Grace Fellowship

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Light of Messiah MINISTRIES

On **Sunday, November 15**, we welcome **Murray Tilles,** Founder and Executive Director of **Light of Messiah Ministries**, a gospel-centered outreach to the Jewish people.

9:00 a.m. - Q&A Session in the Worship Center
10:30 a.m. - Murray Tilles preaching
5:00 p.m. - "Jesus in Hanukkah" Service

(A Love Offering will be collected in support of Light of Messiah.)

Operation CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child

Collection Day Nov 8



Dec 12 @ 5-6:30pm

Space is limited!

IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Colynne Miller	1
Adam Padgett	2
Barry Clower	3
Caroline Finch	3
Andrew McElhannon	4
Kathy Thomas	5
Alley McCullough	7
Hanna Fowler	8
Alonzo Vasquez	11
Jared Norton	14
Stacy Spivey	15
Mike Moore	15
Mary Lynn Mobley	16
Terre Strozier	22
Megan Freeman	22
Sandy Clark	23
Cynthia Chambers	24
Gavin Harris	25
Noah Human	26
Avery Norton	26
Lawson Manley	28
Jack Ferrell	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy & Lem Clark	18
Kathy & Bobby Thomas	24

VOTE

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ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 3

Scripture for NOVEMBER

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1 Thessalonians 5:18



TIME CHANGE

Before bed, set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, Oct 31.



Lord's Supper & Benevolence Offering

Sunday, November 1

FINANCES & BUDGET

FINANCIAL REPORT THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

YTD Actual Giving:	$1,090,501
YTD Actual Expenses:	$ 753,703
YTD Budget:	$ 776,542

You can give your tithes and offerings through the Church Center app by scanning the QR code below.

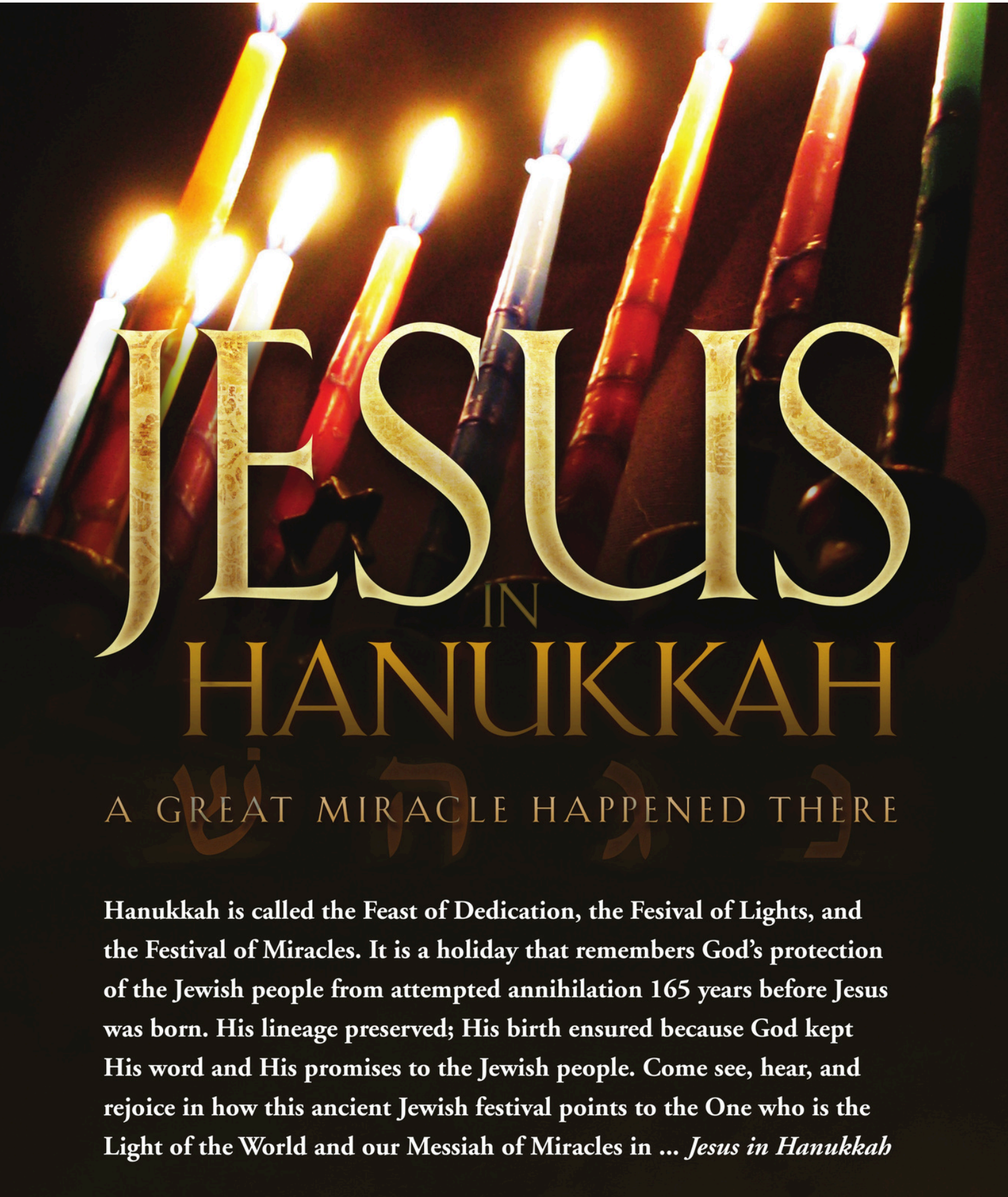
What is the Benevolence Offering and How Is It Used?

Grace Fellowship, in exercise of its purpose and mission, has established a Benevolence Fund to assist people in financial need. The church recognizes that this kind of assistance is a continuing mission of the church, and in that light we collect an offering on a quarterly basis.

This offering gives our Benevolence Team, under the leadership of a Deacon (Rex Milburn), the ability to assess and respond to needs that may arise. The priority is to meet the needs of church members first, but those in our community may also request assistance. The Benevolence Team screens those who apply for assistance, prays for those involved, and responds with wisdom and compassion. This team seeks to be good stewards of the trust put in them and the funds made available to them.

Due to higher demand and a one-time gift to the Greene County Food Pantry, our fund is about $4000 less than it was at the beginning of the year. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift through our November offering.

SPECIAL SERVICE
NOVEMBER 15



JESUS IN HANUKKAH

A GREAT MIRACLE HAPPENED THERE

Hanukkah is called the Feast of Dedication, the Fesival of Lights, and the Festival of Miracles. It is a holiday that remembers God's protection of the Jewish people from attempted annihilation 165 years before Jesus was born. His lineage preserved; His birth ensured because God kept His word and His promises to the Jewish people. Come see, hear, and rejoice in how this ancient Jewish festival points to the One who is the Light of the World and our Messiah of Miracles in ... ***Jesus in Hanukkah***

CANDY QUEST

















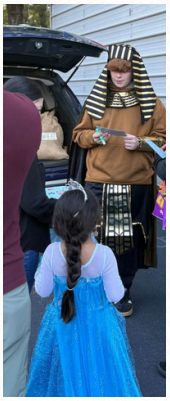














MISSIONS

Item of the MONTH

November "Item" of the Month --

Prayer

Please pray over your box, asking God to protect it on its journey and place it in the hands of a child who will come to know Jesus Christ as Savior.

Prayer is as important as the gift itself, so send your box with confidence that God will use it to share His love and answer your prayers for that child.

Join me in praying God's word over your box - "My word that comes from my mouth will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I please and will succeed in what I sent it to do." (Isaiah 55:11)

Libby Chapman, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator

BOXES DUE BACK - Sunday, November 8th

Drop off at the Operation Christmas Child Table

Thank You

ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communication for the November 2026 Newsletter

The Elder Council met on October 20 for its regular monthly meeting. We began with prayer and a devotion by David Torbert on James 1:2–8, reminding us to trust God through trials and to seek His wisdom in faith. The Elders shared known prayer concerns and prayed for our members.

Membership and Congregational Care
The Elders continued reviewing the church membership roll as part of an ongoing effort to maintain accurate records and provide appropriate pastoral care. The goal of this process is not simply to update a list, but whenever possible to reconnect with those who have become inactive and encourage them toward meaningful involvement in a local church. A list of inactive members was presented to the church in our Quarterly Business Meeting (QBM) on October 28 to consider removing them.

We continue to be encouraged by the number of new members and baptisms at Grace Fellowship. Additional baptisms are scheduled for November 22 as we celebrate those who have professed faith in Christ and are taking this important step of obedience.

Finances and Facilities
Grace Fellowship continues to be in a strong financial position, and we are grateful for the faithful giving of our church family. The Finance Team has been conducting an extensive review of our financial policies and procedures with the goal of strengthening accountability, safeguards, and good stewardship.

Work also continues on several facility projects. The children's restroom renovation is progressing, repairs are being made to address a water-system problem, and plans are being considered for improvements to the playground. The Elders also prepared recommendations for the QBM concerning additional funding for replacement of the church sign on Highway 44.

Senior Pastor Search
The process of preparing for the calling of Grace Fellowship's next Senior Pastor continues to move forward. The Personnel Team has completed work on an updated Senior Pastor job description and compensation framework for congregational consideration in the QBM. The Elders are committed to seeking a pastor who will faithfully teach the Scriptures, shepherd the congregation, and lead Grace Fellowship in fulfilling its mission.

The congregation is invited to recommend members to serve on the Pastor Search Team. Following the recommendation period, the Elders will prayerfully consider those names and bring a proposed search team before the church. Look for the recommendation forms in the Worship Center.

Ministry and Safety
The Child and Youth Safety Team continues its regular review of policies and procedures, including ensuring that required background checks remain current. Protecting the children and students entrusted to our ministries remains an important responsibility.

The Elders also approved the use of designated youth funds for upcoming camp expenses and needed equipment for the youth worship ministry.

Looking Ahead
As we enter an important season in the life of Grace Fellowship, we remain grateful for God's faithfulness. Please continue to pray that He will give our church wisdom, unity, and a continued commitment to our mission 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 our children's ministry, please contact Cassidy Callaway at children@gracefellowship.ws to get plugged in or to ask any questions.

KIDS COVE

What do you do on a very doodly day? You doodle away! During this unit, the teacher will doodle a simple picture during the lesson while the kids guess what it is. One picture at a time, the true Bible story will take shape as the kids learn that God protects them and wants them to work together!



KIDS @GRACE

Answers BIBLE CURRICULUM

This month will start with Communion Sunday, so we will not meet on Nov 1. For the rest of the month, we will continue learning about Noah's Ark and the 3rd C of History - the global flood - and how it triggered an Ice Age afterwards. We'll then jump into the 4th C of History - Confusion - as we introduce the Tower of Babel. Reminder that K@G does not meet during the month of December!
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.

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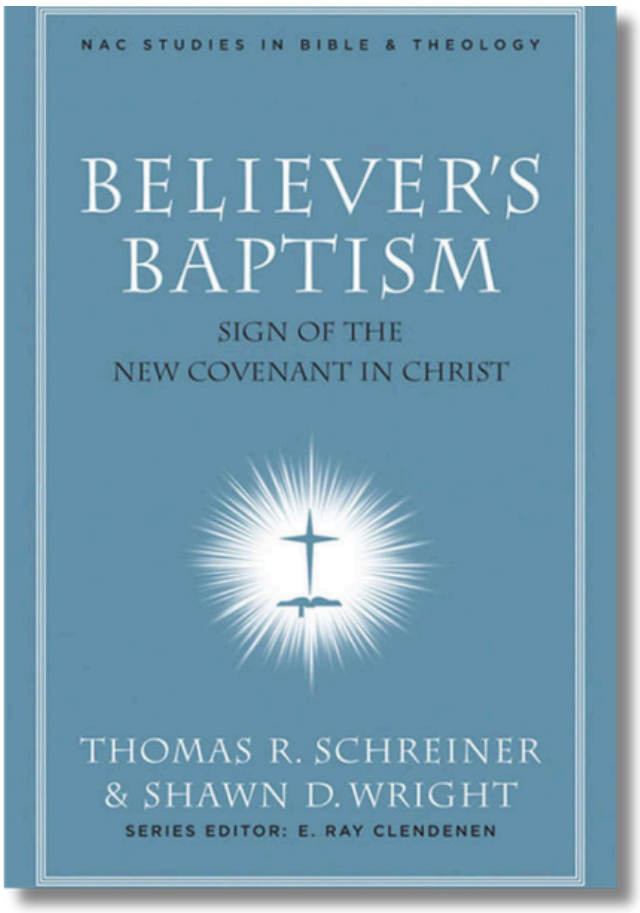


GRACE @ HOME

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.

Each book is available for just $10.



BOOK GIVEAWAY!

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.

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

Growing in Christ doesn't stop on Sunday. Stop by the Grace@Home Resource Center for trusted resources on parenting, spiritual growth, family discipleship, and more.

Beginning in January, we'll be launching the Grace@Home Growth Journey Passport, a fun and practical way to encourage spiritual growth through reading, discipleship challenges, family resources, and other next-step opportunities. More details will be coming in the months ahead.

We're also looking to build a Grace@Home Team to help maintain resources, develop new content, recommend books, and expand this ministry's impact throughout our church. If you have a passion for helping others grow in their faith at home, we'd love to talk with you.



DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Matters

One of the easiest ways to think about discipleship is this: discipleship is helping someone take their next step with Jesus. Sometimes that happens through teaching. Sometimes through encouragement. Sometimes through a difficult conversation or a faithful friendship. In every case, discipleship is not merely gaining information about Christ, but being transformed into His likeness and helping others do the same.

Many Christians assume discipleship belongs to pastors, teachers, or ministry leaders. Yet throughout Scripture we see ordinary believers investing in one another. Paul urged believers to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). The Christian life was never meant to be lived alone.

This means discipleship is not reserved for a classroom or a church program. It happens around dinner tables, over coffee, in small groups, in homes, in the workplace, and in everyday conversations. It happens whenever one believer intentionally helps another follow Jesus a little more faithfully. The question is not whether God can use you. The question is whether you are willing to be used.

There are people in our church and community who need encouragement, wisdom, friendship, accountability, and a spiritual example to follow. By God's grace, you may be the very person He intends to use in their life. Discipleship is not about having all the answers. It is about helping someone take the next step.

If you would like to learn more about disciple-making or becoming involved in discipleship ministry at Grace Fellowship, contact Pastor Joey at joey@gracefellowship.ws.

"**And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.**"

- 2 Timothy 2:2 -

FIND YOUR

SMALL GROUP