

Grace Weekly Email Update

March 4, 2026

**Daylight Savings Time Change
Move Your Clocks Ahead This Sunday or You Will Be Late!**

Message from Pastor Jeff



Have you captured those moments of grace this week when your speech/text/post revealed something in your heart that didn't look like Jesus? That's a moment of grace and transformation! Did life and blessing and healing for the body and soul flow from your tongue? What a privilege we have to bless with our speech! I love the thought of all the blessing flowing from the Grace family this week!

We have a work day at church coming up on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00am-11:30am to get the church campus ready for spring. We'll work for a couple of hours on landscaping around the church as well as some cleanup inside the worship and kids wing. We'll wrap up by eating some burgers together at 11:30am. If you are going to eat with us, we'd love to know so that we have the right amount of food. Register [HERE](#) if you plan on eating.

We'll keep going through James this weekend. It's good stuff!

Yours in Christ,

Jeff

WORSHIP SERVICE — March 8 & 9

Traditional (8:30am Sunday)

Hymns: Have Thine Own Way, Lord; In the Garden

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

Songs: Battle Belongs; Promises Never Fail
Reign Above It All; What He's Done

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 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



Easter Candy Donations Begin Now!

Our Children's Ministry is collecting small wrapped candy for our annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 4. Bring your candy and put in the containers at the worship center entrance door...you cannot miss the sign!



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](#).

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
Type: Couples Status: Open

ON GOING GROUPS



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.

UPDATED

EVENTS



Ladies Bunco Night **Thursday, March 12, 6-7:30pm** **Activity Center**



Grab your friends and join us for a fun night of Bunco! A fun opportunity to laugh, connect, and participate in a little friendly competition! Whether you've played Bunco for years or have no idea how it works (we'll teach you!), this is the perfect chance to relax and meet new friends. Sign-up [HERE](#).



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](#).



For King and Kingdom Men's Retreat **Wednesday-Sunday, April 15-19** **Burning Bush Lodge, Wrightsville, AR**

A For King and Kingdom retreat is designed to inspire, unite, and set men free to pursue their Kingdom destiny alongside other men who want more of God. Through teaching, reflection, and shared experience, we grow by knowing God, knowing ourselves, and knowing others at a deeper level.

Many men in the church feel stuck—tired, distracted, or living on autopilot. This retreat is a call to wake up the heart, strengthen the spirit, and reawaken the warrior within. The church of Jesus needs men of courage and conviction—men willing to surrender fully to King Jesus and live for His Kingdom mission.

If you'd like more information or are interested in attending, contact [JD Cunny](#) or 479-806-8711.

Cost: \$300 (Scholarships and payment arrangements are available. Space is limited.) Register [HERE](#).



Men's 3rd Annual Buffalo River Float Trip **Wednesday-Saturday, April 22-25** **Steel Creek Campground, Ponca, AR**

Men are invited to arrive when they are able.

We have reserved Spots 9-11, on the river, three sites for 18 tents. There are restrooms and water on site. There will be Camping, Food, Fire, and Fellowship! Canoeing on Saturday (Steel Creek to Kyle's Landing @ 8 mi). Renting canoes, paddles, PFDs. May bring your own boat. Cost \$120 (covers food, canoe, firewood and supplies). Pre-registration with Grace is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED !! Register [HERE](#).

Questions: Call or text KEN DUNCAN 479-285-9600.

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



Help us get our church campus ready for Easter and welcome our members

and guests! Join us for a Serve Day filled with simple projects that make a big difference—cleaning, spreading mulch, and sprucing up our spaces inside and out. It's a great way to jump in, serve alongside others, and help create a warm, inviting place for everyone who walks through our doors this Easter season. We'll wrap up by cooking burgers and eating together as a church family. We will eat around 11:30 am. You only need to [sign up](#) if you plan to eat."



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

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.



Ronald McDonald House Local Mission

Serving at Ronald McDonald House includes preparing meals for families of hospitalized children, allowing eating together without the expense of dining out. These ladies, Donna Van Evera, Lenita Dollar, Marcella Lamm, Diane Graham, and Kathryn O'Brien, recently prepared dinner for residents on National Chili Day! The chili was served with grated cheese and sour cream, along with tortilla chips, Fritos (for Fritos pie), a good variety of tasty breads (cornbread, jalapeño cheese bread, etc.), fruit salad and glazed sugar cookies. It is so fun to prepare the meal together for a great cause! For more information, contact Kathryn O'Brien or Susie Hill as our two awesome team leaders!



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 attached to this week's email for full details. To get details about 1st Choice click [HERE](#).



SERVE



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

Are you looking for a mission trip, but don't want to travel outside the United States? Maybe Buffalo is just the opportunity you are looking for. We will be serving people in a district that has substantial needs. This is a great trip for families and people of all ages to serve together. Projects will include all skill levels. Lodging and meals are provided while serving with EDOH.



If riding on the church bus seems to be too much for you, you can fly at your own expense and arrangements for transportation to and from the airport will be available. There are lots of variables to this mission opportunity. If you can't be gone for that many days but still want to serve, please contact [Kathleen](#) to discuss alternatives.

Details are still being finalized, please sign up [HERE](#) if you are interested and would like more information.

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)



Grace Place Preschool Hiring Teachers

Grace Place Preschool staff are early childhood educators and are given the respect and responsibility this title commands. We are looking for new members to join our team! Hours and pay vary based on availability and experience/education. Must be working towards or have a High School Diploma or GED, and be able to pass a background check. Experience in childcare preferred. Please contact the Grace Place Preschool office at (479)646-6503 or drop by the Grace Place office to pick up an application!

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

Nancy Guthrie and her children

Grace Families

Confirmation Retreat

Rick Card

Bill Coleman

Grace Friends

Regina Reves

Brutus Bridges

Rick Woods

Father addicted to alcohol

Sympathies

Jan and Ken McClain

(death of Jan's mother)

(death of Ken's uncle)

Mary Carter

(death of her husband Rowe)

(Service is this Saturday, March 7, at 11:00am here at Grace with dinner to follow in the Student Ministry Building for all who wish to attend.)