

Grace Notes

September 7, 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, 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

Monday, September 8

- 8:45 am Grace in Motion
- 10:00 am Senior Basketball
- 6:30 pm SPRC mtg.
- 7:15 Chorale Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 9

- 9:00 am Organist Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Benny
- 9:30 am Knitwerks (@Panera Bread)
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:30 pm Finance Mtg.
- 7:00 pm Chorale Board Mtg

Wednesday, September 10

- 10:00 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 2:00 pm Organist Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Worship mtg.
- 6:15 pm Grace Ringers
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

- 5:00 pm Parent's Night Out
- 5:30 pm Bootcamp
- 6:45 pm Basketball

Friday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 13

- 9:00 am Chorale Practices (Sectionals)

Sunday, September 14

- 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

In-person/Online Attendance & Offering For 9/7/2025

In-person Worship Service

10:30 am 173
Online service 47

Operating Funds Received \$ 7,151
Average Receipts Needed Weekly \$ 17,671
Building Preservation Funds Received \$ 315

Apportionments Paid Through August

August financial report

YTD Building Preservation Receipts \$ 33,566
YTD Building Preservation Expenditures \$ 60,199
Balance \$ (26,633)
YTD Budget Receipts \$ 480,752
YTD Expenses (2025) \$ 574,042
Balance \$ (93,290)

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>

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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,
910 763-5197.

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 meetings, 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, or 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 or my cell (828) 200-2073.

Thank you for all of your support.

Gracie Williamson, Director of Youth Ministries

Fall Fellowship – Back for Good(ies)

The Nurture Committee welcomes everyone back for the Fall. By popular request, our beverage offerings will once again be accompanied by light snacks.

We hope to involve more of the congregation in putting together our Fellowship hours by pairing members with Nurture “veterans.” If you are interested, please check the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center and contact Faye Robinson (email jfrfwd@gmail.com OR text to 301-919-1234) to let her know which Sunday (or Sundays) you might be able to pitch in with coffee, food, flowers, etc.

We look forward to seeing you!

Your Nurture Committee

Fall Event scheduling, planning is in full swing!

If your committee has additional or changed meeting times and other calendar events for the fall season, please make sure to connect with Ginny Peterson in the office, ASAP so they can be put on the main calendar and to prevent scheduling conflicts. Thank you!

Amanda
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 Kenneth Forrester
(Gracie Williamson)
Tim Jones
Maria King
Sherry Layton
Delaine Lester
Brian Lewis
Frank Licari
Rich McKeon

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

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.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION EVENT

Join us for a FREE event to
bring together local
organizations and
resources to support
those in need!

**SEPTEMBER 19TH
9AM – 2PM**

Grace United Methodist Church
401 Grace Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

INCLUDES:

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 today, **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, September 7, 2025

Centering Prayer: Holy Spirit, fill me with your grace.
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Sunday, 7 Sep - Isaiah 55:1-5 / Romans 9:1-5 / Mark 6:30-46
Monday, 8 Sep - 1 Kings 13:1-10 / Phil. 1:1-11 / Mark 15:40-47
Tuesday, 9 Sep - 1 Kings 16:23-34 / Phil. 1:12-30 / Mark 16:1-8(9-20)
Wednesday, 10 Sep - 1 Kings 17:1-24 / Phil. 2:1-11 / Matt. 2:1-12
Thursday, 11 Sep - 1 Kings 18:1-19 / Phil. 2:12-30 / Matt. 2:13-23
Friday, 12 Sep - 1 Kings 18:20-40 / Phil. 3:1-16 / Matt. 3:1-12
Saturday, 13 Sep - 1 Kings 18:41--19:8 / Phil. 3:17-4:7 / Matt. 3:13-17



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Contact Pastor Jamie
jamie@gracedowntown.net
252-521-5248

- ☐ 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: _____