

# Grace Notes

August 31, 2025

## Mission Statement

To draw people to Christ,  
nourish their spirits, and  
prepare them for service to God,  
the Church, and the world.

### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

#### Sunday, August 31

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Kids for Christ  
10:00 am Chancel Choir  
10:15 am Fellowship (coffee and tea)  
**10:30 am Worship Service**  
11:45 am Fellowship (coffee and tea)

#### Monday, September 1 (office closed)

10:00 am Senior Basketball  
1:30 pm Caregiver Support

#### Tuesday, September 2

9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny  
10:30 am United Women of Faith  
5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:30 pm Admin Council

#### Wednesday, September 3

10:00 am Yoga  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 4

5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:45 pm Basketball

#### Friday, September 5

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Grace Walkers

#### Saturday, September 6

8:30 am Choir Retreat

#### Sunday, September 7

(Return to normal worship schedule)

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Kids for Christ  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:30 pm Youth

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### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 8/24/2025

In-person Worship Service

10:30 am 164  
Online service 41

Operating Funds Received \$ 7,550  
Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671  
Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 250

Apportionments Paid Through July

#### July financial report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts \$ 31,021  
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures \$ 41,402  
Balance \$ (10,381)  
YTD Budget Receipts \$ 403,617  
YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 499,528  
Balance \$ (95,911)

Organ Fund (YTD balance) \$ 11,299

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

#### On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg>

#### Grace United Methodist Church

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Ph/910.763.5197

website: [gracedowntown.church](http://gracedowntown.church)

Use the QR code at right.

**Or text: MyGift2Grace to 73256**  
Gifts may also be mailed to the address above.



Registration is now at the Welcome Center for  
Men's Breakfast—9 am, September 20, 2025

Bullock Activity Center

Rev. Dr. Jack Jones invites you to a Men's  
gathering, with breakfast provided. Questions?  
Contact Pastor Jack at [jack@gracedowntown.net](mailto:jack@gracedowntown.net),

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard update

Last week, 407 were served.

Go to [motherhubbardsnc.com](http://motherhubbardsnc.com) for directions on how to  
volunteer and how to make monetary donations to  
help purchase fresh food.

### September Birthdays

9/1 Tom Powers  
9/2 Linda Furderer  
Marion Wise  
9/3 Mary Miller  
9/4 Jeff Wilson  
9/5 Emily Booth  
9/6 Rob Akerhielm  
9/7 Nancy Bullock

9/9 Emery Rasmussen  
Jake Rasmussen  
9/10 Brian Lewis  
9/11 George Patterson  
9/14 Dianna Florea  
Nikki Howard  
9/15 Marie Allison  
June Knox  
Vicki Hutnik

9/16 Cindy Henry  
9/17 Ann Ipock  
Fred Merritt  
9/19 Joe Huppmann  
9/20 Mac Cunningham  
Larry Jennings  
9/22 Marsella Teachey  
Katie Stenerson  
9/23 John Burnette

9/25 Everett Bruce Moore  
Frank Steele  
9/27 Anne Wolling  
9/28 John Chickering  
Robert High  
9/29 Rick Zigler  
9/30 Brian Stetson  
Nancy Pritchett

- ☐ Would like to join Grace United Methodist Church  
☐ Need Grace UMC name tag(s)  
☐ Change of address, phone number, or email.  
☐ Would like a Congregational visit

If any of the above apply, please check at least one box and drop in the collection plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Note or Prayer request: \_\_\_\_\_

Fall Event scheduling, planning is in full swing!

Amy (Brena Conley's niece)  
Betty Arnette  
Dot Ballard  
Family of Greg Bergbower  
Joyce Blauvelt  
Lindsey Brown  
Allison Cockerell  
Janice Fladd  
Audra Florea  
Family of Lily Jack  
Jimmy  
Tim Jones  
Maria King  
Sherry Layton  
Delaine Lester  
Frank Licari  
Millie  
Dick Raim

Rod Roberts  
Gary Rowe  
Rya  
Paul Sipson  
Eric Smallwood  
Marianne Sorace  
Jen Stenerson  
Dan Walters  
Donna Young  
  
Grace UMC staff and volunteers  
Grace UMC youth, children and their  
leaders  
All those whose lives are affected by  
war and natural disasters  
Those whose lives are affected

Prayer Requests



Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN	Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF
PO1 Sean Baker, USN	SFC Letty Long, USA
Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA	Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC
LCpl. John Capwell, USMC	SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF
Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC	Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA
Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN	SSgt. James Pritchett, USA
E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN	CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN
E6 William Chase Dubel, USA	SSgt. Andrew Ross, USMC
E3 Caylen Folmar, USAF	Capt. Brandon Showers, USMC
E3 Taylor Folmar, USN	Capt. Robert Stockman, USMC
Sgt. Alex Gifford, USMC	Michael Tate, USA
SFC Woodrow Long, USA	E2 Cassie Wenz, USMC

*If you have a prayer request, please contact  
Marilee Tremlett at [mtrem3@icloud.com](mailto:mtrem3@icloud.com).*

UWF starts back on the first Tuesday of the month.

Our first meeting will be at 10:30 am, Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Our speaker will be Lynda Barrow from Elderhaus, an adult day center. Also, Jane Carrico will be speaking about a mission for the Good Shepherd Center that needs help. AGAPE Boxes will soon be available for pickup. Instructions will be inside if you wish to participate in this Christmas Mission Project to Armenia. These will need to be turned in by September 29<sup>th</sup> to ensure their delivery by Christmas to children who will not otherwise be receiving any presents. Please plan to attend to hear about some of our plans for this next year. Also, we would love for you to give us some of your ideas. Hope to see you there!

—Dianna Florea - 937 307-3556

Sunday Youth Night resumes

Hello all!! Many of you have asked how you can help with youth events so I am here to give some options!! Our youth will kick off Sunday night youth, September 7th @ 4:30pm. As we get started into this new school year we ask first and foremost for prayers. Prayers for our young people as they enter into another chapter of their lives. We will need donations/volunteers to be able to feed our youth on Sunday nights. This can be dropping off a dinner, coordinating with me to make it happen!! If you feel led to get to know our young people of the church, come sit in with us as we learn and build our connection in Christ. If you have any questions you may contact me at [gracie@gracedowntown.net](mailto:gracie@gracedowntown.net) or my cell (828) 200-2073.

Thank you for all of your support.  
Gracie Williamson, Director of Youth Ministries

Grace Ringers Retreat

The Grace Ringers enjoyed a handbell retreat yesterday, Sat., Aug. 30, 9 am - 1pm with internationally known guest composer, conductor and clinician, **Brian Childers**. Brian's choral, instrumental, and handbell works are performed frequently throughout the world. He is in demand as a featured clinician and conductor at music conferences, festivals and workshops across the nation. Brian serves as Director of Handbells, Children's, and Youth Music at Myers Park UMC, Charlotte, NC.



The members of Grace Ringers revisited fundamental bell technique and articulations and were introduced to and rehearsed new handbell music that will be shared with the congregation during worship services in the upcoming months.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of Grace Ringers and Grace's Music Ministries. Soli Deo Gloria!

Greetings to my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we transition from a busy summer into fall, there are some exciting things to look forward to here at Grace! Starting with **Sunday, September 7**, Pastor Benny will lead us on a journey through the Gospels, preaching on God's abundance as it relates to the feeding of the 5000. This subject is presented from the viewpoint of all four of the Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Each of the Sundays in September will explore the related scripture of one of the Gospels.

On **Sunday, October 5**, we will come together in one service at 10:30 for 45 minutes and then encourage the Congregation to attend the 2025 Grace Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity for each Grace member to see how Grace is reaching out in mission and ministry to do God's work on Earth. You will be able to ask questions of those involved in each ministry, and given the opportunity to sign up to assist using your time and talents. The Nurture Committee will be providing an extended coffee fellowship during the Fair.

On **Sunday, October 12** there will again be one service from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. On this Sunday, we will re-commit ourselves to God, draw from the abundance that He has bestowed upon each of us, and to prayerfully and generously give our time, talent and treasure to expand His kingdom here on Earth. Following the service, we will break bread together, and enjoy a congregational potluck luncheon in the gymnasium. Nurture will be providing a signup sheet so that we can plan accordingly.

In closing, God provides for us a canvas (our church and community), WE are the vibrant colors of His palette, and our time, talents and treasure are His brushes. Let us strive to paint a magnificent MASTERpiece worthy of God, our rock and our Redeemer. Won't you step forward to be a loving part of God's master plan for his people? Let's be HIS hands and feet across the land! May the love of God be with you always!

Blessings to all,  
Tom Powers, Event Chair, 2025 Grace Ministry Fair

Praying the Scriptures  
Week Beginning Sunday, August 31, 2025

Centering Prayer: Holy Spirit, fill me with your joy.  
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 81:1, 10-16

**Sunday, 31 Aug.** - Jeremiah 2:4-13 / Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 / Luke 14:1, 7-14  
**Monday, 1 Sep.** - 2 Chron. 6:32-7:7 / James 2:1-13 / Mark 14:53-65  
**Tuesday, 2 Sep.** - 1 Kings 8:65-9:9 / James 2:14-26 / Mark 14:66-72  
**Wednesday, 3 Sep.** - 1 Kings 9:24-10:13 / James 3:1-12 / Mark 15:1-11  
**Thursday, 4 Sep.** - 1 Kings 11:1-13 / James 3:13-4:12 / Mark 15:12-21  
**Friday, 5 Sep.** - 1 Kings 11:26-43 / James 4:13-5:6 / Mark 15:22-32  
**Saturday, 6 Sep.** - 1 Kings 12:1-20 / James 5:7-12, 19-20 / Mark 15:33-39