

Grace Notes

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2019

Pastor's Notes

Mark Elkins

Everyone get ready, because starting the first Wednesday in September, we will be kicking off all of our exciting Wednesday Night Ministries!!!

Fellowship Meals: This is a wonderful ministry that allows us time to both catch up with old friends and also to introduce ourselves to new ones. There is a suggested donation for members, but as always guests are FREE!!

AWANA: This is an excellent ministry that allows us to pour God's love and Word into the next generation of His children. And, every year since God brought this ministry to us here at Grace, we have seen Him add to our ministry and our joy. We pray that this year, He will do the same again!!!

Bible Study: This year we will start the season off by finishing our study of a thought-provoking and educational book called, "What is the Gospel". This is an

interactive study that helps prepare us to share the Gospel as Christ's ambassadors. Everyone is invited and all materials will be supplied.

Isaiah's Bells: Grace's bell ministry will begin another year of rehearsals and preparations, so they can bring a touch of God's beauty to our services! If you have any questions regarding the bells ministry, please contact Marceia Bartlett.

AWANA MAMAS: We encourage the moms, who bring their children to AWANA, to be spiritually fed, as well. But all women are welcome to join us, as we discuss books that focus on living our lives for Christ, particularly as mothers.

Choir: The choir will be preparing for another exciting year of worshiping the Lord that will include numerous Calls to Worship, Calls to Prayer, soloists, and special Christmas and Easter celebrations!!!

Beloved, 2019-2020 is going to be another incredible season of Wednesday Evening Ministries, so please mark your calendars and invite your friends and family up to Grace Mountain!

Upcoming Events

Sept 4th
Wednesday Night
Activities Begin

Sept 29th
Deacon Ballots
Handed Out

Oct 19th
Apple Dumpling Festival
Foster Care/Adoption
Summit

Student Corner

School is back in session and I am praying for the best school year ever for the GBC children.

The kick off for the new Awana year is September 4th! A special shout out to Carol Byrd for her diligent research and planning for the coming year! It's going to be awesome!

Welcome to Zeb and Amber Hicks, Marcia Jones, Amy Castor, Samantha Gasper, Christy Foley, Jacob and Candace Bowman, and James Hubbard. They will be joining the Children's Ministry Team this month. Amber and Amy will be assisting with the Cubbies.

Zeb will be heading up the new Youth ministry. Samantha, Candace and Marcia will be assisting in Puggles. James and Jacob will be leading games at Awana. It is such a blessing to have all of you in our church family!

Please pray for our Children's and Youth Ministries. Without prayer, our year will not be successful. If you feel a calling to be a part of this ministry, please let me know. There is always a spot for you!

Blessings,
Nandrea Groves
Student Ministry Director

Prayer Deacons

Sep 01 – David Byrd

Sep 08 – Chuck Buchanan

Sep 15 – Dale Hollandsworth

Sep 22 – Dick East

Sep 29 – Pat Groves

Fellowship Meals

Sep 04 – Prepared

Sep 11 – Potluck

Sep 18 – Prepared

Sep 25 – Prepared

Awana Theme Nights

Sep 04 – Kick-Off Night

Sep 11 – Missions Night

Sep 18 – Bring a Friend Night

Sep 25 – Color Team Night

Nursery Schedule

Sep 01 – Ward & Shelly Stone, Susan Holt

Sep 08 – Margaret Carlson, Jane Hall, Brenda Vaughn

Sep 15 – Candi Hylton, Amy Shelor, Peyton Elkins

Sep 22 – Teresa Heironimus, Nancy Howell, Leon Vaughn

Sep 29 – Rusty & Nadine Smith, Chris Howell

Children's Church

Sep 01 – Maura Elkins and Barry Jones

Sep 08 – Casey Elkins and Dawn Gregory

Sep 15 – Leisa LeFew and Grayson Howell

Sep 22 – Wendy Buchanan & Amy Castor

Sep 29 – Dale & Shelley Hollandsworth

Cleaning Schedule

Sep 01 – Lind Team

Sep 08 – Carlson Team

Sep 15 – MOPS/Co-Op Team

Sep 22 – Byrd Team

Sep 29 – Groves Team

Mowing Schedule

Sep 01 – Montgomery Team

Sep 08 – Hughes Team

Sep 15 – East Team

Sep 22 – Hylton Team

Sep 29 – Rowe Team

Trimming Schedule

Sep 01 – Groves Team

Sep 08 – Hollandsworth Team

Sep 15 – Byrd Team

Sep 22 – Groves Team

Sep 29 – Hollandsworth Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, September 4th, at 6pm, is our special AWANA Kick-Off Night. Each clubber family will get to meet their AWANA leaders for the year and get a fun, brief taste of what the year will be like. Then we will end the night with an Ice-Cream Social for the whole family! You can also pre-register your family online for the AWANA Clubs 2019-2020 year by visiting hisgraceforyou.org/awanaregistration to pre-register now. This will save you valuable time on Kick-Off Night!

Calling all Mamas who like sweet fellowship and free childcare! Be sure to join us at Grace Baptist MOPS for an inclusive group of authentic women who offer friendships, advice, and a place to fellowship. The Mothers of Preschoolers will meet here at Grace Baptist Church, every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10am, to encourage and equip one another in the love of Jesus Christ. Childcare is provided, and every meeting ends with a delicious lunch!

To make this wonderful ministry the best it can be, we need help watching the little ones of the moms from all over the community for Bible Study and authentic fellowship. Do you have a couple hours just once or twice a month to serve in Childcare? If you can help provide childcare, please contact Jennifer Brown.

The Apple Dumpling Festival will be on Saturday, October 20th, from 10-4pm, and we will be there with a GBC booth. We need help from volunteers like you for setup, clean-up, handing out waters, and face painting. If you would like to join us (and we would love to have you), there will be a sign-up sheet on the Ministry table in the Sanctuary. It is a fun event of service, fellowship, and representing our great God to the community!

We will be having our 3rd Quarter Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall, directly after the Worship service. Then please join us for a brief Business Meeting on Sunday, October 27th in the Sanctuary.

Our annual Trunk and Treat will be on Thursday, October 31st from 6-8pm in the church parking lot. Please join us for some safe family fun, as we pass out free candy, roast marshmallows, drink warm apple cider, and enjoy fellowship together. Dinner will be provided to the volunteers at 5pm.

Did you know that Online Giving is available at GBC? Visit hisgraceforyou.org/giving to learn more or visit our Online Giving webpage! When you partner with our ministry, your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission and to see more lives and families experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. We are truly grateful for your partnering and hope the convenience and simplicity of online giving will be a blessing to you and your family.

As we close the deacon nomination phase, we will begin to start a new phase of interviewing deacon nominees. On September 29th, all ballots will be ready, addressed, and handed out by Casey Elkins in church that morning. The rest of the ballots will be mailed the following day. To vote, you must be a member, 18yrs. or older. Please prayerfully vote on who should be our next deacons for GBC, and then return the ballot to the green box in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Fellowship is BACK!

It's been an awesome Summer, but we are excited for the return of Wednesday Fellowship Activities this Wednesday, September 4th.

- Join us for our Fellowship Meal, which begins at 5:15pm.
- AWANA Clubs are starting up again at 6pm with a special Kick-Off Night for each child to meet their AWANA Club leader, and ending with an Ice Cream Social.
- Isaiah's Bells Rehearsals begin again at 6:15pm in the Music Room.
- Adult Bible Study will meet upstairs at 6:15pm. Please contact Pastor Mark, with any questions.
- AWANA MAMAS (beginning on Sept 11th) will meet at 6:15pm in the Conference Room upstairs.
- Our "Voices of Grace" Choir Practice will be at 7:40pm.



Our AWANA Volunteers are excited and ready for the new year! Here are a few scenes from our AWANA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Training on Wednesday, August 21st.



Stay Connected!

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Sunday Morning

9:45am Sunday Small Groups

11am Worship Service

Wednesday Night

5:15pm Fellowship Meal

6:00am AWANA Clubs

Refuge Youth Ministry

6:15pm Adult Bible Study

AWANA MAMAS

Isaiah's Bells

7:40pm Choir Practice

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service	2	3 10am MOPS	4 10am PCHE Co-Op 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6pm AWANA & Refuge 6:15pm Bible Study Isaiah's Bells 7:40pm Choir Practice	5 6:30pm Deacons Meeting <u>Bernard Hylton</u>	6	7
8 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service	9 <u>Jude Spangler</u>	10	11 10am PCHE Co-Op 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6pm AWANA & Refuge 6:15pm Bible Study AWANA Mamas Isaiah's Bells 7:40pm Choir Practice	12	13 <u>Maura Elkins</u> <u>Chris Gasper Sr.</u>	14
15 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service <u>Eli Logan</u>	16 7pm Women on Mission	17 10am MOPS	18 10am PCHE Co-Op 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6pm AWANA & Refuge 6:15pm Bible Study AWANA Mamas Isaiah's Bells 7:40pm Choir Practice <u>Leon Vaughn</u>	19 10am Women of Grace 6:30pm Deacons Meeting	20 <u>Ward Stone</u>	21 <u>Kristie Demarest</u> <u>John Hughes Jr.</u>
22 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service <u>Chris Gasper Jr.</u> <u>Declan Gasper</u>	23 <u>Chris Barnes</u>	24 <u>Tina Hubbard</u>	25 10am PCHE Co-Op 5:15pm Fellowship Meal 6pm AWANA & Refuge 6:15pm Bible Study AWANA Mamas Isaiah's Bells 7:40pm Choir Practice <u>Treva Phillips</u>	26 <u>Jerry Marshall</u>	27	28 <u>Ella Menear</u>
29 9:45am Small Groups 11am Worship Service	30 <u>Heather Spence</u>					