

*And His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6



Merry Christmas

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December 2025 Newsletter

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Rick Ward	2
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Suzanne Rankine-	9
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Emily Crumbley	10
Clay Summers	10
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Stacy Dissmeyer	14
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Rodney Lumpkin	17
Cassie Warwick	18
Charles Brown	24
Deborah Miller	24
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Curtis Crumbley	29
Carol Kuhn	30
Miranda Mitchell	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Noland & Cassidy Callaway	13
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Jim & Lenore Lantz	19
Michael & Pam Wells	30

Scripture for DECEMBER

***For to us a child is born, to
us a son is given; and the
government shall be upon
his shoulder, and his name
shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace.***

Isaiah 9:6

baptism



SUNDAY, DEC 7

Call the church office
for details!

CHRISTMAS

Christmas@Grace

Dec 6 ~ Gingerbread Bash

Dec 17 ~ Youth & Children
Christmas Party

Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service



Journey through ADVENT with your family using Grace's **Daily Advent Devotional Guide**. It will be emailed to you each morning by 7:00 a.m. to use personally or with your family.

Paper copies will be available at the Grace@Home Resource Center.

REMINDER: For a contribution to be counted in this tax year, it must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025.

MISSIONS

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

WHO IS LOTTIE MOON?

On July 7, 1873, Charlotte “Lottie” Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. With a bold spirit and a heart full of love for the Lord, she dedicated her life to sharing the gospel with the people of China — faithfully serving until her passing on December 24, 1912.

Lottie’s life was marked by deep compassion, courageous obedience, and tireless commitment to God’s call. Her sacrificial life demonstrated the impact one person can have when fully surrendered to Christ. She inspired many others to consider their role in missions.

Through her heartfelt letters home, Lottie encouraged churches to support missions through their prayers and giving. Those efforts led to the creation of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® for International Missions, which continues today — supporting missionaries around the world as they share the hope of Christ.

Lottie’s story reminds us that faithful service to God can make an eternal impact. You can make an eternal impact too, following Lottie’s example — by praying fervently for missionaries around the world and giving sacrificially to help take the gospel to the nations.

OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL: \$15,000

FINANCES & BUDGET

Financial Update

Giving, Expenses, and Budget thru **9/30/25**

Budget	\$ 836,262
Giving	<u>\$ 854,102</u>
Variance	\$ 17,840

Expenses	\$ 787,179
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FINISHING STRONG: A NOTE ON YEAR-END GIVING

As we enter the final month of 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the Grace Fellowship family. Because of your consistent faithfulness, we find ourselves in a solid financial position heading into December. Thank you for your generosity; it is a tangible reflection of your heart for God and His church.

While we are thankful for where we stand, the final weeks of the year are crucial for two specific reasons:

- 1. Accomplishing Our Mission:** Your giving is the fuel that allows us to minister to our community and support our ministry partners both in the United States and internationally. Finishing the year strong opens up opportunities for us to do even more to fulfill our mission.
- 2. Planning for the Future:** A strong finish in December provides our Finance Team and Elder Council with the clarity and confidence needed to finalize the 2026 budget. Your continued support allows leadership to plan boldly for new ministry opportunities rather than planning based on uncertainty.

Thank you for walking faithfully with us this year. Let us finish 2025 well, anticipating all that God will do in and through us in the year to come.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

The Best Is Yet to Come! **Pastor Jimmy**

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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 December unit for Kids Cove is 'Maisy Has a Message'. Christmas is coming, and Maisy the Mailbox has a message for the kids! Whenever Maisy lights up during large group time, it means a new Christmas card has arrived. Each card invites the kids to become a part of the Biblical storytelling in wonderfully imaginative ways. Best of all, as the story unfolds, they will become recipients of the greatest message ever – today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born; He is Christ the Lord!

MAISY
has a
MESSAGE



KIDS @ GRACE



Our class does not meet for the month of December. Enjoy your family time in the service as we go through Advent season together, and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas! 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! 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 kid's check-in desk to be directed there. The Sunday school class meets year round!

ELDER UPDATE

The Elder Communication for the December 2025 Newsletter

The Elder Council met in their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. The Elders present were: Randy Scott, Stuart Harris, Mike Moore, Mac Manley, Steven Brondyke, David Tolbert, AJ Hunt, Nolan Callaway, and Pastor Jimmy Long. In addition, Matt Macleod, Joey Wood, and Hank Raehn were there representing the staff.

Pastor Jimmy opened the meeting in prayer. This was followed by a devotional from Mike Moore focused on Jesus' call for us to be servants.

The Elders reminded one another of our church's mission, then approved both the minutes from the October Elders Meeting and the financial report presented by the Finance Team. Mike Moore provided an update from the Finance Team related to current giving and budget planning. The plan is to have a draft budget for the Elders to consider in the December meeting. Below is a summary of giving this month and year-to-date.

Giving Summary:

YTD Giving	\$854,102	Giving in Oct	\$82,852
YTD Budget	\$836,262	Budget in Oct.	\$80,088
YTD Expenses	\$787,179	Expenses in Oct	\$71,408

During staff reports, Pastor Jimmy reminded the Elders that we will celebrate baptism during our December 7 worship service.

The Elders entered a time of discussion for the known prayer needs of our membership, as well as the needs of each elder. Following this, Pastor Jimmy prayed for the names and needs as well as the Elders and his family.

Pastor Jimmy informed the church that Hannah Fowler has agreed to consider the position of Church Clerk (a church officer) to replace Jonni Ghetti who is completing her term in that position. We appreciate Jonni's commitment and look forward to affirming Hannah in January. In addition, Pam Scott agreed to serve as a member of the Finance Team in the role of Assistant Treasurer. This appointment will not require approval in January.

The Elders then entered in a discussion of building repair and update priorities. There is a plan to ensure the pavilion is safe for ongoing use for the next decade. Issues with stability and a leak in the roof are issues of concern, and we look forward to having this resolved for the ongoing use of the pavilion. Other issues are being considered, and we will keep the church informed.

The next scheduled Elder Council meeting is December 16. If there are that you would like addressed, please contact any of the elders to request it be placed on our agenda.

COMMUNITY NEWS



THANK YOU, GRACE FAMILY

Here are two opportunities to help our community this Christmas season.



The Food Pantry provides nourishing food to those in our community who are food insecure. You can donate non-perishable food items, donate your time, or give funds to enable them to buy food in bulk. For more information, call (706) 453-1380 or visit their website gcfpantry.org



Greene County Christian Outreach and Thrift Store seeks to meet the tangible needs of county residents in need. With the support of churches and individuals, GCCO evaluates needs and seeks to offer timely assistance. If you can volunteer or help financially, it will be greatly appreciated. Call (706) 454-0250 or find them online at greenecountychristianoutreach.org/

YOUTH

MINISTRY

{ WEDNESDAY } *Nights*

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! YOUTH EAT FREE!


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**PRE-K
-
5TH
GRADE**

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

6PM ON WEDNESDAYS!

DISCIPLESHIP



Heads up, small group leaders! As we head into the Christmas Season, please let the office know about any Christmas or New Year's activity your group is planning. This helps us stay connected and support you as needed!

Also, mark your calendars for the Spring- our Hermeneutics Class "Unlocking Scripture" will be offered again, as it filled up quickly this Fall. Keep an eye out for registration if you missed us this time around!

Lastly, December 17th is our last Wednesday Night Service for the year!

FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

**6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS
18 & UNDER EAT FREE!**

December Book Giveaway!

CONFRONTING JESUS

9 Encounters with the Hero of the Gospels

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