

# Grace Notes

September 1, 2024

## 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 1

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:15 pm Social Graces

#### Monday, September 2

##### Labor Day (office closed)

9:00 am Grace In Motion  
10:00 am Basketball (seniors)  
7:00 pm Cape Fear Chorale Rehearsal

#### Tuesday, September 3

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Bible Study  
10:30 am UWF meeting  
5:30 pm Bootcamp

#### Wednesday, September 4

10:00 am Yoga  
10:00 am Staff Meeting (Pastors)  
4:00 pm Organist Practice  
5:00 pm Basketball (Lion Heart)  
6:15 pm Grace Ringers  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 5

5:30 pm Bootcamp  
6:45 pm Basketball (Moore)

#### Friday, September 6

9:00 am Organist Practice  
9:00 am Grace In Motion (walkers)

#### Saturday, September 7

8:30 am Annual Choir Retreat

#### Sunday, September 8

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Chancel Choir  
11:00 am Worship Service

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Reminder, September 2 is the Labor Day holiday  
and the Church office will be closed.

### In-person/Online Attendance & Offering for 8/25/2024

In-person Worship Service:

8:30 am 31  
11:00 am 163

Online service: 73

Operating Funds Given \$ 8,264  
Average receipts needed weekly \$ 15,063  
Building Preservation Given \$ 160

Apportionments paid through July

#### July Financial Report

Building YTD Preservation Fund Rcpts. \$ 32,546  
Building YTD Preservation Fund Exp. \$ 11,689  
Balance \$ 20,957  
Budget YTD Receipts \$ 375,990  
Expenses YTD (2024) \$ 422,088  
Balance Receipts vs Expenses \$ (46,098)

**Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.**

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### On-line Sunday Worship Services Continue

This is the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAK2Z36cUQ1JzE6Ye7TzcGg)

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by using this QR Code.

(point your phone camera  
at the box and click on the link that appears).



Checks may also be mailed to the address above.

### Back-to-school list for Sunset Park

Sunset Park Elementary needs your help with their supply closet. Listed below are the items they need: wide ruled composition books, play doh, pre-sharpened pencils, colored pencils, 24 packs of crayons, child scissors, glue sticks, pencil boxes, highlighters, paper towels, Kleenex, Clorox or Lysol wipes.

There is a collection box in the Welcome Center.

### Children's Program family meeting

On September 8th immediately following 2nd service there will be a meeting held in the children's classroom to talk about our calendar of events and the families' hopes and wishes for the program and their children here at Grace. I hope to see you there!  
-Kelsey Keenan

### Parent Night Out: September 12th 5:00-8:00 pm

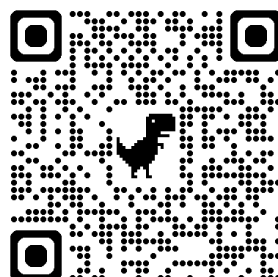
Come and drop your child off with our amazing Nursery staff here at Grace for a night to yourself! We will provide activities and entertainment for the kids from infancy through elementary age. We just ask you to pack their dinner (or eat beforehand) and send those PJs. We will have them ready to go to bed upon pick up! You may drop off and pick up anytime between the 5-8 pm window. Please RSVP by September 8th so we can be sure to have our team ready!

You can RSVP to Kelsey Keenan (910) 599-5290.

### Parents of students in 6th - 12th grades—

We are excited about kicking off a new year. Please complete the information using the QR code provided so that we can better connect with you and your student.

Our first gathering will be this Sunday, September 1st. It will be a pool party from 4-6 pm at the Wilsons' home located at 132 Grainger Point Road in Wilmington. Parents are encouraged to attend as we will be sharing our vision. Any questions please contact Monica Oakes @ 919 412-1562.



## Prayer Requests

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Marion Baker               | Mary Tyndall            |
| Mitzi Beckham              | Dan Walters             |
| Tammy Burnette             | Becky Whisnant          |
| Kitty Eure                 | Dean Windgassen         |
| Family of Martin Ginocchio | Laura Witherington      |
| Laureleli Hauptmann        | Nancy Zigler            |
| Kimberly, Izzy, & Colleen  | Caregivers everywhere   |
| Eddie Mayer                | Unspoken, in our hearts |
| Edwin Mayer                | War-torn countries      |
| Bill Perks                 |                         |
| Linda Raim                 |                         |
| Luke Russo                 |                         |
| Family of Sam Spicer       |                         |

Please keep the following military persons in your prayers:

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| ETNC Anthony Augustine, USN  | Maj. Jason T. Hill, USSF    |
| Cpl. Matthew Brin, USA       | SFC Letty Long, USA         |
| LCpl. John Capwell, USMC     | Capt. Benjamin Mabee, USMC  |
| Sgt. Tim Cobaugh, USMC       | PFC Schuyler Marshall, USA  |
| Col. John Delaney, USA       | SSgt. Emily Olinger, USAF   |
| Ltjg. Elizabeth Downing, USN | Pvt. Steven Patterson, USA  |
| E3 Hadden Scott Dubel, USN   | SSgt. James Pritchett, USA  |
| E6 William Chase Dubel, USA  | CDR Kevin Ringelstein, USN  |
| 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 meetings start back Tuesday!

I know the summers seem to be getting shorter every year, however, I am enjoying the cooler temperatures we have been experiencing earlier this past week! Our first United Women of Faith, (UWF) meeting, which meets the first Tuesday of the month, is coming up this Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.

Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Jack Jones, our new visitation pastor. This will be a great time to meet Rev. Jack if you haven't been able to make a connection yet. I asked him what he is speaking about, and he said, "It's a surprise, a little of this and that." The meeting begins around 10:30 but come a little earlier to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship with each other. We will have shoe boxes available for the AGAPE Christmas mission. There will be more information coming regarding this yearly mission. Please try to attend, we look forward to seeing you.

Dianna Florea, UWF President

### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard helps feed families

This month at Grace we're continuing to collect drinks to put in "No Stove" bags for our brothers and sisters who don't have shelter. Please place your donations in the grocery cart near the elevator in the Welcome Center.

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Flavor/Hydration packets to add to water
- ◆ Juice boxes or pouches
- ◆ Protein drinks like Boost and Ensure
- ◆ Fruit Cups
- ◆ Personal hygiene items (all sizes, including shampoo, soap, razors, etc.)

### WHQR interviews with Pastor Jamie

Pastor Jamie Thompson had the pleasure of participating in an interview with WHQR reporter, Kelly Kenoyer, over the summer. The conversation was part of a larger WHQR project which included a series of profiles to tell the real life stories of how people became unhoused and what it is actually like to experience homelessness.

The interview spotlights the mission and ministry of The Anchor. You can listen at this link: <https://www.whqr.org/show/the-newsroom/2024-07-19/poverty-is-a-sin-being-poor-is-not-a-new-reporting-project-on-being-homeless-in-the-cape-fear-region>.

### Brides Room upfit completed

A special thank you to Dianne and Waylon Lynch who worked tirelessly to paint and renovate the Brides Room. Thank you also to those who contributed financially. If you get a chance, please go take a look! Pictures do not necessarily reflect the beauty, but will be up soon on our website.

One of the several new features is an area with bridal portraits of brides who were married at Grace. It combines a fresh updated look, and a nod to the past. As indicated in the Trustees meeting, comments are more than positive, and as one person simply noted, it looks "amazing."

If you aren't familiar, the Brides Room (204) is the room on the second floor next to the Bible Classroom/conference room area.

### Cookies for Fellowship

Bakers needed to provide cookies, brownies, etc., starting Sept 1, 2024

Please leave them in the kitchen and labeled for Fellowship.

## September Birthdays

|                    |                       |                       |                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 9/1 Tom Powers     | 9/9 Emery Rasmussen   | 9/16 Cindy Henry      | 9/25 Everett Bruce Moore |
| 9/2 Linda Furderer | Jake Rasmussen        | 9/17 Ann Ipock        | Frank Steele             |
| Marion Wise        | 9/10 Brian Lewis      | Fred Merritt          | 9/27 Anne Wolling        |
| 9/3 Mary Miller    | 9/11 George Patterson | 9/19 Joe Huppmann     | 9/28 John Chickering     |
| 9/4 Jeff Wilson    | 9/14 Dianna Florea    | 9/20 Mac Cunningham   | Robert High              |
| 9/5 Emily Booth    | Nikki Howard          | Larry Jennings        | 9/29 Rick Zigler         |
| 9/6 Rob Akerhielm  | 9/15 Marie Allison    | 9/22 Marsella Teachey | 9/30 Brian Stetson       |
| 9/7 Nancy Bullock  | June Knox             | Katie Stenerson       | Nancy Pritchett          |
|                    | Vicki Hutnik          |                       |                          |