

Grace Fellowship

SEPTEMBER 2026
NEWSLETTER

Lake Baptism & Fellowship

Sunday, September 13

Parks Ferry Recreation Area

4pm - Fellowship

5pm - Covered Dish Meal

Baptisms to Follow

Contact the Church Office for More Details



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19**

**MISSIONS FUNDRAISER
KICKBALL TOURNAMENT & CHICKEN PLATES**

(More Details Inside)

IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Brown	2
Jordan Knowles	5
Traci White	7
Clay Cook	7
Chris Dyches	7
Jay Moon	9
Brooke Wood	11
Janie Marchman	12
Guy Green	13
Linda McNeil	16
Nina Hill	17
Earl Porche	20
Gerald Torbert	21
Kimberly Stewart	21
Scott Jackson	23
Pam Scott	24
Joey Kizziah	24
David Scherer	25
Anne Meadows	28
Jane Cobb	29
Carolyn Childers	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ginny & Danny Bell	1
Hannah & AJ Hunt	18
Kelly & Jim Sandquist	29

Scripture for

SEPTEMBER

I am the vine; you are
the branches.
Whoever abides in me
and I in him,
he it is that bears much
fruit, for apart from me
you can do nothing.

John 15:5

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 @ 11:30 AM

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A
WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND
ENCOURAGEMENT.

Baby Dedication Sunday, Sept 20

*"Let the children come to me; do not
hinder them, for to such belongs the
kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14)*

Be a part of this special time in the life of our church as we pray for parents and children. You cannot imagine the blessing it is for a family to know that they and their children are loved, prayed for, and supported.

If you would like to be included in the dedication service, please contact Nancy Miller at nmiller@gracefellowship.ws

FINANCES & BUDGET

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH JULY 31, 2026

YTD Actual Giving: \$915,129

YTD Actual Expenses: \$594,229

YTD Budget: \$613,647

Giving above expenses: \$320,900

Expenses are \$19,418 below budget, or about 3.2% under budget.

We are deeply grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of the members and regular attenders of Grace Fellowship. Your giving is more than a financial contribution; it is an expression of worship, trust, and partnership in the work God has entrusted to us. Through your generosity, we are able to support the ministries of our church, care for people in our community, strengthen families, reach the next generation, and extend the gospel through missions at home and around the world.

As we look ahead, we remain firmly committed to our mission to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to steward every resource wisely and faithfully so that lives are changed, disciples are made, and Christ is honored. Thank you for giving, serving, praying, and standing together as a church family as we pursue the mission God has placed before us.

Did you know that you can give gifts of stocks and other securities?

If you are interested in this, the details are on our website.

<https://gracefellowship.ws/give>

For regular tithes and offerings, you can give through the Church Center app by scanning the QR code below.



MISSIONS



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19**

Kickball Tournament & Chicken Plate Missions Fundraiser at the Greene County Recreation Complex

Be a part of our 2nd Annual Kickin' for the Kingdom Kickball Tournament. The proceeds from the kickball tournament and the chicken plate dinner will help provide partial funding to make going on a mission trip more accessible. It will also directly support these Christian organizations:

Circle Ranch (Greene County)
Wears Valley Ranch (Tennessee)
Global Samaritans (Zambia)
BIG HOPE (Dominican Republic)

In addition to our kickball tournament, this year we will also be selling ¼ Chicken Plates. The plates are \$15 each, and you can get yours at the church office or through mission team member

How can YOU help?

Come join the fun on Saturday, September 19

Purchase your chicken plates and/or help sell tickets

Be a Kickin' for the Kingdom volunteer

Form a team and 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).

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Item of the MONTH

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

September Item of the Month -- Games

Suggested games:

- . Mini Etch-A-Sketch
- . Puzzles with 100 pieces or less
- . Rubik's Cube
- . Dominoes
- . Marbles
- . Card Games
- . Peg game
- . Fidget spinners
- . Jacks
- . Jump rope

Why Games Are a Good Fit This Month:

We are entering the home stretch of our shoebox packing, so the focus is on items that can help fill any remaining space.

Packing Tip:

Puzzles can be removed from their boxes and placed in a zip-top bag with the picture cut from the box. This makes it easier to fit into the shoebox.

Remove Excess Packaging:

Remove all excess packaging from your items. Often Samaritan's Purse must "pack out" trash after shoebox parties, and some countries charge a disposal fee. Removing cardboard or plastic wrapping when possible is a big help.

Need a box?

If you need a box, please see me during fellowship time.

Libby Chapman, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

MISSIONS



Ready to Serve When Disaster Strikes?

When disaster affects a community, people need more than cleanup—they need hope, compassion, and practical help. Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief invites you to take the first step toward serving those facing crisis at the Disaster Relief Introduction in Cornelia.

This training is for first-time volunteers, current volunteers needing recertification, and active volunteers who would like to train in an additional ministry area. Learn how you can make a meaningful difference through opportunities such as cleanup and recovery, chaplaincy, feeding, family care, rebuild, shower/laundry, and more.

The **introductory session** will be held Friday, September 11, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. Saturday's ministry-area training begins September 12 at 8:00 a.m. Some areas require the full morning, while others offer flexible sessions.

Location: **Level Grove Baptist Church,**

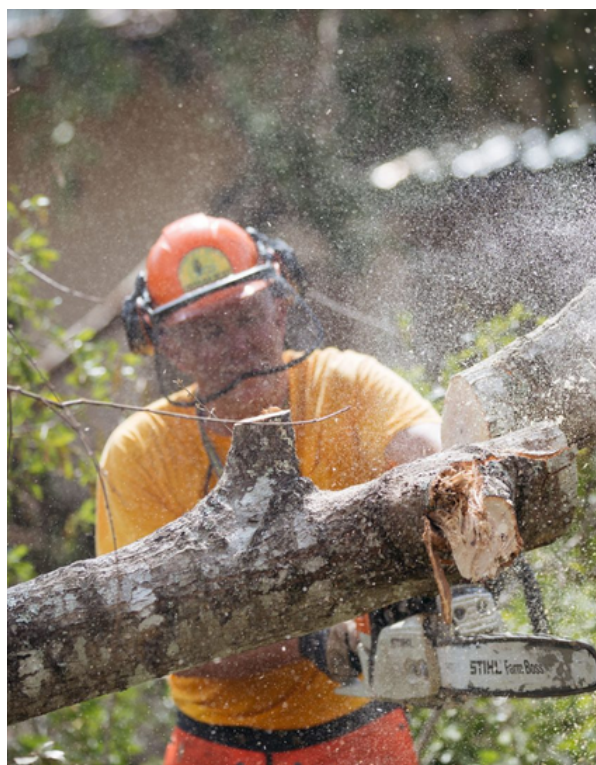
157 Old Level Grove Road, Cornelia, GA 30531

Registration is due by September 6.

Cost is \$45 for first-time attendees and \$25 for recertification or cross-training.

Take your next step in being the hands and feet of Christ when it matters most.

Register at gabaptist.org/event/disaster-relief-introduction-cornelia.



ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communicaton for the September 2026 Newsletter

The Elder Council met on August 18 for prayer, ministry updates, financial review, and discussion of several projects and upcoming events at Grace Fellowship. We are grateful for the Lord's continued provision and for the many people who faithfully serve our church.

Financial Update

The Elders received and approved the monthly financial report. The Finance Team continues to review church financial policies and practices to ensure that church resources are managed wisely, responsibly, and with appropriate safeguards.

Facility and Property Projects

Several ongoing projects were discussed:

- Exterior Sign: The Elders continue to explore options for replacing or upgrading the church's exterior sign. Additional information and design proposals will be reviewed before anything is presented to the congregation.
- Children's Restroom: Planning continues for improvements to the children's restroom area. Donated labor is expected to help significantly reduce the cost of this project.
- Children's Playground: The Elders are gathering additional proposals for improved playground surfacing. Providing additional shade for children and families has been identified as a priority, with further options and pricing being explored.
- Storage: Plans for a future storage building remain under consideration. The church will continue using rented storage space for the present time.
- Office Copier: Because the existing copier continues to function adequately, the church plans to continue using it while preparing for its eventual replacement.

Worship and Ministry

The Elders discussed plans for celebrating Communion on the first Sunday of each month from September through November and expanding the group of men available to assist in serving Communion.

The council also reviewed preparations for several upcoming opportunities for fellowship, ministry, and missions:

- Lake Fellowship and Baptism — September 13
- Kickin' for the Kingdom Missions Fundraiser
- Ongoing opportunities to hear reports and celebrate what God is doing through Grace Fellowship's mission efforts

The Elders also continue to pray about future church leadership and the men God may call to serve as Elders in the coming year. Recommendations will continue to be considered before the congregation is presented with a final slate of candidates.

Please continue to pray for our Elders, staff, ministry leaders, and congregation as we seek to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

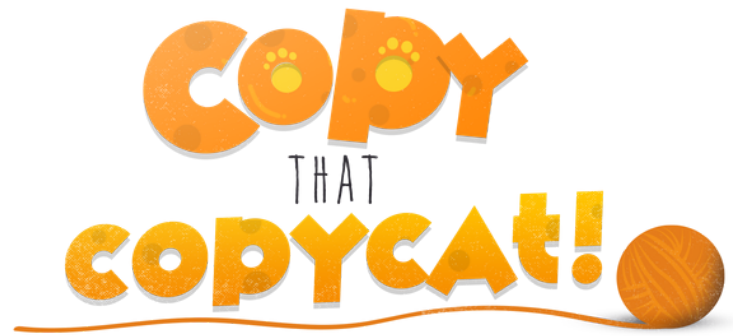
It's a joy and an honor to serve and teach your children each week. They have hungry minds and it's amazing to watch them learn and grow in the Lord.

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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When it comes to telling Bible stories, the copycat is where it's at! During this month's unit, the kids will be introduced to Otis the cat. Otis is a hand puppet that copies what the children do. As the children act out the Bible story, so does Otis! As the stories unfold, Otis and the kids will learn that God helps them be brave and make good choices.



This month we will be exploring Corruption- when sin enters the world. We'll learn of God's provision for salvation, the effects of the fall and how they will be reversed at Consummation, Cain & Abel, and how all are sinners through Adam but can be saved through Jesus!

If you have a child in grades 1-4 who is not yet plugged into Kids@Grace, please feel free to come with them to class at the dismissal announcement! 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.

CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

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**A SWEETER TWIST
on TRUNK or TREAT!**

Oct 25th 5-6:30pm

Trunks, candy, and volunteers needed!

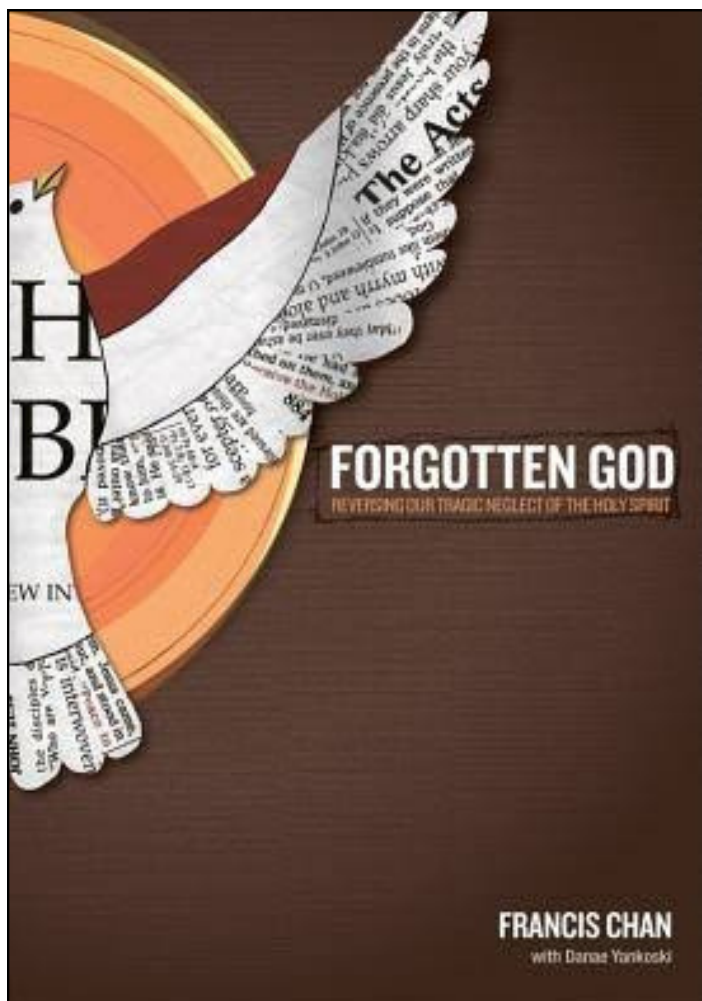
SAVE THE DATE!

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.

Each book is available for just \$10.



BOOK GIVEAWAY!

Forgotten God

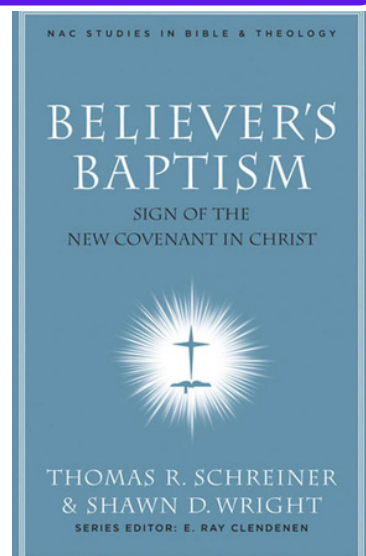
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of all three, but how often do we live with an awareness of only the first two?

Francis Chan rips away paper to get at the source of the church's power the Holy Spirit. Chan contends that we've ignored the Spirit for too long, and we are reaping the disastrous results. Through Scripture and compelling narrative form Chan's invitation to stop and remember the One we've forgotten, the Spirit of the living God.

ENTER THE DRAWING THIS WEEK AT THE GRACE@HOME RESOURCE DESK!

Is believer's baptism the clear teaching of the New Testament Scriptures? What are the historical and theological challenges to believer's baptism? What are the practical applications for believer's baptism today? Believer's Baptism begins with the belief that believer's baptism (as opposed to infant baptism) is the clear teaching of the New Testament. Along the way, the argument is supported by written contributions from Robert Stein, Thomas Schreiner, Steve McKinion, Jonathan Rainbow, Shawn Wright, and Mark Dever.

\$10 per copy!



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

YOUTH

MINISTRY

THIS MONTH! Truth Seekers is a new small group designed specifically for students in grades 6-8 who want to grow in their faith, build meaningful friendships, and learn how to follow Jesus in everyday life. Beginning Wednesday, September 2, students will begin with the 6:00 p.m. church-wide dinner and then join the rest of the youth ministry for a shared time of worship and announcements before breaking into grade-specific groups. Through Bible study, discussion, prayer, and practical application, Truth Seekers will help middle school students explore God's Word, ask honest questions, and discover biblical truth together.



Grace Youth

Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. 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

Small Groups New Opportunities to Connect

One of the best ways to grow in your faith and build meaningful, Christ-centered relationships is through a small group, and we are excited to announce several opportunities to get connected this fall!

Beginning **September 2**, **Matt and Nadene Macleod** will lead a new **Family & Marriage Small Group**. This coed, 12-week study will focus on strengthening marriages, improving family relationships, and applying biblical principles to everyday relationships. Whether you're newly married, raising children, or navigating a new season of family life, this group will offer encouragement, good discussion, and Christ-centered community.

Looking ahead to **November**, **Zander and Moriah Burger** will launch a **new coed small group**. Unlike the Macleods' 12-week study, this group is being established as a **long-term, ongoing small group** that will continue for years to come. It will provide a welcoming environment for fellowship, Bible study, prayer, and spiritual growth as participants walk through life together.

We are also excited to welcome back the **Bell Small Group**, which launched earlier this year and will resume meeting on **September 15**. The group meets on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** and is a great opportunity to connect with others in a relaxed and encouraging setting. If you would like to join the cookout, please contact the church office at 706-453-0020.

We believe life is better when lived in community, and these groups provide wonderful opportunities to grow in faith, form lasting friendships, and experience the encouragement of walking through life together. We hope you'll prayerfully consider joining one of these groups and finding your place in the Grace Fellowship family.