



Candy QUEST!

Oct 26th 5-6:30pm

How You Can Help:

- **Have a Trunk**
- **Bring Candy**
- **Volunteer to Serve**

IN THE LOOP

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

John Rhodes	1
Fletcher Livingston	1
Steve White	1
Helen Rhodes	2
Brett Hansen	3
Kaycee Manley	6
Lamar Chambers	9
Rhonda Evans	9
Joyce Glover	9
Jim Lantz	9
Robin Gallops	10
Ashley Vasquez - Morales	10
Richard (Van) Myers	10
Fred Paradise	10
Joleigh Dyches	11
Brenda Warwick	11
Debbie Smith	13
Lucas Human	13
Ann Duncan	16
Glyndell Porter	19
Jean Phillips	19
Mary Ann Webb	20
Bobby Thomas	20
Michael Vaughn	20
Susan Scott	28
Mike Daniel	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Jeremy & Kimberly Stewart	3
Ralph & Carolyn Danson	4
Dave & Denise Bickers	4
Tracy & Susan Durrence	10
Charles & Jan Marcussion	18
Charles & Pat Brown	20
Matt & Andy Finch	20
Gerald & Barbara Torbert	21
Scott & Josephine Jackson	22

Scripture for OCTOBER

***You are the light of the world.
A city set on a hill cannot be
hidden. Nor do people light a
lamp and put it under a basket,
but on a stand, and it gives light
to all in the house.***

Matthew 11:28

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**COME WITH US TO
ISRAEL & JORDAN**

**Nov 1-12
2026**

FINANCES & BUDGET

Financial Update

Giving, Expenses, and Budget **thru 8/31/25**

Budget	\$ 656,064
Giving	<u>\$ 702,289</u>
Variance	\$ 46,225

Expenses	\$ 643,752
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As the seasons shift and the colors of fall begin to appear, we're reminded that change often brings new opportunities—and that's certainly true for us as a church family. At Grace Fellowship, this season ushers in a renewed sense of momentum, growth, and community connection.

We are so grateful for your continued generosity. Your faithful giving throughout the summer months allowed us to maintain vital ministries, share the hope of Christ, and meet practical needs both locally and globally. Thank you for being a part of that story.

Now, as we enter a season filled with outreach events, discipleship gatherings, holiday preparations, and deeper engagement with our community, we invite you to continue walking alongside us. Fall is a time of harvest, and we believe God has positioned us to see lives transformed and hearts drawn to Him.

Every act of generosity—whether large or small—is a seed planted for Kingdom impact. Together, let's embrace this season with open hands and faithful hearts, trusting that God will use us to bring glory to His name and hope to our world.

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 October unit for Kids Cove is 'Mixed-Up Max'. This month the kids will follow along as Max – a lovable, but very confused friend – tries to share Bible stories but keeps mixing up the details! As the true stories unfold, we will have to listen closely and shout, "You're mixed up, Max!" whenever he gets it wrong. With plenty of laughter and learning along the way, we'll learn that God is mighty and He helps even the littlest of us do big things.



KIDS @GRACE



This month our 1st-4th graders will start out strong, learning what it means to be a child of God when we are adopted into his family through faith in Jesus. We'll continue following Paul in his journeys and see how he was arrested and shared the gospel with rulers before traveling to Rome and preached as a prisoner there too! We'll finish the month with his letters to Ephesus and Colossae explaining putting on the new self. We hope your kids are enjoying this study of Paul and his incredible impact on the Church as much as we are enjoying teaching it! 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.

MISSIONS

& MINISTRY

Thank you for pray, giving, and going!



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ELDER UPDATE

Elder Communication for the October 2026 Newsletter

The Elder Council met for its regularly monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 16. The Elders present were Randy Scott, Stuart Harris, Mike Moore, Tom Lynn, Stephen Brondyke, David Tolbert, and Mac Manley. Matt MacLeod, Joey Wood, and Hank Raehn were the staff members in attendance with Pastor Jimmy out on vacation.

Tom Lynn opened the meeting with a devotion. This was followed by the approval of the minutes from the previous month's meeting.

Mike Moore, who serves as the Elder liaison for the Finance Team gave a positive update on giving and the budget. Our target reserve for the church operating account is having 2 months of budget on hand. As of the end of August, our reserve fund stands at 4.6 months. Giving in 2025 has exceeded the same time period for 2024 by ~\$129,000. Expenses continue to be monitored carefully, and currently overall spending is less than what was budgeted.

The Elders entered a time of discussion for the known prayer needs of our membership, as well as the needs of each Elder. Stuart Harris lifted up those needs in prayer. Please let us know of any particular needs that you have, so that we can more effectively pray for this church family.

Items of business considered during this meeting were -

- Pastor Joey Wood brought the Elders up to date on the small group starting in Del Webb. This is part of our ongoing effort to make disciples in our community and encourage people to connect with our church family.
- Joey also informed the Elders that the home school CO-OP has gotten off to a good start. They are meeting Friday mornings in the church building. Please pray for the families involved.
- Hank Raehn shared that our Kickin' for the Kingdom kickball tournament raised \$17,000 to support our mission trips in 2026. Thank you for your prayers and participation in this missions fundraiser.
- Our lake fellowship and baptism on Sunday, September had a great turn out. Ten were baptized that day, and we rejoice in the Lord continuing to entrust souls to this church family.
- The Elder Council gave final approval to the revisions to the Children's Ministry Policies. This church is committed to children, youth, and families, and we want to create safe and loving environments for them to encounter the love and truth of Jesus.
- The Elders discussed the upcoming Elder Selection process, and appreciate the recommendations provided by the church family.
- A number of building and grounds needs were discussed. These are being prioritized so that planning and budgeting can be considered. We'll keep the church informed as to future updates.

The next Elder Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21. If there are items of business to be considered, please contact one of the Elders or the Senior Pastor.

STUDENT

MINISTRIES



NO OTHER NAME

Philippians 2:9-11



Our Youth Director Jarvis Freeman will be taking the youth (ages 11 and up) to Rush Trampoline Park on Wednesday, October 8. Each of the youth attending must have a signed permission slip and waiver from a parent or guardian.

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-
5TH
GRADE**

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Wednesdays @ 6:30 starting October 15

FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS
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HOLY,
HOLY

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The 14th annual Concert at The Corry House will be held on Friday, October 3rd.



Scott Deering and Fiddle In The Band will be performing their new "Alabama" Tribute Concert this year! Be prepared for the great music of Alabama and a fun evening on the beautiful grounds of the Corry House!

The venue opens at 5:00 and the concert begins at 7:00 pm. Dinner, desserts and beverages will be available for purchase. Our Curio Market will be open featuring crafts from Zambia, as well as our fabulous Silent Auction! All proceeds benefit Global Samaritans Children's Home in Zambia.

- \$25 for lawn seats (bring your favorite chair or blanket)
- \$40 for reserved seat
- \$300 for a table of eight. Perfect for businesses or large groups!
- \$20 for BBQ Pork Dinner
- \$20 for "Ollie's Chicken"- grilled chicken with ranch and melted cheese- Dinner

Dinner buffet provided by Iron Fork, Greensboro, Georgia. You may reserve your table or pre-purchase your meal at globalsamaritans.org

