

2nd Quarter Business Meeting Agenda
July 26, 2026

- Call to Order & Prayer – Charles Brown
- Results of Deacon affirmation – Charles Brown
- Benevolence Report – Charles Brown
- Membership Report – Hanna Fowler
- Mercy Ministry Report – Clay Summers
- Financial Report – Melvin Rhodes
- Elder motion – Randy Scott
- Elder Report – Randy Scott
- Evangelism Report – Zander Burger
- Southern Baptist Convention – Zander Burger
- Any Other Ministry Reports - TBD
- Discipleship Pastor Report – Joey Wood
- Worship Pastor Report – Matt MacLeod
- Senior Pastor Report – Jimmy Long
- Other Business – Charles Brown
- Closing Prayer – Jimmy Long

**Benevolence Ministry Report
2nd Quarter 2026**

	<u>1st Qtr</u>	<u>2nd Qtr</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Number of Benevolence Requests	14	9	23
Number of Contacts	41	47	88
Beginning Balance	\$9,284	\$5,262	\$9,284
Contributions:	\$5,834	\$13,015	\$18,849
Assistance Provided:			
Rent/Hotels	\$2,517	\$2,708	\$5,225
Utilities	\$1,960	\$142	\$2,102
Transportation	\$511	\$763	\$1,274
Food	\$254	\$100	\$354
Other	\$2,280	\$1,081	\$3,361
GCCO	<u>\$2,334</u>	<u>\$5,206</u>	<u>\$7,540</u>
Total	\$9,856	\$10,000	\$19,856
Contributions minus expenses	-\$4,022	\$3,015	-\$1,007
Ending balance of fund	\$5,262	\$3,015	\$8,277

2026 2nd Quarter Membership Report

Membership Changes in 2nd Quarter

Total Membership end of 1st Quarter 2026		405
New Members	10	
Members Deceased	3	
Members Transferred		
Members Removed since last meeting		
Total Change for Quarter	7	
Total Membership end of 2nd Quarter		412

2nd Quarter Candidates for Membership

Profession of Faith	
Statement of Faith	
By Letter	
Total	0

Total number of candidates for membership: 17

2nd Quarter Membership Breakdown

Active Members	263
Inactive Members	149
Total	412

Mercy Ministry Deacon Report 7-26-2026

Currently the primary responsibility of the Mercy Ministry is to respond when the death of a church member occurs, to ensure the church body supports the grieving family by providing food/refreshments for the funeral or memorial service held at the church. Recruitment is underway seeking volunteers to serve on a Mercy team consisting of 3 to 4 members. Ideally, we will have enough volunteers to support 3 to 4 teams to serve on a rotating basis.

A memorial service for Dee Piekielek was held at Grace Fellowship on Saturday, July 11th. Clay & Sister Summers, and Steve Whitcomb served as the Mercy team assisting the family with a reception after the service.

Other needs Pastor Jimmy has identified to expand the Mercy Ministry are assisting with maintaining contact with homebound and hospitalized church members. Grace currently has 9 homebound members (6 family units). The Mercy Deacon will coordinate with Pastor Jimmy on how best to assist with member contact.

Respectfully,

Clay Summers

GRACE FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL UPDATE				
	2nd Quarter Results			
	(Through June 30, 2026)			
	Budget	Actual	Variance	
FAITHFUL GIVING AND OFFERINGS	\$ 532,997	\$ 541,835	\$	8,838
GIFT		310,131	\$	310,131
GEORGIA BAPTIST FOUNDATION OFFERINGS		28,496	\$	28,496
NET OTHER INCOME		972	\$	972
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 532,997	\$ 881,434	\$	348,437
MISSIONS	\$ 95,700	\$ 88,929	\$	(6,771)
GENERAL PERSONNEL	\$ 261,689	\$ 255,702	\$	(5,987)
CHURCH GROWTH	\$ 46,666	\$ 38,803	\$	(7,863)
OPERATIONS	\$ 142,695	\$ 124,980	\$	(17,715)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 546,750	\$ 508,414	\$	(38,336)
COMMENTS				
YTD Tithes/ Offerings without the gift are 102% of annual budget and are 54k above last year.				
YTD Tithes/ Offerings with the gift are 160% of annual budget and are 364k above last year.				
YTD Expenses are 93% of budget and \$28K above last year spending.				
Avg Weekly Giving thru June without gift	\$ 20,840			
Weekly Giving needed to achieve budget	\$ 20,500			
ADJUSTED RESERVE FUNDS (ARF)	\$ Amount	# of Months		
ARF as of 6/30/2026	\$ 795,570	9.15		

Grace Fellowship Financial Update

2nd Quarter Results (Jan. 1st – Jun. 30th)

INCOME

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Tithes and Offerings	\$532,997	\$541,835	\$8,838
Gift		\$310,131	\$310,131
Georgia Baptist Foundation Offerings		\$28,496	\$28,496
Net Other Income		\$972	\$972
Total Income		\$881,434	\$348,437

Comments:

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2nd Quarter Business Meeting

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Motion from the Elders:

That the church approve the transfer of \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Missions Fund, with \$15,000 designated for the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention and the remaining \$15,000 entrusted to the Missions Team for distribution to mission causes as it deems appropriate.

Elder Council Report for the July 26, 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting

The Elder Council has continued to focus on the spiritual care of the church family, strengthening ministry leadership, wise stewardship of church resources, and planning for Grace Fellowship's future needs.

At each monthly meeting, the Elders have devoted time to discussing the prayer needs of church members and the personal needs of the Elder Council. These times of prayer remain a central part of the Elders' work as they seek to shepherd the congregation faithfully.

The Elders are grateful for the continued work of Grace Fellowship's ministry teams and staff. We want to express our heartfelt appreciation to every one of you who serve faithfully and sacrificially in the many areas of ministry through Grace Fellowship. Ministry is not something reserved for a select few members, but it is something that we share together. When every part of the body of Christ is functioning together, it creates an environment that draws adults, teens, and children to Jesus.

The Elders were pleased to receive Clay Summers as a candidate for Deacon serving with the Mercy Ministry. Clay shared his testimony with the Elder Council, and the Elders prayed for him before unanimously recommending him to the church. We are excited that the affirmation vote will take place on July 26 in our morning Worship Service. Please continue praying for Clay and Sister as they prepare for this important ministry. And consider becoming part of his team expressing mercy to the grieving, the sick, and the homebound.

The Elders have continued to give careful attention to the church's financial health and stewardship practices. The Finance Team does an outstanding job of providing regular financial updates and presenting options for budgeting, spending, and investing. We take the stewardship of all the gifts given by our members.

The Elders continue to consider several potential improvements to the church campus. The projects are being prioritized, and we are attempting to determine cost estimates. Projects being considered include:

- An onsite storage building
- A dedicated children's restroom accessible from the B Hallway
- Replacement of the church sign on Highway 44
- A covered drive-under portico at the entrance
- Future HVAC replacement

The Elders remain committed to communicating clearly with the congregation before taking action on these larger projects.

The Elder Council will continue to prioritize prayer, congregational care, financial accountability, ministry leadership, and careful planning for the church's facilities. We encourage you to contact any Elder if there is an issue you want to discuss or possibly add to a future meeting agenda.

EVANGELISM TEAM REPORT

July 26, 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting

Dearest Family of Grace Fellowship,

As we look ahead, one area of ministry we are excited to strengthen is evangelism. Our desire is to cultivate a church-wide culture where every believer is equipped and encouraged to faithfully proclaim the gospel. Guided by the exhortation of 2 Timothy 4:2 to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season," our vision is simple: **Equip** believers to clearly and confidently share the gospel, **Empower** them through prayer, accountability, and dependence on the Holy Spirit, **Engage** our community by creating and recognizing opportunities for meaningful gospel conversations, **Embed** evangelism into every ministry of Grace Fellowship so that it becomes part of who we are, and **Exalt** Christ by keeping His glory as the motivation and goal of every evangelistic effort. We ask you to pray that the Lord would use this ministry to strengthen His church, save the lost, and help Grace Fellowship become a people who are always ready to give the reason for the hope that is within us! To God be the glory!

In Christ Alone,
Zander Burger

REPORT FROM THE 2026 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING

To the Elders and members of Grace Fellowship,

It was a privilege to represent our church as messengers to the 2026 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting. The Convention celebrated the commissioning of 63 new International Mission Board missionaries, reported that 699 new churches were planted through NAMB's Send Network in the past year (951 total new congregations, including replants, affiliates, and campuses), and approved a Cooperative Program budget that increases the International Mission Board's allocation to 51% of national Cooperative Program receipts, reflecting an increased commitment to international missions. The preaching, worship, and fellowship, including our new SBC president Willie Rice's sermon, served as a reminder that pastors and church leaders are strengthened through the encouragement of one another.

The Southern Baptist Convention is not without disagreements, but it remains a cooperative network of churches united around the authority of Scripture and the Great Commission. Together, Southern Baptists continued to plant churches, train pastors, send missionaries, provide disaster relief, and proclaim the gospel around the world. We returned encouraged and thankful for the opportunity to represent Grace Fellowship in this important work.

Zander and Mariah Burger

Elders Note: In the May 2026 Elders Meeting, the Elder Council approved the request of Zander and Mariah Burger to be messengers from Grace Fellowship to the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention held in Orlando, Florida held June 7-10.

If you have interest in serving as a messenger to either the Georgia Baptist or Southern Baptist Annual Meetings, please contact the church office or a member of the Elder Council.

Children's Ministry Director Report

Cassidy Callaway

APRIL

April started out with our Journey Beyond the Cross event on April 4. Instead of making Easter's focus be on the Easter bunny/egg hunts, we instead planned an immersive walkthrough of Passion week, led by the youth who were 'in character' at different stations.

On Easter Sunday we had the Kids@Grace kids read from Luke 24 in front of the church, as they did for one Advent Sunday at Christmas.

VBX was announced to the church as a twist on traditional VBS, held on Wednesday nights to combine both summer children's ministries (VBS and Water Wednesdays) and hopefully draw people into Wednesday ministry who do not currently attend, deepen discipleship across all ages, and make VBS more accessible to our main and target demographic this side of I20- working parents and unchurched families.

Kids Cove attendance averaged 18.5, Kids@Grace averaged 9, and Wednesday night KidzLife averaged 16.75.

MAY

On Mother's Day, a photo op and treat were provided 'from Grace Fellowship Children's Ministry'.

KidzLife wrapped up their study of Acts as we prepared to transition into VBX for the remainder of the summer.

Kids Cove attendance averaged 17.2, Kids@Grace averaged 11, and Wednesday night KidzLife averaged 14.

JUNE

June began with our VBX Kickoff Carnival on the evening of June 3rd. We had a free cookout, bounce houses, the Mohammed's ice cream truck, carnival games, and more. It was a great success and a fun night, with over 150 in attendance.

VBX began strong the following Wednesday. The K-5th kids are learning Psalm 23 verse by verse with a challenge to have it memorized by the end of summer. After our lesson, we all go outside for water games and either science or a craft. Each Wednesday we've seen over

20 kids in this big group, with some new faces. We also have the preschool and nursery classes each week.

As with Mother's Day, I put out a treat and a photo-op "from Grace Fellowship Children's Ministry" for Father's Day.

Kids Cove attendance averaged 15.5, Kids@Grace averaged 9, and Wednesday night VBX averaged 26.7.

LISA/WEDNESDAY

KidzLife students learned more in the book of Acts about ordinary people doing extraordinary things and sharing everything as we spread the Gospel and do ministry work together. The students had fun participating in lessons with skits. By the time we got to the end of May, everyone got excited about VBX coming to Wednesday nights.

We are always asking for your partnership in prayer for people to step up and volunteer in Wednesday night children's ministry. Please pray and reach out to me or Cassidy to find out how you can get involved. May God continue to bless our efforts as we serve our precious children.

LisaMarie

Psalm 127:3-5

Administrator Report
2nd Quarter 2026
July 26 2026

April

Teams: Continuing project to identify current status and cleanup of various Teams folders

Computer operations:

- Signed an offboarding agreement with bdManagedIT effective March 1 to be concluded by April 30 at which time BrightsideIT will become our managed IT company. We are expecting to pay for a new firewall and higher Microsoft non-profit licenses. Must pay both companies for March and April.

Accounting operations:

- Contacted a local accounting firm. We decided that since their workload is so intense prior to April 15 that we would continue our discussion after May 1.

Pest Control:

Wasps have become more active with warming weather. Nests were located in many places where gutters cover the siding on three sides of the building. They can enter the building in holes about ¼ of an inch. Bug House was employed to spray around the entire church building, even on the roof.

Benevolence contacts in March: 11

- Members: None
- Non-members:
 - 2 – paid \$654.06 & \$235.41 for lodging
 - 1 - paid \$400 rent
 - 2 – paid \$372 & \$716.08 GA Power
- Non-members: 6, No action taken

May

Teams: Continuing project to identify current status and cleanup of various Teams folders

Computer operations:

- Offboarding from bdManagedIT and onboarding to Brightside IT concluded on time by the end of April

Accounting operations:

- Working with the Finance team, developed a list of questions to discuss in a face-to-face meeting with HighBar Accounting in early May.

HVAC:

Patterson HVAC: needed to take portion of tops off units #1 and #3 to access blower compartments to do repairs:

- Unit #1 Adjusted the pulleys so that the belt rides balanced and level
- Unit #3 Replaced the failing blower motor and pulley
- Unit #3 Installed missing 16"x25"x1" metal mesh filter economizer
- Greased blower shaft bearings on all units

Benevolence contacts in April: 20

- Members: None
- Non-members: 2, paid car payment and insurance totalling \$496.50 for one and paid \$327.03 lodging for another.
- Non-members: 18 No action taken

June

Teams: Continuing project to identify current status and cleanup of various Teams folders

Accounting operations:

- Melvin Rhodes, Pam Scott, Mike Moore and I met with Layson & Teresa Treadwell of Layson, Treadwell & Spires accounting firm, Greensboro on June 9 to discuss a possible relationship going forward. A meeting with RMW Accounting is scheduled for the week of July 6.

HVAC Operations: Mike Herb discovered the PVC drainpipe of one of the 20-ton HVAC units was found leaking on the evening of June 24. Patterson HVAC was called the next day and it was repaired June 29.

Child & Youth Safety Team:

- The meeting was held June 29.
- I informed Ministry Safe's new presentation of Policies and Procedures that I viewed on May 21 to compare our present Children & Youth Policies and Procedures.

Ice Machine:

- There was a leak near the ice machine that was noticed by water coming up from below the tiles in the kitchen. Grimes Plumbing identified a pinhole leak in the ice machine filter. Hite Mechanical replaced the filter and returned several days later to eliminate a high whistling noise.

Yellowjacket nest:

- A yellowjacket bees nest was discovered on Thursday June 18 near the front entrance to the church. American Pest Control has treated the nest twice since then. Problem resolved.

City of Greensboro Water & Sewer:

- Billings changed earlier this year. When asked how the amounts for each were determined, I was told new rates for each were implemented.

Defibrillators

- Batteries in both defibrillators exceeded their expiration date by nearly a year. Batteries, adult and child pads were ordered June 24 and replaced July 1.

Benevolence contacts in June: 18

- Members: None
- Non-members: 6
 - 2 lodging - \$432.40+\$327.03, total \$759.43 & 1 food - \$100
 - 1 rent - \$400
 - 1 rent in collaboration with SVdP & FMC - \$400
 - 1 rent in collaboration with SvdP, FMC & GCCO - \$420
 - 1 transportation - \$531, \$300 to be refunded
- Non-members:12 – No action

Discipleship Report

May - July 2026

The past three months have been filled with preparation, growth, and ministry opportunities. Much of our focus has been on finalizing plans for the upcoming Zambia mission trip, including travel logistics, fundraising, ministry resources, and preparations for ZamJam and other outreach opportunities. During this time, we also completed our No Sweat Evangelism training and continued exploring new discipleship resources and small group opportunities.

VBX: Emerald Crossing has been a major highlight of the summer. After months of planning, we launched in June and have continued to see great participation, with attendance growing into the 90s the last few weeks with most of them being adults. Weekly meals, fellowship opportunities, and family-focused activities have helped create meaningful connections throughout the summer. As we wrap up VBX, we'll celebrate with a foam party for the children and a lock-in for our student volunteers before transitioning smoothly back into our regular Wednesday night schedule.

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch two new co-ed small groups this fall. A Wednesday night group focused on marriage and family will be led by Matt MacLeod and Nadene MacLeod, while a new Sunday morning group will be led by Zander Burger and Moriah Burger. We're thankful for how God continues to provide opportunities for discipleship and look forward to what He will do in the months ahead.

In Christ

Joey Wood

Discipleship Pastor

Worship & Community Ministry Report

2ND Quarter 2026

The early summer months were filled with a variety of opportunities to support both our regular worship gatherings and a number of special ministry events that took place during. While our weekly worship services remained centered on themes drawn from Jimmy's study in I Samuel, each month also included many additional elements that helped celebrate and commission those serving both within and beyond our community.

Our worship planning continued to intentionally reinforce the themes of the sermon series, with congregational worship emphasizing God's sovereignty, victory, faithfulness, trust, humility, obedience, surrender, and our identity as those called by God. This ongoing thematic approach has continued to strengthen the connection between the preaching of God's Word and our corporate worship.

Throughout these three months, missions remained a significant emphasis. In addition to regular spotlights, we commissioned both our Wears Valley Ranch team and our Dominican Republic team, promoted the Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign, and collected clothing and medical supplies for the DR. Other service additions included recognizing our graduating seniors, Communion, and a personal testimony from Clay Summers (deacon candidate).

Summer scheduling brought a couple opportunities for guest speakers while Jimmy was away including Jody Hice, who continued the I Samuel series during Jimmy's absence, and Zander Burger who brought an encouraging Father's Day message.

Additional ministry time is given to a variety of things including: leading worship for the Wears Valley Worship Night, participating in the National Day of Prayer service, working with Hank on IT updates, Wednesday youth music, preparation for an upcoming small group, and beginning the evaluation process for possible updating of the church street signage.

As Jimmy and meet and evaluate our worship gatherings one thing that has come up a number of times is our pattern of coming together at the remembrance table. We recently decided that beginning in August we will have a four-month trial of celebrating Communion monthly on the first Sunday of each month. Following this trial period, we will review the experience with the elders and determine whether to incorporate it as a regular part of our worship schedule.

Attendance remained steady throughout the quarter despite the seasonal challenges of travel and mission trips. Easter was our highest attended service of the year with 274 in attendance, while our lowest attendance in the quarter of 153 occurred during the week our Dominican Republic team was away serving. The second quarter concluded with an average worship attendance of 198, an increase from the first quarter average of 190 and very comparable to the second quarter average of 200 from last year.

We are thankful for the Lord's continued faithfulness throughout a busy ministry season and look forward to continuing to strengthen both our worship ministry and the opportunities we have to serve our church family and community during the months ahead.

Senior Pastor Report for the July 2026 Quarterly Business Meeting

This quarter, Grace Fellowship has seen the Lord at work through local ministry, missions, and the faithful service of many volunteers. In May, we celebrated the Lord's Supper, commissioned the Wears Valley Ranch mission team, and hosted our community National Day of Prayer gathering. We also prayed for James Lester as he prepared for a summer of mission service in Europe. In June, a Grace Fellowship team served in Batey 7 in the Dominican Republic alongside BIG HOPE and the Iglesia Evangelica Dominica. The team worked on a church roofing project, participated in evangelism and Bible distribution, ministered to children, and supported the work of the Good Samaritan Clinic. We are grateful for the generosity and prayers that make these partnerships possible.

Summer VBX has provided a meaningful Wednesday-evening ministry for children, students, and families. Cassidy Callaway, Lisa Cronin, and many volunteers have served faithfully, including new volunteers who completed MinistrySafe training. We have also been encouraged by the strong Wednesday-night attendance and by stories of members serving one another, inviting guests, growing in discipleship, and caring for those who are hurting.

Our worship gatherings have remained encouraging through the summer. While Sunday attendance has dipped during vacation weeks, we are thankful for continued faithfulness in worship and expect renewed momentum as school resumes. We have welcomed new members and continue to seek opportunities to help every person grow in Christ and become connected in the life of the church.

As we look ahead, please continue praying for our Wednesday night gatherings as we shift from VBX back to KidsLife and grow our ministry to teens and adults. Pray also for the upcoming Zambia mission team. And be sure to join us on Wednesday, August 26 for our Missions Celebration to hear what God has accomplished through this year's mission efforts. We also look forward to observing the Lord's Supper and receiving the Benevolence Offering on August 2, celebrating baptism at Parks Ferry on September 13, and supporting Kickin' for the Kingdom on September 19 as this FUNdraiser increases awareness and raises support for missions.

Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and prayerful support. It is an honor to serve alongside the staff, Elders, ministry teams, and members of Grace Fellowship as we glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.