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VBS

is finally here!!!



July 14-17

July 2025 Newsletter

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| Jimmy Long | 3 |
| Kenneth Childers | 6 |
| Al Hawkins | 7 |
| Nolan Callaway | 8 |
| Frank Mauriello | 10 |
| Daby Benjamin | 11 |
| Geri Wires | 12 |
| Lem Clark | 13 |
| Nadene MacLeod | 13 |
| Tery Wilcoxson | 14 |
| Matt Ferman | 14 |
| Theressa Floyd | 15 |
| Susan Michelle Henry | 15 |
| Linsey Norton | 17 |
| Tara Allen | 23 |
| Michael Stewart | 24 |
| Donnie Chapman | 26 |
| Lynne Novak | 28 |
| Jenny Carmichael | 28 |
| Tommy Evans | 30 |
| Adriana Mauriello | 31 |
| William Leavell | 31 |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|----|
| Mike & Nina Moore | 10 |
| Jim & Anne Meadows | 12 |
| Jared Linsey Norton | 15 |
| Howard & Susan Scott | 15 |
| Tim & Robin Gallops | 17 |
| Barry & Kelly Clower | 20 |
| Stuart & Heather Harris | 27 |
| Clarence & RoseAn Davidson | 27 |



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FINANCES & BUDGET

Financial Update

Giving, Expenses, and Budget **thru 5/31/25**

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|----------|-----------|
| Budget | \$448,016 |
| Giving | \$356,711 |
| Expenses | \$396,776 |

Giving, Expenses, and Budget in **May 2025**

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|----------|-----------|
| Budget | \$113,466 |
| Giving | \$89,186 |
| Expenses | \$93,211 |

At Grace Fellowship, we are deeply grateful for your faithful and generous giving. Because of your commitment to pray, give, and go, we are able to carry out the ministry God has entrusted to us—both in our local community and around the world.

Your faithfulness fuels everything from weekly worship and discipleship to outreach efforts and global missions. Thank you for being part of a church family that believes in the power of the gospel and is willing to invest in lives for the sake of Christ.

Together, we are making an eternal difference.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's a joy and an honor to serve and teach your children each week. They have hungry minds and it's amazing to watch them learn and grow in the Lord.

We need you! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the children's ministry, please contact Cassidy Callaway at children@gracefellowship.ws to get plugged in or to ask any questions.

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KIDS COVE

Our July unit for Kids Cove is 'Sneak-a-Peek'. A picture says a thousand words! Unfortunately, our Bible story pictures are all covered up. But not for long! Bit by bit, the kids will sneak-a-peek at the picture during large group time until they can guess what it is. As the pictures are revealed, not only will they say a thousand words, they'll shine light on the greatest Word — the Word of God — the Bible!



We hope to see you at VBS this month- please register today!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
There will be NO

KIDS @ GRACE
in July!

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

water guns

water balloons

ice cream

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

BEGINS JUNE

water Wednesdays

slip n slides

water games & toys

popsicles

DROP OFF DONATIONS AT CHURCH OFFICE
CONTACT LISA CRONIC OR CASSIDY CALLAWAY

'WATER WEDNESDAYS' CONTINUES THIS MONTH FOR OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAMMING! EACH WEDNESDAY, EXCEPT FOR VBS WEEK, WE WILL HAVE FUN WATER GAMES OUTSIDE FOR THE KIDS TO ENJOY AS THEY HEAR A BIBLICAL TRUTH. CHILDREN WILL NEED TO DRESS APPROPRIATELY! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ITEMS FOR SOME SUMMER FUN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!



Child Dedication Service

We rejoiced to celebrate with 5 families on June 22 as they dedicated their children to the Lord: Dhanasary "Caly" Caamano, Ava June Harrison, Pedon James Hunt, Acree Jill Rhodes, and Maggie Rees Wood.

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

JULY 14-17



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REGISTER NOW!



MISSIONS



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION 2025



STUDENT

MINISTRIES



NO OTHER NAME

Philippians 2:9-11

Join us on Wednesdays all
Summer! 6pm-8!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN 12-18 YRS OLD, AND WOULD LIKE
TO HELP OUT WITH VBS, PLEASE CONTACT JARVIS FREEMAN
JARVIS@GRACEFELLOWSHIP.WS

kidzlife
@ GRACE

PRE-K
-
5TH
GRADE

KidzLife is a Bible-centered children's curriculum for
churches who value the next generation.

6PM ON WEDNESDAYS!

ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communication for the July 2025 Newsletter

The Elder Council met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 24. Attending the meeting were Randy Scott, Tom Lynn, Nolan Callaway, A.J. Hunt, Stuart Harris, Mac Manley, and Jimmy Long. In the absence of Steven Brondyke, Vice-Chairman Randy Scott chaired the meeting.

The meeting was started with prayer and a devotion from Nolan Callaway. Following the devotion, the Elders continued their practice of reciting the church's mission statement as a way to keep the council focused on the overall direction of the church.

The minutes from the May 2025 Elder Council were considered and approved as submitted. The report from the Finance Team was also considered. After a time of discussion, the Elders approved the report.

It is worth noting that giving in May exceeded anticipated budget spending. The church's reserve fund increased, as well. The resumption of collecting the offering on Sunday mornings has been received positively, and there is some indication that this has increased in-person offerings. We are grateful for the faithfulness of our members and regular attendees, the commitment of the Treasurer and Financial Team, and staff carefully monitoring spending. Currently, expenses at the end of May 2025 are over \$30,000 below expenses for the same time last year.

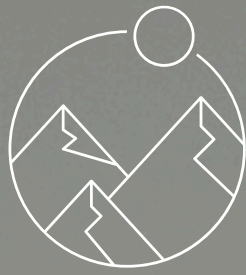
The Elders spent time considering the needs of church families and praying for those needs.

Important items on June's agenda were:

- An update from the subgroup appointed by the Elders to consider the church's current financials, determine ways to keep the congregation better informed, encourage members and regular attendees to consider their level of giving, encourage those attending who are not currently giving to consider doing so, and to brainstorm ways to assist the staff and ministry teams in growing the church.
- An update from the Children & Youth Safety Team on recommended changes to the safety policy.
- Cancellation of a Red Cross Blood Drive previously scheduled for August 29.
- An update on the need to plan for replacing the windows in the church building.
- A proposal from the Missions Team for a fall fundraising event called "Kickin' for the Kingdom." This proposal was endorsed by the Elders.

Stuart Harris closed the meeting in prayer.

The Elder Council is honored to serve the Lord by serving this church. Thank you for placing your trust in us.



IMPACT

Like passing a baton from runner to runner in a relay race, disciple-making is passed from one generation to the next. It is transferable.

The key to passing a baton is the exchange. It has to be handed off and taken without dropping it. If the baton is dropped, it can be hard to recover.

There are two keys to a baton exchange: the handoff (let it go) and the reception (take it and go). A disciple-maker must make a good launch with his disciple, and the disciple must take it and run with what they have been taught. If those two things happen, it's a successful transfer.

Are you passing the baton of disciple-making? Do you have a plan to systematically invest in others and send them out to repeat the process?

It just so happens that we are looking to recruit participants in our new IMPACT Groups over the Summer and Fall. If you would like to lead your own, jump into a new IMPACT, or just curious, contact pastor Joey at joey@gracefellowship.ws

Grace Fellowship,

It's been an incredibly fast year. Mission trips, student camps, sicknesses, and babies born. Our church is healthy and thriving by all appearances.

Greene County is about 50% or more non Christian. Yes, despite the number of churches around, all the different denominations, or different styles, half of the people you see won't go to church and have probably never had someone fully explain the Gospel to them.

Our community is full of people we know. They aren't a statistic, or just a number. They are faces of loved ones, family, and neighbors. I believe Paul had a serious struggle with the same issue almost 2,000 years ago. In one of the most emotionally intense verses in the New Testament, he wrote "I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit — I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel." Romans 9:1-4a

If I really believe Scripture is the truth, I should be both broken and empowered to get the people I love most to Christ, just as Paul. He was so broken, that if he were allowed, he would have traded his very salvation in Christ to see the ones he cared for saved. We should have a sorrowful heart that many will be separated from God, but also empowered with a mission that Heaven deserves to be full of people worshipping our great God.

Your small group is one of the best ways to reach people. 86% of people who don't go to church, say they would if only someone they knew simply invited them. Small groups offer a personal, more relaxed setting, where deep discussion can occur. Someone who has never stepped into a church building will more than likely come to your house over dinner and a bible study.

Across our congregation, we have groups meeting on-site and in homes, ranging from intimate gatherings of four to larger assemblies of up to fifty people. As we look to the future, a significant opportunity lies just down the road in the Del Webb community, a diverse area with residents from across the country. This fall, we aim to launch our first small group in Del Webb to study the Word, make disciples, and extend the outreach of Grace.

How you can Help: Do you have a heart for your neighbors? Do you have open space for a group of people to meet? Can you serve snacks? Do you know how to play a video? If live in Del Webb and said yes to ANY of these, we encourage you to join the launch team, and help in reaching Del Webb! Email me at joey@gracefellowship.ws or call at 706-453-0020

**In Christ,
Pastor Joey**