

# Grace Fellowship

GREENSBORO, GEORGIA

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

## A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH GRACE



Proverbs 16:1 says, “The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord.” Or as the Good News Translation puts it - “We may make our plans, but God has the last word.”

As you make *your* resolutions and plans for the new year, ask God what He has in store for you in your spiritual life. And join us for our January sermon series as we consider what your next step might be.

# IN THE LOOP

Stay up to date with us!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Danny Bell	2
Amber Rhodes	7
Hailie Cummins	7
Luke Miller	10
Marcia Daniel	11
Catherine Fraiser	12
Carrie Human	13
Jarvis Freeman	13
Domingo Caamano	14
Lisa Brondyke	19
Carolyn Danson	25
Joyce Daniel	25
Josh Cummins	29
Barbara Twilley	30
Steven Brondyke	30
Thomas A Henry	30
Steve Whitcomb	31
Randy Scott	31

## ANNIVERSARIES

John & Amber Rhodes	1
Tom & Gail Lynn	13
Bobby & Jean Phillips	16

## Stand for Life

Join us as we stand for life on Saturday, Jan 17 from 10am-Noon

## Scripture for JANUARY

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**Luke 9:23**

## READ GOD'S WORD IN 2026

The new year is coming quickly! Make your plans now to hear from God each day. Grace offers a number of Bible reading plans on our website.

[gracefellowship.ws/church-info/bible-reading-plans](http://gracefellowship.ws/church-info/bible-reading-plans)

# MISSIONS



**January Mission**

## STEP INTO THE MISSION: MEDICINES NEEDED FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

**Mucinex Tablets**  
**Guaifenesin Tablets**  
**Cough syrups for Children**  
**Children's Vitamins**  
**(NO Gummies)**

**Take the Next Step with Our Mission Teams!**

Each month in 2026, our Mission Team will share specific ways you can partner with our upcoming trips and ministries. Your donations are a vital 'next step' in sending our teams into the field. Please bring this month's featured items to the Connection side of the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space. Check back monthly for new ways to give and help us make a global impact together. Thank you for walking alongside us in service! In January we are asking for medicines for the Clinica Buen Samaritano in the Dominican Republic.

**They especially need: Mucinex Tablets, Guaifenesin Tablets, Cough syrup for Children, Children's Vitamins (Please NO Gummies)**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Christmas 2025 as we know it is in the rearview mirror but for OCC things are just beginning! All those boxes are now on their way to places all over the world. The goal is to serve 12 million children with these shoeboxes with the prayerful expectation of teaching each one about the saving grace of Jesus.

Donnie and I were able to assist with box processing at the Atlanta center, where an impressive one million boxes had already been handled. Each center aims for a daily target of 100,000 boxes.

On December 18th, the final carton was processed in Atlanta. Volunteering at a processing center is highly recommended—it's a transformative experience! – *Libby Chapman*

# FINANCES & BUDGET

## *Financial Update*

Giving, Expenses, and Budget **thru 11/30/25**

Budget	\$ 916,348
Giving	<u>\$ 996,666</u>
Variance	\$ 80,318
Expenses	\$ 877,622

## Welcome to 2026!

That may be a little premature ... depending on when you read this! But whether you're reading this in the last few days of 2025 or the first few days of 2026, the months continue to fly by. Regardless of the date or the circumstances, our God remains faithful and calls us to be faithful to His mission

Grace Fellowship exists to glorify God by bringing people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. In order to accomplish this, there are three very important responsibilities of each and every church member:

- (1) PRAY
- (2) GIVE
- (3) SERVE

Pray for your church, your staff, leadership, and ministry teams. Ask God to give them wisdom, strength, and a deep love for the Lord and His people. Pray also for God's direction in your life.

Give generously to the work of Christ. Your pastors and leaders are committed to faithful giving, including but not limited to tithing. We won't all give the same dollar amounts, but we help "carry the load" as the Lord provides and leads.

Serving is the call of every believer. Under the Lordship of Jesus, we serve our families, our church family, and our community. We do it humbly, and we do it in Jesus' name and for His glory.

So what is your next step? Let's move forward in faith!

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

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

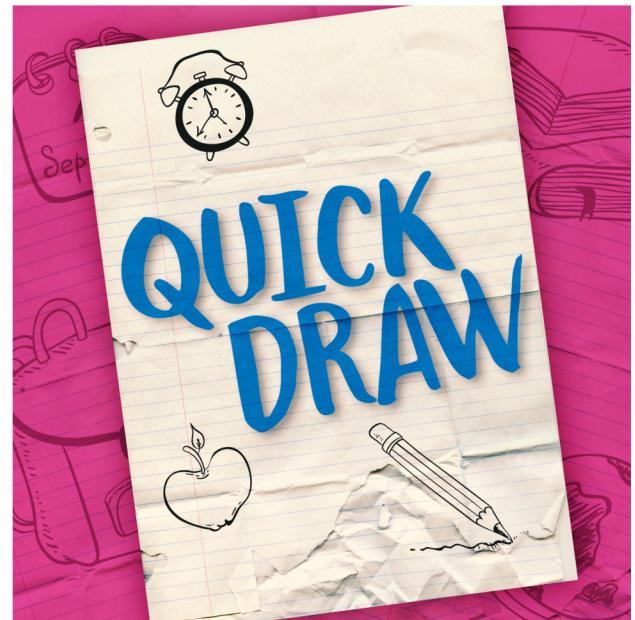
It's a joy and an honor to serve and teach your children each week. They have hungry minds and it's amazing to watch them learn and grow in the Lord.

We need you! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in the children's ministry, please contact Cassidy Callaway at [children@gracefellowship.ws](mailto:children@gracefellowship.ws) to get plugged in or to ask any questions.

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## KIDS COVE

Happy New Year! Our January unit for Kids Cove is 'Quick Draw'. Quick – grab a marker and a piece of paper! It's time to play a fast-paced picture drawing game. During this unit the teacher will draw a simple picture while the kids guess what it is. As the pictures unfold, so will the Bible story. It's a fun-filled picture guessing game that helps kids picture the love of Jesus and what it means to grow wise and strong.



## KIDS @ GRACE



Welcome back- we missed you! We'll start the new year by learning how to train in righteousness and the qualities of a worker of God through Paul's letter to Timothy. Then we'll learn how Jesus is our High Priest, about Christian love and the marks of a believer, and we'll wrap up the month learning about prayer using the ACTS model! 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](mailto: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.

# ELDER UPDATE

## The Elder Communication for the January 2026 Newsletter

The Elder Council met in their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. The Elders present were: Randy Scott, Stuart Harris, Mike Moore, Mac Manley, Steven Brondyke, David Tolbert, AJ Hunt, Nolan Callaway, Tom Lynn, and Pastor Jimmy Long. In addition, Matt Macleod, Joey Wood, and Hank Raehn were there representing the staff. Additionally, members of the Finance Team were present: Melvin Rhodes (Treasurer), Pam Scott (Asst Treasurer), and Larry Choate (Team Chair).

Randy Scott opened the meeting in prayer and a devotion. This was followed by reciting the church's mission statement that is to guide us in our work. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as submitted, and this was followed by the report from the Finance Team led by Mike Moore (Elder Liaison to the Finance Team).

Below is a summary of giving this month and year-to-date.

### Giving Summary:

YTD Giving	\$996,666	Giving in Nov	\$105,805
YTD Budget	\$916,348	Budget in Nov	\$80,086
YTD Expenses	\$877,622	Expenses in Nov	\$90,481

God has blessed us this year with faithful givers to enable us to accomplish so much each month. The Elders deeply appreciate the faithfulness of God's people and the efforts of our Finance Team!

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.

The Elders considered a number of building repair and update priorities. The work to correct issues with the pavilion is underway, and an issue with some wood rot around some of the windows is being evaluated. Other priorities were discussed but will be addressed specifically in the near future.

Members of the Finance Team were present to assist with two important issues:

- (1) Based on advice from the Finance Team, Pastor Jimmy recommended that \$75,000 be moved from the Georgia Baptist Foundation Fund to the General Fund in order to create a better balance between the accounts and to provide greater liquidity for the church. The motion was considered and passed. The Finance Team was instructed to proceed with this in January.
- (2) The 2026 draft budget was considered in great detail. The final vote will be in January, but the Elders are committed to presenting to the church a budget that meets our ministry needs for the coming year. Additionally, once a final giving total for 2025 is known, the Elder Council will reconsider whether we are able to increase our giving to the Cooperative Program to boost what we gave this fiscal year. Please pray for this process.

The next scheduled Elder Council meeting is January 20. If there are any issues that you would like addressed, please contact any of the elders to request it be placed on our agenda.

# YOUTH MINISTRY



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

State Farm Arena, Atlanta, Georgia

*Chris Tomlin - Matthew West - Kathy Nichole  
nobigdyl. - Disciple - Emerson Day  
Newsong - Zane Black*

Contact Jarvis Freeman for more information - [jarvis@gracefellowship.ws](mailto:jarvis@gracefellowship.ws)

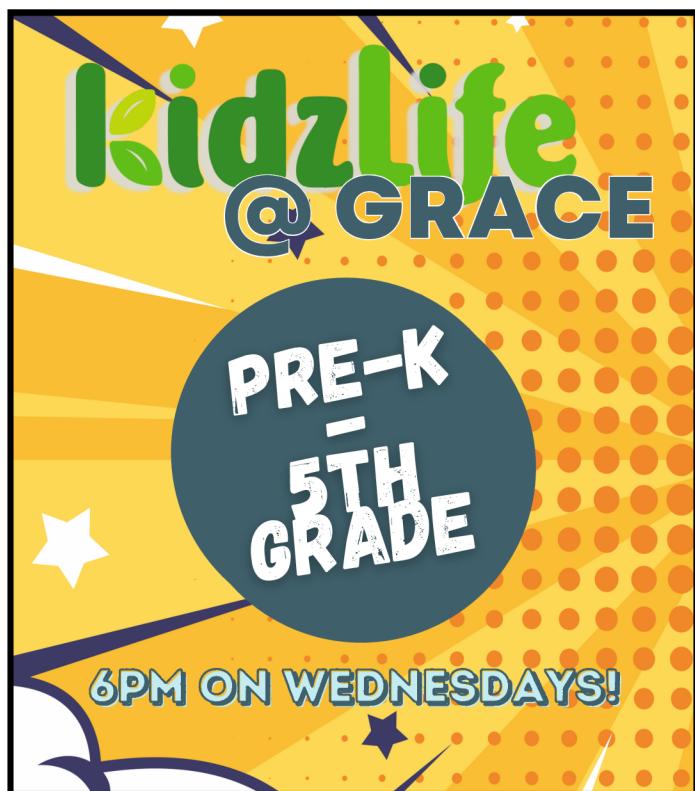


**SUMMER CAMP!**

**JUNE 4-8**

Lookout Mountain, Georgia

Mark your calendars  
and make your plans today!!!!  
Contact Jarvis Freeman for more information - [jarvis@gracefellowship.ws](mailto:jarvis@gracefellowship.ws)



**Grace Youth**

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!**

**Kids & Youth eat free!**

# DISCIPLESHIP

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Are you ready to take disciple-making to the next level?

Join us at the **IMPACT Discipleship Summit** held at Crossroad Church in Sharpsburg, Georgia on January 30-31, 2026 for two days of teaching and practical tools. This year, our goal is to bring 20 people passionate about learning and applying the IMPACT Discipleship Strategy.

*Will you be one of them?*

What to Expect:

- ✓ Engaging Speakers who will challenge and equip you
- ✓ Practical strategies for multiplying disciples
- ✓ A community of like-minded leaders

If interested contact [JOEY@GRACEFELLOWSHIP.WS](mailto:JOEY@GRACEFELLOWSHIP.WS)

## FAMILY NIGHT MEAL

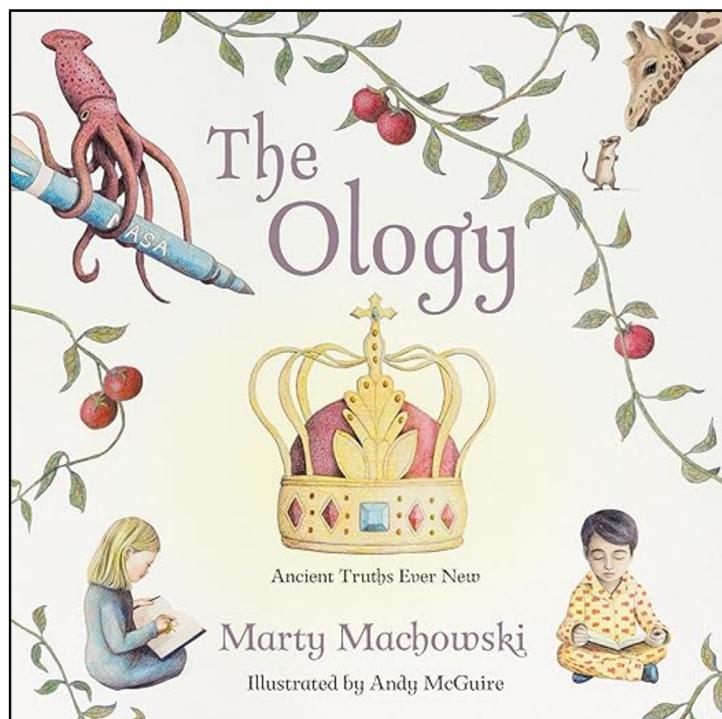
6:00 PM WEDNESDAYS  
DONATIONS APPRECIATED  
18 & UNDER EAT FREE!

# GRACE @ HOME

**Start the new year with fresh resources to grow in your faith!**

We're excited to offer a free Bible Reading Plan for 2026 to anyone who would like to join us in reading God's Word together. In addition, we have a wide selection of new materials and books covering topics like marriage, parenting, grandparenting, adult children, missions, personal growth, and more—available for just \$10 each.

Plus, the first 10 families with children who request it will receive a free copy of *The Ology*, a family devotional designed to help you explore big truths in a way kids can understand. Don't miss out—reach out today! For your family's copy, contact Joey at [joey@gracefellowship.ws](mailto:joey@gracefellowship.ws)



**Stop by the Grace@Home Resource Center this week!**