

Grace Weekly Email Update

March 18, 2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



As you prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, consider making the [Good Friday Stations of the Cross](#) a part of your remembrance. This is an opportunity to reflect on fourteen different moments from the last hours of Jesus' life. You can come to the worship center any time between 11:00am and 7:30pm to participate.

The Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake breakfast is Saturday, April 4. Find all that information [HERE](#).

This Saturday, March 21, we have our [Serve Day](#) on the church campus and a "[Mamma Meetup](#)" for moms and little ones.

Invite someone to join you for worship on Easter Sunday. Many of your friends, family, and neighbors will respond if you will invite them!

I look forward to worshipping with you this weekend!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICE — March 22 & 23

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: We Come as Guests Invited; Take Up Thy Cross

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

Songs: Graves Into Gardens; I've Witnessed It
What A Beautiful Name; Same God

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

Holy Communion celebrated at all services.

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 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](#)



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

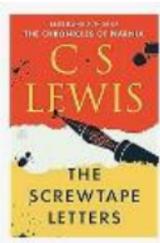
Check out full details and to sign up for the lunch by clicking [HERE](#).



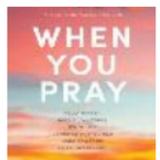
Confirmation Class 2026!

Congratulations to our new graduates. We have one confirmand missing from our group on Sunday, as she will be celebrated on Monday night, March 30.

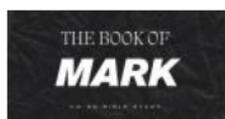
BIBLE STUDIES: Full details & sign-ups click [HERE](#).



The Screwtape Letters (by C.S. Lewis)
Wednesdays, 10-11:30am; April 8-May 20
Cost \$10 (order you own book); Activity Center
Facilitator: Kathryn O'Brien
Co-Ed Bible Study



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



Peace for the Anxious Heart
Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm, April 1-May 20 (8wks)
Facilitator: Amy Sweeten; Cost is \$10
Meets in church office conference room.

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

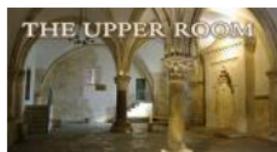
Sunday Sermon Recap, Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm

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
Type: Couples Status: Open

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. The play place is located in the preschool wing of the kid's side. Feel free to enter through the Grace Place Preschool entrance! Sign-Up [HERE](#) to let us know you're coming! Contact [Reagan Newell](#) with any questions! .



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.



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](#).



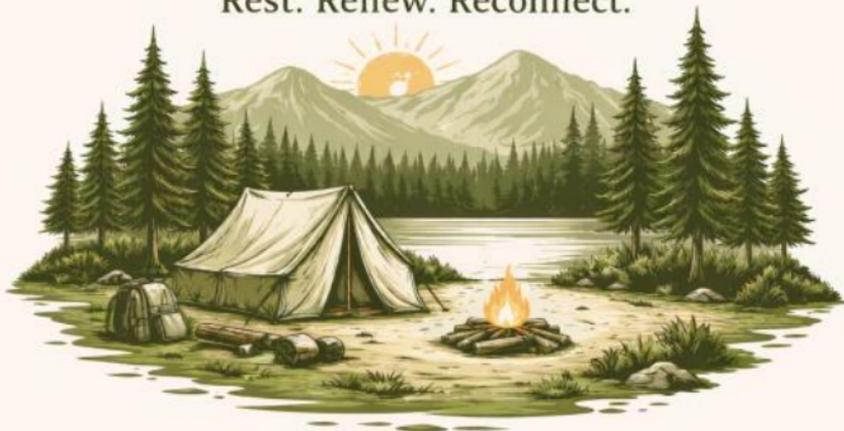
Garden Party

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!

SELAH WEEKEND

Rest. Renew. Reconnect.



Selah Weekend—Church Wide FAMILY Retreat October 2-4, 2026 (Friday—Sunday) Ozark Natural Science Center, Huntsville, Arkansas

Selah is a church-wide retreat designed for every age! Join us for a full weekend of activities focused on rest, relaxation, and renewal.

The retreat will take place October 2nd- 4th at the Ozark Natural Science Center in Huntsville, Arkansas. Please note that the location has a rustic charm and is not ADA accessible. If you have questions about whether this environment would be accommodating for you, please reach out to Reagan Newell. Kid-friendly programming will be available at different times throughout the retreat, but parents and guardians are responsible for the supervision and care of their children for the duration of the weekend.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families, couples, and individuals to step away from the busyness of everyday life and enjoy a fun, meaningful weekend together.

There is a deposit of \$10 per person to reserve your spot. Spots are limited to 100 people.

If you have any questions please reach out to Reagan Newell at reagan@gracefs.com.

Rooming/Pricing Information

Price includes room, meals, and activities for the weekend. Children 2 and under attend for free.

-Cabin Lodging (\$50 Per Person)- Includes Twin Bunk Beds and Private Bath per room

-Outdoor Tent Camping (\$30 Per Person)- No electricity or showers available. You will be responsible for providing your own tent. Glamping porta potties nearby.

-Indoor Tent Camping (\$30 Per Person)- Air conditioned. Indoor bathrooms nearby. No showers. You are responsible for providing your own tent.

Register [HERE](#).

SERVE

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



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 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!



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.

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.

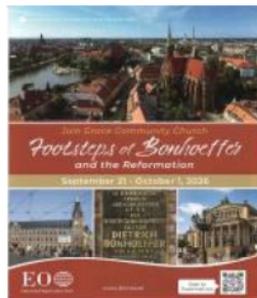
[Footsteps of Bonhoeffer & the Reformation](#)

(Sept. 21—Oct. 1, 2026)

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)



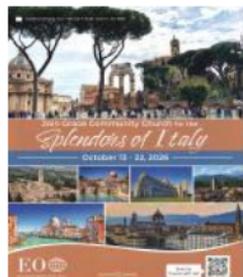
[Splendors of Italy](#)

(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

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

Mental Health Ministry



Are you concerned about your personal mental health or that of a family member? Do you struggle with knowing who you can talk to? Do you carry the common concern that others cannot know? Perhaps you are ready to discuss it, but are just not sure what the next right step is? Talk to our mental health team! The form is confidential.

Scan this QR code or go to Gracefs.com/mental-health

Once the form is received, the director will contact you to set up a confidential meeting to further understand your needs and assist in the options for your potential next steps

[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

Savannah Guthrie and family

Grace Families

Barbara Braswell

Grace Friends

Father addicted to alcohol

Sympathies

Marc and Jamie Lux

(death of Marc's dad)

