

Grace Weekly Email Update

10-7-2026

Message from Pastor Jeff



Grace Community Church Family,

I'm excited for this Sunday because our youth are going to be leading the music. I love getting to be a part of God raising up the next generation of disciples who will love to worship Him! Dress in layers this Sunday. We don't expect to have any working HVAC in the worship center or lobby (if that's a problem, join us Sunday morning at 8:30 or Monday night at 6:00pm for worship in the Chapel.) We've got some big fans to move the air so I don't think anyone will suffer much, but I can't tell you whether it will be warm or cold during the service.

The other way to ensure that you enjoy the perfect temperature this Sunday morning is to give blood. Blood donations will be taken in the Student Ministry Building from 8:30am-12:00pm this Sunday. It's a great way to love your neighbor!

October 18 is our Feeding the Multitude Sunday. We began this practice during Covid when our community partners were unable to buy food in bulk. We gave out \$5000 in \$20 bills and asked all of our people to go shopping. That \$5000 investment turned into \$15-20,000 worth of food that was brought back. We've been doing it ever since then, and the need for food donations has not lessened. We look forward to seeing what God will do this year!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff



Grace Families

Kevin Gray
Forrest Marvin
Ken McClain
Rusty Jones
Cindy Hughes

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prayer
request
listing
on
last
page.*

WORSHIP SERVICE — October 11 & 12

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus; Standing On The Promises

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

Songs: Gone; Gratitude; What A God; Made For More

Live Stream @ 9:30am Sunday: [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

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

KIDS MINISTRY

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

Contact: [Jessica Cochenour](#)

Contact: [Sarah Reykers](#)



Launch-The Starting Point
Kids 1st-5th Grades

Wednesday Nights, 6-7:30pm

Includes dinner, games and a deeper dive into the Bible.



Trunk or Treat Time!!!!

Sunday, October 25, 4-6pm

Trunk or treat is two months away!

[Sign up now](#) to host a trunk or game at our annual community wide event!
CANDY DONATIONS BEGIN NOW!

Christmas Play Practice
Wednesdays at 5:30pm
Revelation Room

DASH & FM

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

Contact [Dana](#) for DASH and FM

Dash/FM page on Grace website—Click [HERE](#)



Wednesday Evening Youth, 6-7:30pm, StuMin

We have dinner, games, worship, biblical lessons, and small groups. Small groups are split by grade level and male/female. Kids are encouraged to bring a friend.

Grace Tshirts, Sweatshirts COMING !

Youth will be selling t-shirts and sweatshirts, with proceeds going toward Youth Summer Camp 2027. Items will be ready for sale on Youth Sunday, October 11 in the lobby

Fields of Faith, Wednesday, October 21, 6-8:15pm

Transportation will not be provided—WE WILL MEET AT THE FIELD and GET PICKED UP AT THE FIELD! For full details, click [HERE](#).

Trunk or Treat Youth Volunteer Sign Ups—click [HERE](#)!

Confirmation Class, Sundays, Jan 17-Mar 14, 10:45am

Deadline to Enroll is January 1. For full details and to enroll, click [HERE](#)! (Confirmation Sunday is March 14.)

SAVE THE DATE — NEW YEAR'S EVE

Youth will host our 2nd annual Fundraiser Dinner/Silent Auction on New Year's Eve, December 31. See Event Section for Details.

CONNECT—STUDIES

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

Sermon Recap Groups (click [HERE](#) for more info)

- Sunday mornings following the 8:30 service in the Grace Place meeting room (kids wing). Men & Women
- Men's group. Wednesdays, 6pm, Church Office, Pastor's office

Tuesday Morning Ladies Group - Armor of God

Tuesdays, Oct 27- Dec 15, 10-11:30am, Activity Center

(No class week of Thanksgiving); Cost: \$20

Facilitators: Martha Cochenour & Cassey Browning

For detailed information click [HERE](#). Signups can be found [HERE](#).



Misquoted: Things We Think Are in the Bible By Russell Muilenburg

Facilitator: Kathryn O'Brien

Wednesday mornings 10-11:30am

October 28 - November 18 (4 weeks)

Activity Center

The upcoming fall study will be about some of the most popular/common clichés touted as Scripture.

Are You Misquoting God? Christians often share platitudes and clichés in ways that aren't Biblical but are spoken confidently with scriptural authority. Eight common misquotes will be viewed through a Scriptural lens using a framework of three basic questions:

What's true about this?

Where does it get off track?

Is there better news in the gospel?

Participants will need to purchase the book on their own. Books are available through Amazon in paperback for \$12.99. Please register [HERE](#).

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

-Upper Room (Women) **Oct 7 & 21**

-By Hook, Needle & Craft (Women/Men) **Oct 8 & 22**

-Men's Fellowship Lunch (Men) 1st Thursdays, **Nov 5**

-Women's Lunch (Women) 2nd Thursdays, **Oct 8**

-Mama Meetups, click [HERE](#) for more info, **Fridays, 9-10am**

EVENTS



Help Send Our Youth to Camp!

Support our youth's trip to summer camp by purchasing a t-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, crewneck sweatshirt, or hoodie! Every



purchase helps make camp possible for our students.

Please note: **Hoodies do not have a design on the back.** Youth sizes will be a slightly different color.

Our order will be placed on October 20, so be sure to submit your order before then. Thank you for supporting our youth! Order [HERE](#).



Strong Roots:

A Parenting Conversation

Sunday, October 18, noon-1:30pm

Activity Center

Childcare is available. Lunch will be provided for both adults and children.

This presentation is led by Rick Ralston, MS, LAC, NCC and Sarah J. Gibbons, MS LPC-S, RPT-S.

For more details and to register, click [HERE](#).



Trunk or Treat Time!!!!

Sunday, October 25, 4-6pm

Trunk or treat is 3 weeks away! [Sign up now](#) to host a trunk or game at our annual community wide event!

Trunk or Treat Candy Donations

We will have containers in the lobby for candy donations. We assist the families hosting a "trunk" with these donations. We will also accept funds and buy additional candy...mark your donation with Trunk or Treat Candy.



For King and Kingdom Men's Retreat

November 11-15

Full details and to get more information click [HERE](#).

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Youth will host our 2nd Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Silent Auction on New Year's Eve, December 31. Any and all are invited for food, fellowship and festivities! Dinner (with take-out options) will begin at 6pm in the Student Ministry Building. Childcare provided 5:30-8pm. The menu will be published November 1. Reservations will be up and available Sunday, October 11.

SERVE

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

Blood Drive, THIS Sunday, October 11 8:30am-12:15pm; Student Ministry Bldg

Are YOU O- blood type?

O-negative blood is especially important in trauma and emergency situations, when there may not be time to determine a patient's blood type. Every O-negative donation can make a critical difference when minutes matter.

We are hoping to have 18 blood donors! The [Blood Drive](#) will take place in the Student Ministry (StuMin) building during our morning services. Please plan on donating during all services this Sunday! We appreciate your generous donation! To register for a time slot, click [HERE](#).



October Serve Opportunities

Are you looking for something to do in October to serve our neighbors in need? Contact our Liaisons with links from the webpage or contact [Michelle Thomas](#) for more information.



Sunday, October 11, 8:30am–12:15pm
Blood Drive at Grace!



Tuesday, October 13, 4-7pm
Riverview Hope Campus meal prep and serving!



Thursday, October 15, 4:30–6pm
Community Rescue Mission meal prep and serving!



Sunday, October 18-26
Grace Community Church—Feed the Multitude!



Thursday, October 29, 2-4:30pm
Ronald McDonald House meal prep!



Feeding A Multitude October 18-26

Our community partners that feed so many are in dire need of food.

Many people are suffering from food insecurity. On Sunday, October 18, we will distribute \$20 and a suggested shopping list. Please plan to receive and give. If you can, doubling or tripling the amount will help feed so many. This Feeding a Multitude supports 4 of our partners:

- Community Services Clearinghouse
- Riverview Hope Campus
- Community Rescue Mission
- Next Step Homeless Services

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Nicaragua Mission Trips Set for 2027 4 Trips

Grace has been partnering with El Porvenir since 2013. We have sent numerous teams of people to work alongside villages in Nicaragua to improve their living conditions and sustainability.

Grace will be hosting four trips in 2027. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,200 per person. This covers the cost of lodging, travel, guides, tips and all meals once we reach Managua. Airfare is not included. Our scope of work will be determined as we get closer to the trip.

Team 1: May 29 - June 5, 2027

Team 2: June 5 - June 12, 2027– FULL

Team 3: July 31 - August 7, 2027

****** Team 4: August 7 - August 17, 2027

******(This is an extended trip and reserved for experienced team members due to the extensive travel times and lack of accommodations, price TBD.)

Contact [Kathleen Halliburton](#) for more details. You can also check out our Frequently Asked Questions [here](#). Visit the [El Porvenir website](#) to learn more about their work in Nicaragua. Interested? Sign up [HERE](#).

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Contact [Rick](#) for more information.



[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

Victims of Earthquake Disasters

Eight Days of Hope Ministry

Those who are sick

Those struggling w/mental illness & addictions

Those struggling with grief

Christians in Nigeria

Those struggling with job layoffs

Grace Families

Kevin Gray

Forrest Marvin

Ken McClain

Rusty Jones

Cindy Hughes

Grace Friends

Tom Fenn

Brandon and Emily Childers

Christie Dillon

Lilly Cameron & family Ryan, Alex, & Noah

Sam Settle's mother

Rocky Burriss' mother

Robert Grimm

Dian Sharp and daughter Aria

Melanie Sharp

Deployed

Dustin Flaspohler and family Charlie and Gus

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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.*