

Grace Weekly Email Update

May 27, 2026

Message from JD Cunny (Associate Pastor)



This past Sunday, we were reminded of the beautiful truth of Pentecost: the Holy Spirit was not given only for a moment in history, but to dwell within God's people and empower us for the mission of Jesus.

When the Spirit came in Acts 2, the Church was born, and the people of God were filled, formed, and sent. That same Spirit is still at work in us today—leading us to worship, connect, serve, pray, and give witness to the goodness of King Jesus.

Over the next few weeks, we have several opportunities to live into that mission together:

1. **Vacation Bible School is June 7–10**, and we are praying that God will use these days to plant seeds of faith in the hearts of children and families. VBS is more than an event on the calendar. It is an opportunity to welcome kids, share the love of Jesus, and point the next generation to the hope of the gospel. (Go to GraceFS.com for more information)

2. **This Sunday, we will also host a Blood Drive.** Giving blood is a simple but powerful way to serve our neighbors and care for those in need. It reminds us that Spirit-filled mission is not only something we talk about; it is something we live out through tangible acts of love.

3. And in the coming weeks, teams **from Grace will be heading to Nicaragua to serve.** We want to pray for them as they go, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them, strengthen them, and use them to encourage the Church and share the love of Christ.

Pentecost reminds us that we do not serve in our own strength. The Holy Spirit lives within us, empowers us, and sends us out as witnesses—from our church, to our city, to the nations.

Let's continue to be a church filled with the Spirit and faithful to the mission of Jesus. Let's pray, serve, give, and go as the Spirit leads.

: God Bless,

JD

WORSHIP SERVICE — May 31 and June 1

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus; Standing on the Promises

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

Songs: We Praise You; Death Was Arrested; Let It Be Jesus; Worthy

Live Stream @ 9:30am 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 Theme:

Our series for summer is GIANTS!

We face many Giants in life, like Loneliness, Fear, and Shame. But our God is greater than them all. As the life of David shows us, when we put our Faith, Hope and Love in God, He will give us the power to defeat any giant.

Memory verse: "My faithful God, answer me when I call out to you. Give me rest from my trouble. Have mercy on me. Hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1



Kids Church K-5th Grade: Simply Loved—Where Kids Experience God's Greatest Gift

VBS: "WHAT A MESS"

Sun-Wed, June 7-10

5:30-8:00PM

K-5th Grade

Register [HERE](#).



VBS Service Project:

CHANGE DRIVE

Starts NOW!

Winner: Becomes Human Ice Cream Sundae

Jeff, Sarah, Braden and Christine will have jars with their picture on them...whoever has the most change on the last night of VBS, will become a **human ice cream sundae!**

Funds collected in the CHANGE DRIVE will go toward kids activities at the Community Rescue Mission.

Need Volunteers + 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.

**Return Dates of Items from
"paint splat" from the "VBS needs wall":**

NON-FOOD ITEMS DUE NOW.

FOOD ITEMS DUE JUNE 1.

DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) For DASH and FM

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



Summer Fun Begins

Click [HERE](#) for full details of summer activities.

Getting Serious in Scripture: Life with Jesus

June 7 - September 20

Sundays, 10:45am-Noon

Any Youth interested in truly gaining more Bible knowledge and living your life for Christ, PLEASE join us !!!

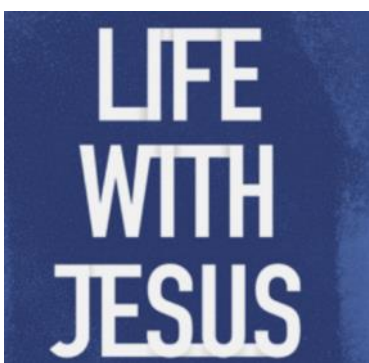
This summer, we're diving deeper into what it really means to follow Jesus. "**Getting Serious in Scripture: Life with Jesus**" is a youth class

focused on understanding God's Word, asking real questions, growing in faith, and learning how to live out the teachings of Jesus in everyday life.

Whether you're new to reading the Bible or ready to go deeper, this class is for you. Come ready for meaningful conversations, practical lessons, and a chance to grow closer to God together.

Bring your Bible, invite a friend, and join us this summer as we get serious about Scripture and discover life with Jesus.

Sign up [HERE](#).



CONNECT

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

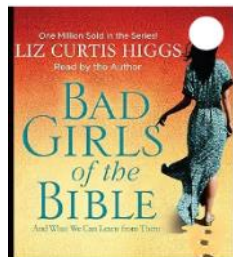
BIBLE STUDIES: Full details & sign-ups click [HERE](#).

Bad Girls of the Bible (Women's Group)

Facilitator: Erin DeLassus

Wednesdays, June 3-August 26, 5:45-7:45pm, Activity Center

Women often admire the "good girls" of Scripture—Sarah, Mary, and Esther—but many days, they relate more to the brokenness of Sapphira, Delilah, Jezebel, Eve, Bathsheba, or Herodias. Like women today, they faced temptation, pride, exhaustion, and the weight of their own desires.



In *Bad Girls of the Bible*, Liz Curtis Higgs helps readers learn from these women's mistakes and choose a better path. With humor, honesty, and biblical insight, she retells their stories and walks verse by verse

through Scripture, showing how God's grace meets women right where they are.

These "bad girls" remind us that studying the Bible can be honest, hopeful, and even fun.

Purchase book on your own (*Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs)

Register for the class [HERE](#).

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

- Upper Room (Women) **June 3 & 17**
- By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women and Men) **June 4 & 18**
- Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) **June 4**

EVENTS—Mark Your Calendars



[Grace Waterpark Night](#)

Alma Waterpark

Friday, July 24

Pizza served at 6:30pm

Park open to us from 7-9pm



Selah Weekend

Church Wide FAMILY Retreat

October 2-4, 2026 (Fri—Sun)

Ozark Natural Science Center,

Huntsville, AR

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.

Get Your Sticks on

Grace Community Church Blood Drive

Sunday, May 31
9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Student Ministry Building

For more information, call Jeanette Sterling
at 479-646-1177. Walk-ins Welcome!



Blood Drive Sunday, May 31, 8a-12p Student Ministry Building



“Love your neighbor as yourself” takes many forms and this is a simple way to live it out. Join us for our church blood drive and help bring hope and healing to those in need. Our community is in desperate need for blood and we want to do our part! If you have any question please contact [Michelle Thomas](#). Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a time slot.

MEN—CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET!

The Next Step Homeless Services is in need of men’s jeans, sizes 32 to 34 waist. Also needed: shoes for walking for both men and women; can be gently used. Donations of men or women’s underwear is needed (only new). We will have a collection box in the Worship Center lobby to collect items (right of Connection counter). Please contact [Jeanne Carroll](#) for more information.

Love to Cook? Local Mission Opportunities Available

1. Ronald McDonald House Meal Prep
Thursday, May 28, 2:00-4:30 pm, Team 1
Contact [Susie Hill](#) for more information.
2. Riverview Hope Campus Meal Prep and Serving
Tuesday, June 9, 4:30-6:30 pm.
Contact [Emma Lamm](#) for more information.



Ministry Partner Events!

1. Heart to Heart Pregnancy and Family Care Center offers the Heart of the Mission Event at Kay Rodgers Park, Saturday, June 13, 10:00-2:00. [Heart of the Fort—A Family Fun Day!](#)
2. [World Changers](#) Lunches: Grace Community Church is providing lunches for 2 working crews of people in our area, June 16-19.



3. The Arc Film Festival, hosted by Grace Community Church. Tuesday, June 16, films start at 7:00 pm. Plan to support this fundraiser for one of our local missions! See family-friendly movies showcasing adults with disabilities. Learn more about membership and volunteering opportunities!

SERVE

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

Nicaragua Teams 1 and 2

Please pray for our teams serving in Nicaragua May 30-June 13. Both teams will be partnering with El Porvenir to serve the community of San Isidro. This is the same community we served last year. We will be helping to install a water pumping station. This will make it possible for the community to have water lines run closer to their homes so they won't have to travel so far every day to collect water for their family. So, over these next few weeks, as you turn on a water faucet at your home, be grateful and say a prayer for the community of San Isidro.

Team 1

Bonnie Jones
Steve Walter
Ken Duncan
Jackie Duncan
Jim Acklin
Rick Ralston
Christine Ralston
Wade Ralston
Nicholas Ralston
Rodney Shepard
Lisa Shepard
Alicyn Howard
Robert Halliburton
Kathleen Halliburton

Team 2

Andrea Maldonado
Maya Carter
James Ford
Cathy Ford
Emerson Schaefer
Gerald Schaefer
Bryce Green
Gabe Hice
Aidan Nobles
Maggie Heppner
Arron McAllister
Jim Acklin
Kathleen Halliburton

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.

Mental Health

Ministry



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

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.

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

Grace Families

Emma Lakin

Jeff and Susan Jones

Barbara Braswell

Darrell Elliott

Ron Adams

Mary Carter



Grace Friends

New Born Baby in Nic-U

Officer Kyle Newman and family

Jessica McCance (Ann Synoground's sister)

Two brothers fighting cancer

A father with addiction issues

OTHER

Items Needed for VBS Decorations

We are looking for the following items to use as decorations for VBS this year. If you want your item(s) returned, be sure to write your name on it...

old paint cans
paint brushes (used & new)
paint rollers & trays
spray paint
drop clothes
easels
water color sets
paint palette

Drop off items at the kids
check-in area or at the
church office.