

# Grace Weekly Email Update

## March 25, 2026

### Message from Pastor Jeff



This Monday night we are going to have dinner after the worship service and celebrate one of our confirmands who was unable to be present on Confirmation Sunday. So if you come to worship this Monday night, plan to stay and join us for dinner after worship.

We have Good Friday Stations of the Cross next Friday, April 3, any time between 11:00am and 7:30pm in the Worship Center. There will be someone there to give directions when you arrive. **If you have headphones that pair with your phone, you can listen to the meditations that go with each station.** If you don't have headphones, there will be paper copies of the meditations for you to read at each station.

Next Saturday is our Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast starts at 9:00am. The Easter Egg hunt starts at 10:00am. All the eggs will be gone quickly so make sure you don't show up late for the egg hunt.

Easter Sunday is always a great time to invite people to join you and we expect a great crowd. Feel free to park at the rehab center next door (In addition to the gate and concrete walkway between the church and rehab center, we will have a walkway across the small ditch if you park closer to the church). The 11:00am service always has more room on Easter so if you want your favorite spot or are bringing a large crowd, you might consider the 11:00am service that Sunday.

Looking forward to celebrating Jesus with you this weekend!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

## WORSHIP SERVICE — March 29 & 30

### Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna; All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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

Songs: This Is Our God; Mighty Cross; Who Else; Christ Be Magnified

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**

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 eggperiments 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](#)



**No Youth tonight, March 25. Enjoy your Spring Break!**

## 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.

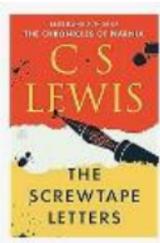


## Senior Sunday

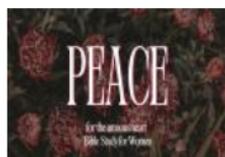
**April 26, 11:00 Service Luncheon for Students and Their Families to Follow**

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

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



**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



**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.



**The Journey from Easter to Pentecost**  
**Wednesdays, April 8-May 20, 6-7pm (7wks)**  
**Worship Center; Co-Ed Bible Study**  
Facilitator: JD Cunny & Terry Gallamore

Join us for a 7-week journey from Easter to Pentecost as we follow the risen Christ and the transforming work He began in His disciples. Together, we will trace the movement from the joy of the resurrection, through doubt, restoration, waiting, and mission, to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.

This study will help us see that Easter is not just a day to celebrate, but the beginning of a new life in Christ and a new calling for His people. Each week, we will explore how the resurrection changes everything.

Whether you are longing for renewed hope, deeper faith, or fresh encouragement in your walk with Christ, this study is an invitation to see how the risen Jesus still meets His people, transforms hearts, and sends His church. Come join us as we move from resurrection hope to Spirit-empowered living. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.



**New Connections Class**  
**Sundays, 11am-12noon**  
**Starts May 3 (6 weeks)**  
**Church Office**  
Facilitator: **Staci Moore**

Our New Connections Class is a welcoming space to connect

with others, learn more about our church, and a chance dive deeper into what we believe. Whether you're new to Grace or just want a deeper understanding of our mission, this class is the perfect place to start! Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

Click [HERE](#) for details of **ON-GOING GROUPS**

- Upper Room (Women)
- By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women and Men)
- Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men)

# EVENTS

## Good Friday Stations of the Cross

**Friday, April 3, 11am-7:30pm, Worship Center**

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**

Details and to sign-Up [HERE!](#) Contact [Reagan Newell](#) with any questions!



## Selah Weekend

**Church Wide FAMILY Retreat**

**October 2-4, 2026 (Fri—Sun)**

**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.

Check out full details and to sign up, click [HERE](#).

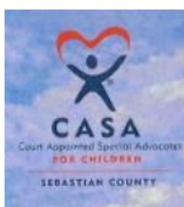
# SERVE

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



## 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](#). Use the QR code to the right to learn more about the event and to purchase tickets. You can also purchase tickets from our Serve Team Liaison Diane Graham or any other CASAs...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.



## 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 check-in station or at the church office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

[Blood Drive, Sunday, May 31](#)



# SERVE

## Work Day Successes!

Lots of mulch spread, bird poop washed off entrance overhang, window glass cleaned, flower beds re-bordered and filled with new mulch, shrubs dug out so gutters could do their job, and screens repaired. We missed pictures of our inside work...wood



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doors received a good polishing, café area spruced up, chairs cushions cleaned, and booth walls received a good



dusting and shine.



**Thank you to all those serving this past Saturday!**

## 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.

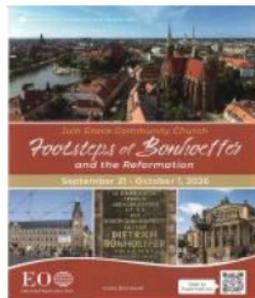
### [Footsteps of Bonhoeffer & the Reformation](#)

(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)



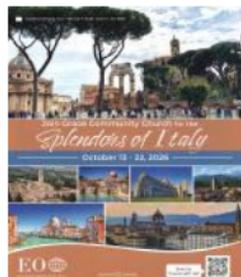
### [Splendors of Italy](#)

(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](https://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

Linda Rubottom

(death of her brother)

