

GRACE NOTES

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PASTOR'S NOTES

MARK ELKINS

It is time once again for our **Vacation Bible School!!!!** The set construction and the drama team have already begun their preparations and the various teachers, assistants, and kitchen volunteers are finalizing their plans for another incredible year. In fact, this year's theme is "The Incredible Race" and it will be teaching our next generation that there is only ONE race: the human race. Every person regardless of their skin and hair color or their height and weight are all made in the image of God. We have all descended from Adam and Eve and we are all, therefore, brothers and sisters!

This message is so important today for the church in America that we are going to even have a special two-part sermon series beginning July 14th called The Incredible Race. In this series, we will examine what God's Holy Word has to say about race and race relations and what the Lord calls us to do as His ambassadors.

But, even with all the planning, meetings, and preparations, we cannot forget the most important part of anything we do for the glory of God – **Prayer!!!** Every day, it is important that we dedicate ourselves to praying and seeking God's will through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But this is especially true during our VBS, so I have put together a prayer calendar below that I hope will help focus our efforts and ensure our success:

Sunday (July 14th)...Pray for the safety of everyone helping to setup for VBS.

Monday (July 15th)...Pray for the mothers, fathers, and grandparents who are trying to decide whether to bring their children to our VBS.

Tuesday (July 16th)...Pray for travel mercies for all the families and volunteers that will be coming to Grace to sign-up for the first night of VBS.

Wednesday (July 17th)...Pray for all the teachers and assistants in each of the age groups, as they share the truth of the Incredible Race.

Thursday (July 18th)...Pray for the kitchen (snacks), games, and crafts teams, as they teach the children that following Jesus can be fun.

Friday (July 19th)...Pray for the strength and energy of all the volunteers as they near the finish line.

Saturday (July 20th)...Pray for the families who will hear the Gospel in our drama and experience Jesus' love at our Family Fun Day.

Sunday (July 21st)...Pray that any child and family, who was touched by the love and Gospel of Jesus, will join us to worship Him and praise His holy name.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4th

Annual 4th of July Picnic

July 7th

Makeup VBS Volunteer Meeting

July 14th

VBS Set-Up Sunday

July 16th-19th

VBS: The Incredible Race

July 20th

VBS/Community Family Fun Day

July 28th

Quarterly Business Meeting

Aug 1st

Deacon Nomination Month Begins

Aug 11th

Promotion Sunday

STUDENT CORNER

Without a doubt, summer is the most anticipated season of the year! Whether it is your favorite, or not, there are so many things to love about it. What is the first thing you think of when someone says summer? Cook-outs? The beach? Swimming? No school? Time off work? Travel? Well from July 16-20, kids will be traveling around the world!! So get your passports ready and come join us for a week full of fun and learning about our Lord!

I am so excited to welcome Carol Byrd to her new role in Children's Ministry! She is officially the new "Director of AWANA Ministry"! She is already working hard to enhance the program that Lena Howell has so faithfully lead over the last 6 years. Thank you, Lena for your service! If you feel the Lord is leading you in this area of Children's Ministry, please contact Carol this summer and let her know. You can usually reach her by calling or texting 276-229-6025.

Blessings to all,
Nandrea Groves
Director of Student Ministries



THE INCREDIBLE RACE VBS

Tues, July 16th – Fri, July 19th

5:45pm-8:30pm

VBS/COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL

Saturday, July 20th

10am-2pm

Grab your passport, because this Summer we are traveling around the world at The Incredible Race VBS! From Tues, July 16th - Fri, July 19th, kids can enjoy fun Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, songs, outdoor games, and a comedy show every evening!
Ages 4-13.

Then join us on Saturday, July 20th for our Community Family Fun Carnival to finish off our VBS week! This is open to the whole community, whether or not your child was in VBS. It's just a fun, free day with songs, a comedy show, games, a bounce house, face painting, dunking booth, crafts, emergency vehicles, balloons, hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, snowcones, candy, and more! All Ages.

Visit www.hisgraceforyou.org/theincrediblerace to Pre-Register your children online and save time on Registration Day!

Please Invite Your Friends and Spread the Word!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 07 – Jane Hall, Amy Shelor, Amanda Barnes

July 14 – Paula & Robert Reynolds, Pat Groves

July 21 – Susan Holt, Ashlee Logan, Candi Hylton

July 28 – Brenda & Leon Vaughn, Ward Stone

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

July 07 – Wendy Buchanan & Amy Castor

July 14 – Dale & Shelley Hollandsworth

July 21 – Peyton Elkins & Mandy Worley

July 28 – Diane Ross & Jane Bryant

PRAYER DEACONS

July 07 – David Byrd

July 14 – Dick East

July 21 – Pat Groves

July 28 – Dale Hollandsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to join us at 3pm for our Annual 4th of July Church Picnic at Dick & Pat East's house. It will be a fun evening of fellowship, food, games, swimming, horseback-riding, fishing, and an amazing fireworks show after dark! Please, bring a side-dish and/or dessert to share, lawn chairs for your family, and modest swimwear. If anyone can help with clean up on Friday morning, it would be greatly appreciated!

Parents Note: For safety, a parent must accompany children 12 and under in the fenced in pool area if their child is in the pool.

We are having our next Quarterly Business Meeting on Sunday, July 28th, directly after the Worship Service, followed by our Quarterly Potluck Lunch. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for our time of food and fellowship.

August 1st marks the beginning of our Deacon Nomination Month. We will have a big green box in the hallway outside the sanctuary, where you will be able to drop in your nomination.

New books and movies are being added to our church library all the time! Please be sure to check out our wide selection of Christian materials in our two library rooms upstairs across from the Youth room. There is a sheet on the Library table for you to check materials in and out.

Vacation Bible School is coming Tuesday, July 16th–Friday, July 20th, from 5:45pm–8:30pm, with our VBS/Community Family Fun Carnival on Saturday, July 20th, from 10am – 2pm. Please, pray about whether you can serve and talk to Pam Elkins, as soon as possible.



Sunday, July 14th, is our VBS Set-Up Day and we need YOUR help to prepare our church for the Incredible Race. Stay after church (Lunch will be provided) or come any time you can. We will be working until 6pm. Please, help us decorate and prepare for an amazing week of VBS!

VBS Volunteers are reminded to park on the side of the building or the back row of the parking lot to provide open spaces for visitors, and to arrive by 5:20pm if possible. We will begin the evening with prayer at 5:25pm in the Fellowship Hall.

FOR EVERYONE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR VBS: If you will be volunteering for this year's VBS and you were unable to make it to the June 30th Mandatory Meeting, we need you to join us for a Mandatory VBS Volunteer Meeting Sunday, July 7, after church in the Fellowship Hall. Every volunteer, aged 18 and up, will need a Background Check if they do not have one already. Please contact Casey Elkins to request a Background Check Permission Form.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6:30pm VBS Play Rehearsal	3	4 3pm 4 th of July Church Picnic	5 <u>Amanda Barnes</u> <u>Syrina Bowman</u>	6
7 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service 12:30PM VBS MANDATORY VOLUNTEER MAKEUP MEETING	8 <u>Russell Demarest</u>	9 <u>Shelley Hollandsworth</u>	10	11 <u>Elijah Stegall</u> <u>Brenda Vaughn</u>	12	13
14 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service 12:30PM VBS SET-UP SUNDAY	15 VBS Set-Up <u>Flo Bell</u> <u>Jane Bryant</u> <u>Rusty Smith</u>	16 VBS DAY 1 <u>Barry Jones</u>	THE INCREDIBLE RACE VBS 5:45PM - 8:30PM		19 VBS DAY 4	20 VBS/COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL 10AM-2PM VBS CLEAN-UP <u>Lynn Caudill</u>
21 VBS SUNDAY 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service	22 <u>Kyra Harris</u>	23	24 <u>Adryanna Register</u>	25 6:30pm Deacons Meeting <u>Shannon Brown</u>	26	27
28 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service Potluck Lunch & Quarterly Business Meeting	29 <u>Ashley Marshall</u> <u>Steve Walker</u>	30 <u>Martina Hubbard</u> <u>Annetta Lind</u>	31 <u>Ashley Rowe</u>			

FIND VIDEOS OF OUR PAST VBS PLAYS AT [FACEBOOK.COM/HISGRACEFORYOU.ORG/VIDEOS](https://www.facebook.com/hisgraceforyou.org/videos)



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