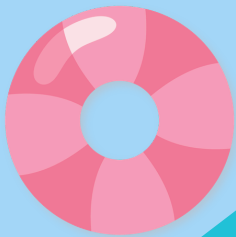




SUMMER!
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IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jimmy Long	3
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Al Hawkins	7
Nolan Callaway	8
Frank Mauriello	10
Lem Clark	13
Nadene MacLeod	13
Terry Wilcoxson	14
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Susan Henry	15
Theresa Floyd	15
Lindsey Norton	17
Tara Allen	23
Michael Stewart	24
Donnie Chapman	26
Lynne Novak	28
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ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Nina Moore	10
Jim & Anne Meadows	12
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Scripture for JULY

Now the Lord is the
Spirit,
and where the Spirit of
the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

PRAY FOR MISSIONS

Pray for R&K as they seek to take the gospel to the Khofa people group in the Middle East. During June they have been working on certification to enable them to launch their business platform. They desire to return in August, but must have a platform and visas.

Pray that:

- Recent conversations with sponsoring organization will be fruitful and enable them to move in August with visas in hand.
- In the waiting they would be witnesses to the lost and encouragers to believers around them.
- They would find joy in Christ daily in His Word and be thankful for his sustaining grace

Pray for Moses and family as they take the gospel to the Rajputs and other unreached people groups in India.

Pray for Shristi, Moses daughter, who will sit for her medical certification exam.

Pray for Moses as he lives out the words of 1 Corinthians 4:8-10

FINANCES & BUDGET

Financial Update

Giving, Expenses, and Budget **thru 5/31/26**

Budget	\$ 466,338
Giving	<u>\$ 768,882</u>
Variance	\$ 302,544
Expenses	\$ 425,509

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord through His church.



Please Pray for Venezuela

- Pray for those who have been injured, for families who have lost loved ones, and for those who are still searching and praying that their loved ones are alive.
- Pray for protection over rescue workers.
- Pray for Venezuelan churches and believers as they serve their communities with compassion and the hope of Christ.
- Pray for wisdom for local leaders as they assess damage and coordinate relief efforts.
- Pray that many people would experience the love of Christ through the faithful presence of local churches.

If you would like to donate to support ongoing efforts there, please consider donating to Send Relief.

Use the QR code to find the donation page ----->



MISSIONS

Update from James Lester

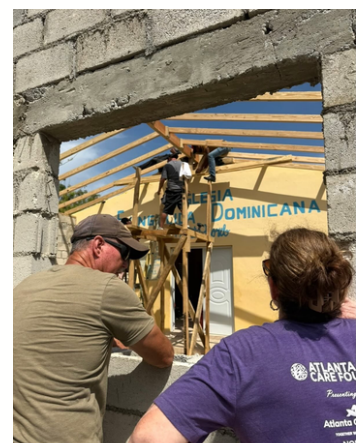


"I have officially been in Europe for a month, and to say it has been a whirlwind would be a massive understatement. God has taken me through Czechia, Poland, Germany, France, Hungary, and now finally to Slovakia, where I will be serving for the next two months. Looking back at this past month, the only word that comes to mind is provision. God has consistently met me at my absolute limits—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—and provided exactly what I needed right when I needed it."

Please keep James in your prayers as He serves the Lord. We rejoice that James has answered the call to missions, so let us do all we can to support him as he shares the love and message of Jesus!

Dominican Republic Mission 2026

A team of 25 traveled to the Dominican Republic to support the ongoing work of BIG HOPE Ministries to the people of Batey 7. Our work included adding trusses and a roof to the church expansion and replacing the existing deteriorating roof, replacing termite-damaged cabinets in the clinic, offering Bible clubs to children in 2 churches, worshiping with our Dominican brothers and sisters, and distributing Bibles in 3 locations.



MISSIONS



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19**

Kickball Tournament & Missions Fundraiser at the Greene County Recreation Complex

This will be our **2nd Annual Kickin' for the Kingdom Kickball Tournament**, and it is open to the entire community. Since many of those going on mission trips raise their own funds, a portion of what is raised helps provide partial funding to make going on a mission trip more accessible.

Organizations being supported this year are -

Circle Ranch (Greene County)

Wears Valley Ranch (Tennessee)

Global Samaritans (Zambia)

Big Hope (Dominican Republic)

How can YOU help?

- Come join the fun on Saturday, September 19
- Be a Kickin' for the Kingdom volunteer
- Form a team to play
- Become a sponsor
- Find a sponsor (packets are available to share with potential sponsors)



Scan the QR code
for more information
or to donate.

For more information on adding a team or becoming a sponsor, go to - gracefellowship.ws/serve/kickin-for-the-kingdom or call Carrie Human (706-347-1817) or Nancy Long (706-817-9064).

MISSIONS



Item of the MONTH

Each month, I'll share an "Item of the Month" to help reduce holiday and Christmas shopping stress.

JULY ITEM of The MONTH -- CLOTHING

Examples: Boys (ages 10-14) - Socks, Underwear, Shoes, Flip-Flops, T-shirts, Shorts

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child—the world's largest Christmas project of its kind—has delivered more than 244 million shoebox gifts to children in over 175 countries and territories.

In 2025, Samaritan's Purse collected 12.2 million shoebox gifts worldwide, including 10.9 million in the United States.

Delivered through local churches and missionaries, each shoebox gift provides an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ and the message of God's love. Since 2009, more than 52 million children who received shoebox gifts have participated in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship course offered in their own language. More than 27 million boys and girls have made decisions for Christ, and every participant receives a Bible in their language. Each shoebox gift is a reminder of God's love and care.

Sharing the Gospel to the ends of the earth often means reaching remote places where the name of Jesus is not yet known—and where a shoebox gift can open the door. Through this ministry, Samaritan's Purse is helping grow the body of Christ around the world, and it all begins with a simple shoebox gift.

Libby Chapman, OCC Coordinator

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

This month our unit is **'FaceTime with Felix'**. Happy or sad, scared or mad, our faces say it all! The kids will meet Felix the Fox, who will help put a face to the many emotions found in the Bible. One face at a time, the Bible story will come alive as the children learn that God is with them no matter how they feel and He helps them show kindness.



KIDS @ GRACE



Kids@Grace does not meet for the month of July. We will have worksheets for them at the back of the church. We hope you enjoy your time together in big church!

If you have a child in 1st-4th grade who is not yet plugged into Kids@Grace, please feel free to come with them to class at the dismissal announcement when we resume class in August! You can also contact Cassidy Callaway at children@gracefellowship.ws to get them set up and ask any questions. Reminder: Kids@Grace offers a Sunday school class as well, from 9-10am. If you would like your child to be in this class, stop by the kids' check-in desk to be directed there. This class meets year-round.

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY



Wednesday nights

June 3-July 29 Nursery-
Dinner: 6 pm 5th grade

VBX & Adult Water games, slip-
Small Groups: n-slide, science,
6:30-8pm treats, and more!

Contact children@gracefellowship.ws



**END OF SUMMER
FOAM PARTY
JULY 29**



Every Wednesday evening from June 3-July 29 the kids will embark on an Irish adventure through **Psalm 23** to learn how the Lord is our Shepherd, Leader, Comforter, Provider, and Promise Keeper. We'll have a slip-n-slide, water games, treats, science & crafts, and more for kids (nursery-5th grade).

Dinner at 6:00 pm; VBX, youth, and adult small groups 6:30-8pm. Invite your family and friends to come along this summer (no drop-offs please)! You don't want to miss this... kids AND adults!

ELDER UPDATE

The Elder Communication for the July 2026 Newsletter

The Elder Council met on June 16 in our regular monthly meeting with Chairman Randy Scott presiding. Tom Lynn opened the meeting in prayer and presented the devotion.

The Elders were pleased to welcome Clay Summers, who is candidate for Deacon over the Mercy Ministry. Clay shared his testimony before the Elders. After praying for Clay, the Elders approved presenting him to the church for the role of Deacon. Clay shared his testimony before the church on June 28, and a vote will occur on Sunday, July 26. Please keep Clay and Sister in your prayers and offer your support for this vital ministry.

After approving the minutes from the May meeting, the Elders set aside a time of discussion for the known prayer needs of our membership, as well as the needs of each elder. Following this, Pastor Matt Macleod prayed for the names and needs in the church as well as for the Elders and his family.

Mike Moore presented for the Elder's consideration allowing the Finance Team the authority to move money within the accounts established by Grace Fellowship to the greatest benefit to the ministry while providing a written monthly report of actions taken to the Elder Council. This action was approved by the Elders.

Updates and estimates were provided for projects to upgrade and improve Grace Fellowship's facilities. These projects include adding a children-only restroom accessible from the B-Hallway, addition of an onsite storage building, replacing the church sign on Hwy 44, and the addition of a drive-under portico. Any action to be taken will be shared with the church. The only project currently underway is the storage building, and we are seeking to work through permit issues with the city.

The Children and Youth Safety Team will meet, and a report will be provided to the Elders in the July meeting.

The next scheduled Elder Council meeting is July 21. If there are any issues that you would like addressed, please contact any of the elders to request it be placed on our agenda.

Grace Fellowship will hold its Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, July 26, following the Morning Worship Service. Ministry Teams wishing to include reports (written or verbal) please contact your Elder Liaison or the Church Moderator Charles Brown.

During the Morning Worship Service on July 26, the Deacon candidacy of Clay Summers will be considered. All church members are eligible for the affirmation vote, and the results of the vote will be reported to the church in the Quarterly Business Meeting and sent to the church via email the following week.

YOUTH

MINISTRY

Each year, we love celebrating the students who faithfully serve during our Summer Vacation Bible School with a special all-night church lock-in! It's our way of saying "thank you" for their hard work, energy, and heart for helping others learn about Christ. If your teenager volunteered with us during VBS this summer, we'd love for them to join the fun! The night will be filled with games, great food, laughter, and maybe even a little karaoke. Friends are invited as well! Don't miss this time of fellowship and celebration!

Mark your calendars
and make your plans today!!!!
Contact Jarvis Freeman for more
information - jarvis@gracefellowship.ws



YOUTH
LOCK-IN

July 31st @ 7:30!

Grace Youth

Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 PM for a night of connection, fun, and faith! It's a great time to hang out and fuel up before we dive into worship, games, and meaningful conversations.

DINNER AT 6!

Kids & Youth eat free!

DISCIPLESHIP

The Midweek Service: *A Family Gathering*

Wednesday nights have quickly become one of the most meaningful rhythms in the life of our church. Each week, we come together not just for programs, but for community—growing in faith, building relationships, and encouraging one another in every season of life.

We offer small groups for both men and women, open to young and older adults alike. Our women's' group, led by Brooke Wood, Megan Freeman, and Carrie Human, provides a welcoming space for connection and spiritual growth. Our men's group, led by Jimmy Long and David Cronic, offers the same opportunity for fellowship, encouragement, and discipleship. These groups are a place where life is shared and faith is strengthened together.

At the same time, our next generation is being poured into with intentional care. Our teenagers gather for Youth Worship, while our children are engaged in KidzLife—both designed to help them grow in their understanding of God in a fun and meaningful way.

Before everything begins, we share a meal together as one big family at 6:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join us—it's a great way to connect, slow down, and step into the evening together.

None of this happens without an incredible team of servants. We are so thankful for everyone who plays a part in making Wednesdays possible—our children's team, security team, small group leaders, youth volunteers, cleanup crew, setup team, and our amazing cooking team who ensures no one goes hungry. It truly is a full-force effort, and we love being part of what God is doing through this midweek family.

If you'd like to be part of what's happening—whether by serving on a team or joining a group, I'd love to hear from you. Come be part of the family!

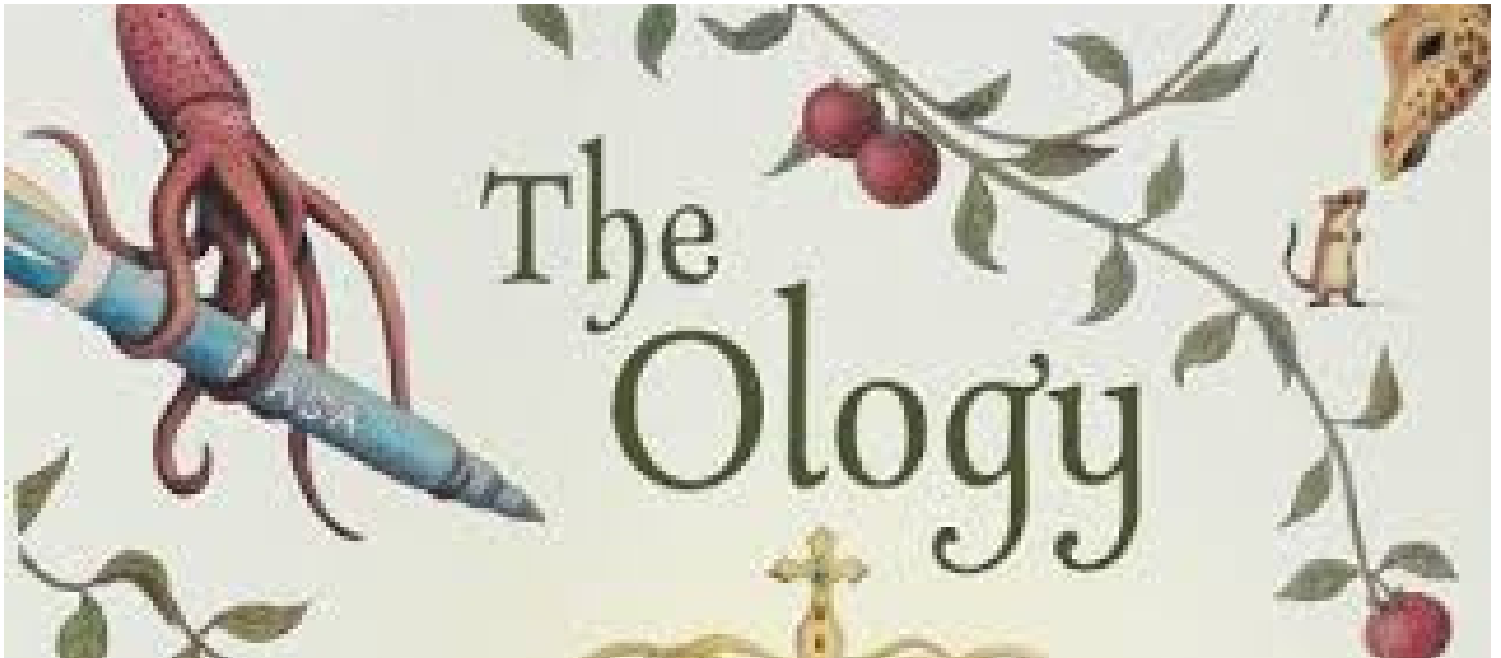
6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS
DONATIONS APPRECIATED
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GRACE @ HOME

REMINDER

We've restocked our *Grace@Home* resource table with a wide variety of new books and discipleship tools covering marriage, parenting, grandparenting, adult children, missions, personal growth, and more.

All resources are available for just \$10.



The story begins in the cellar of the old stone cathedral, where Carla and Timothy uncover a life-changing treasure: a carefully wrapped, ancient book known as The Ology. Young readers will discover a tale of adventure, mystery, and wonder, which will lead them to the truth about God, themselves, and the world around them. Each chapter in The Ology is connected to the larger redemptive story of Scripture. This storybook of systematic theology takes the big ideas and concepts in the Bible and makes them easier to understand for all ages! This book is **FREE** for families who want to kick off their family devotion time. If you have kids and are looking for somewhere to start for devotion, grab your copy! We only have a few left!

Come and get your copy at the Grace @ Home table this month!