

SEPTEMBER 2023

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER

newsletter

IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

BIRTHDAYS

Deborah Williamson	9/1
Bonnie Arthur	9/2
Patricia Brown	9/2
Jordan Knowles	9/5
Kathy Moody	9/5
Serenity Jackson	9/7
Traci White	9/7
Clay Cook	9/7
Gabrielle Hodo	9/8
Lee Crabill	9/8
Darrell Roth	9/11
Brooke Wood	9/11
Janie Marchman	9/12
Guy Green	9/13
Bruce Sherwood	9/14
Linda McNeil	9/16
Earl Porche	9/20
Gerald Torbert	9/21
Kimberly Stewart	9/21
Scott Jackson	9/23
Pam Scott	9/24
Ellen Wisdom	9/25
Mallette Cook	9/27
Audrey Beals	9/28
Anne Meadows	9/28
Jane Cobb	9/29
Rick Cook	9/30
Carolyn Childers	9/30
Dave Christenson	9/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Paula Moore	9/1
Danny & Ginny Bell	9/1
Coleman & Deborah Williamson	9/1
Darrell & Sonya Roth	9/3
AJ & Hannah Hunt	9/18
William & Tyler Shiver	9/20
Jim & Kelly Sandquist	9/29

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SAVE THE DATE

FALL

Family Fun Day

SUNDAY

October 29, 2023

4pm - 6:30pm



HIGHLIGHTS

Lake Baptism

& Covered-Dish Meal

September 10th 4-6pm
Parks Ferry Recreation Area

INTERN NEEDED!!

THE YOUTH GROUP IS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR AN
INTERN! IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN THIS 15 WEEK POSITION AND IS
BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-25, PLEASE LET
PASTOR JOEY KNOW!
JOEY@GRACEFELLOWSHIP.WS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

KIDS COVE



OUR SEPTEMBER UNIT FOR KIDS COVE IS "COPY THAT COPYCAT!" DURING THIS UNIT, CHILDREN WILL BE INTRODUCED TO OTIS THE CAT, WHO COPIES WHAT THE CHILDREN DO! AS THE CHILDREN ACT OUT THE BIBLE STORY, SO DOES OTIS! AS THE STORIES UNFOLD, OTIS AND THE PRESCHOOLERS WILL LEARN THAT GOD HELPS THEM BE BRAVE AND MAKE GOOD CHOICES. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR MARCH THROUGH THE BIBLE, SPENDING TIME IN NUMBERS, JOSHUA, 1 SAMUEL, AND 1 KINGS IN THIS UNIT. PARENTS, ASK YOUR KIDS TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE SUPER DUPER BIBLE BOX! YOU CAN ALSO CHECK OUT WHAT THEY ARE WORKING ON EACH WEEK AT THE BULLETIN BOARD BY CHECK IN.

KIDS @ GRACE

WE ARE WORKING OUR WAY FROM EXODUS TO MALACHI IN KIDS@GRACE. THIS MONTH OUR 1ST-3RD GRADERS WILL START IN THE BOOKS OF JEREMIAH AND 2 CHRONICLES TO LEARN HOW GOD WARNED AND JUDGED JUDAH. THEN THEY WILL WALK THROUGH THE INSPIRING STORY OF DANIEL AND HIS FRIENDS AND HOW GOD HUMBLLED NEBUCHADNEZZAR. IN THIS CURRICULUM, THE KIDS ARE LEARNING THE RICH BIBLICAL HISTORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND HOW IT POINTS TO JESUS, AS WELL AS THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD. PARENTS, MAKE SURE TO GO OVER YOUR CHILD'S TAKE-HOME SHEET WITH THEM AND ASK THEM TO TELL YOU WHAT THEY LEARNED!



MINISTRY UPDATES

DISCIPLESHIP

Hello Grace! Thank you for the warmth and welcome you have shown our family since we've arrived here in Greensboro. Every single person we have met has only affirmed that this is truly a church that cares for one another and wants to reach the community around it. As a discipleship pastor, it's important to know our small group leaders.

If we haven't had a chance to meet, come to the small group leader party after church on September 3! It will be right after church in the choir room. Lunch is provided. This is a time for all the leaders to meet, greet, have time of fellowship, and a look at the future of our small groups here at Grace.

-Pastor Joey

FRONTLINE

Welcome Steven and Lisa Brondyke, our new Front Line leaders! We call this the "Front Line" because as a first time guest, these are the people you'll see first. Every step, hand shake, open door, and smiling face from the car in the parking lot to the seat in the Worship Center matters. It's the first expression of welcome and hospitality that we give as a body of believers on a Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please let Steven, Lisa, or Pastor Joey know!

***Godly leadership is not about attaining recognition or glory;
it's about serving others.***

- John M. Perkins

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

September 2023 Serve Opportunities

TECH TEAM

The Grace Fellowship Tech Team is looking for new members to join and help support our Sunday morning worship gatherings. While some knowledge in technology is helpful, it is not required, and training will be provided. The current areas of service include:

- Sound
- Projection
- Lighting
- Camera
- Stream

To learn more about these opportunities please connect with Pastor Matt on Sunday or email:
matt@gracefellowship.ws

PRAISE TEAM

The Grace Fellowship Band Ministry is looking for new musicians to help lead our church family and guests into God's presence each week. Ability to read music and/or play from a lead sheet or chord sheet is a significant plus. We have immediate openings for instrumentalists including drums, and keys or synth, and would be happy to grow our rotation with other instruments. Additionally, there are opportunities for vocalists to join our current rotation.

To learn more about these opportunities please connect with Pastor Matt on Sunday or email:
matt@gracefellowship.ws

FRONT LINES

The Grace Fellowship Front Line Teams have immediate openings to actively serve by welcoming those coming to worship on Sunday mornings. These teams include:

- Greeting Team
- Parking Team

To learn more about these opportunities please connect with Pastor Joey on Sunday or email:
Joey@gracefellowship.ws



... is looking for Childcare Volunteers for Sunday mornings. To learn more about these opportunities please connect with Pastor Joey on Sunday or email:
Joey@gracefellowship.ws

STUDENT

MINISTRIES

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GRACE FELLOWSHIP YOUTH

OVER THE NEXT YEAR, OUR YOUTH ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT CHRIST THROUGHOUT ALL OF SCRIPTURE. IN A 52-WEEK SERIES, WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW EVERY STORY, CHAPTER, AND BOOK, FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, ALL POINT TO THE MAIN CHARACTER: JESUS! IT'S ALL ABOUT **HIM**.

LARGE GROUP

MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AGES, BRING A FRIEND!

9AM

SUNDAY MORNINGS | GAME ROOM

KIDS COVE

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Please email Cassidy Callaway
to help with nursery on Sunday
Mornings

children@gracefellowship.ws

ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communication for the September 2023 Newsletter

The Elder Council met on August 8th. The Elders present were Luke Miller, Steven Brondyke, Bobby Thomas, Brett Hansen, Randy Scott, Nolan Callaway, Dave Christensen, David Torbert, and Pastor Jimmy Long. In addition to Pastor Jimmy, other staff in attendance were Kevin Smith, Matt MacLeod, and Joey Wood.

Following the devotion from Pastor Jimmy Long, Dave Christensen stated that due to his recent move he is resigning from his position as Elder. Dave thanked the elders for their service and promised to continue to pray for Grace Fellowship and the Elders. Pastor Jimmy prayed for Dave and Gretchen as they search for a church home in their new area. The elders entered a time of discussion of needs for the church body and for each other. Pastor Jimmy prayed for the names and needs on the list, as well the needs of each Elder and his family.

Pastor Jimmy reported that with the addition of Matthew MacLeod as our Worship and Community Outreach Pastor and Josef Wood as our Discipleship Pastor, we are excited to see where God will take us. They appreciate how many of you have reached out to them to offer your prayers and support. A transition like this is made easier by a loving, caring church! He also expressed his appreciation for the prayers and work of the search teams, the Personnel Team, and the Elders for their efforts in the addition of our new staff.

We were blessed to have Penny Callaway serve as our Children's Ministry Director since March of last year. We appreciate her service, and we're grateful that Cassidy Callaway is now serving in that position. Our children's ministry is a vital part of who we are as a church, and we look forward to seeing it continue to grow and minister to children and families. There is a need for men and women to work with our kids and teens, so if you'd be interested contact Cassidy or let Joey Wood know of your interest.

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ELDER UPDATE

Pastor Matt MacLeod reported that the majority of my first month was focused on getting settled, specifically in the areas of worship and production. I jumped right into planning and preparing for services as Sundays come around weekly - new guy or not. It was a great help to have Michael McGough overlap for a couple weeks and connect with him. I have also been able to meet with Michael Wells. I will keep both Michaels in mind if questions arise.

In the area of Community Ministry, Matt spoke with Deborah Miller regarding supporting the missions team as needed with a meeting set later in August. A few notable items in the next couple months will include ministry team meet and greets, calendar planning through year end, vision planning for 2024, and beginning to connect with local missions.

Pastor Joey Wood and his family have moved into their new home last week and are getting settled into the area. He reported that has met with all youth volunteers and is looking to add new volunteers to the youth ministry.

Administrative Coordinator Kevin Smith informed the Elders of his continued work on the revision of the finance policy. He is looking forward to working with the additional new team members. They are coming on board just in time to begin the 2024 Proposed Budget.

In the area of Child Safety, revisions to the Children's Ministry Policy have been made and a draft copy was provided by the Elders. Next step is working with Joey Wood to review and give input prior to seeking final approval of the new policy from Elders. Kevin also reported on the progress of several items related to the building that are currently being pursued.

Bobby Thomas provided a report from the Financial Review Team for 2022. The report was reviewed and approved, and items recommended by the FRT will be considered and actions taken. In addition, an number of other items related to ministry were discussed and appropriate delegation was made to continue to move forward.

Bobby Thomas closed the meeting with prayer.