alicen Cate Treadaway
Anniston Danielle Valencia
Raleigh LeAnn Wilburn

Sean Martin
Rick Card
Bill Coleman

Grace Friends

Regina Reves
Brutus Bridges
Rick Woods
Father addicted to alcohol

Sympathies

Cristelyn & Chip Johnson
(death of Cristelyn's mother Mary Udouj)

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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.*