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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Fall 2023



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MINISTRY OFFERINGS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Church

Infants through 1st Grade have the option of joining us for Children's Church during the Worship Service. A Nursery is provided for those through two years old. Preschool children have a Bible lesson, music, and activities that relate to our Sunday School lessons. Those in Kindergarten or 1st Grade begin the Worship Service with their families in the sanctuary. During the Offertory, they may check-in to Children's Church, joining the Preschoolers in a Bible lesson and related activities.

Time: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. **Contact:** Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Children's Sunday School

Children, ages infant through 6th grade, will meet in their own classrooms as they learn how to be "Disciples for Life." We use The Gospel Project for Kids curriculum which *"takes kids on a Christ-centered chronological journey through scripture."*

Time: Sundays, 9:15 a.m. **Contact:** Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

KidCo

While mothers attend a Tuesday Morning Bible Study or Friday's MoCo, children attend our KidCo program. This includes a Bible story, social play, snacks, and craft time.

Time: September - April

Special Events

Many special events, such as the Daddy-Daughter Dinner, Campouts, Pre-teen socials, VBS, etc., are scheduled throughout the year. Events may build connections, celebrate milestones, or provide service opportunities while deepening your child's faith.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Boys' Brigade

Boys' Brigade encourages and motivates boys to grow spiritually and develop important life skills through exploring exciting new ideas, completing challenging projects, and participating in team activities.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., August - April

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (cont'd)

Pioneer Girls

Pioneer Girls helps girls live out their faith by giving them the tools to develop life skills and spiritual interests. This program includes Bible experiences, games, songs, crafts, and more.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., August - April

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Kidz Klub

While parents attend one of our MidWeek Grace classes, children infant through kindergarten may participate in Kidz Klub. There are Bible lessons, music, activities, and snacks, all geared toward helping the children learn more about God's love and care.

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., August - April

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Family Resources

Parents receive a weekly e-mail with relevant information for families. Printed and digital resources are also provided, such as family devotionals, relevant articles, Bibles, children's books, and other materials as appropriate for the season and occasion.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This is a fun-filled week for children ages three years through sixth grade. We'll learn more about God's love through engaging Bible stories, cool crafts, action songs, fun games, and much more!

Time: June 10-14, 2024, 9-11:30 a.m.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Grace Kidz Volunteer Team

You can join one of our volunteer teams as we strive to "Make Disciples for Life" in our Grace Kidz Ministry. We have teams on Sundays, Wednesdays, and during Special Events. Positions include room helper, table teacher, preparing crafts, cleaning toys, music leader, greeters, secretaries, special needs buddies, and so much more. All volunteers will be screened and background checked for the safety of our children.

Time: Varies

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

Children's Special Needs Ministries

If you have a child with special needs, please contact Lisa Schock at lschock@gracepres.org to discuss how we can help your child feel welcome and included in one of our children's classes. We also hold "Special Needs Night Out" events throughout the year. We watch the children while parents are able to enjoy a night out by themselves.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Mornings

Take a deeper look into God's Word as we discuss core doctrines of the Christian faith, culturally relevant topics, and topics that can help you walk closer with the Lord. This is a laid back, teaching and discussion-style format.

Time: Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org

Jr. & Sr. High Sunday Evenings

We meet weekly from 6-8 p.m. at the church for fellowship, games, worship and testimonies, and for small groups. We will break apart for small groups at 7 p.m. Students will be divided based on gender and somewhat by grade. They are welcome to request some fellow students they would like to be in a group with. Our leaders will lead small groups based on curriculum/books that are approved by John Vanne.

To sign up for a small group, contact Cara Schuck at cschuck@gracepres.org.

Family Resources

We provide parents with a weekly e-mail that is filled with updates and resources as well as a twice-monthly podcast called "Teleios" (by Grace Student Ministries) that is designed to help parents and leaders make disciples of the next generation. "Teleios" is available on Apple, Spotify, and Google podcast platforms.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org to sign up for the weekly e-mails.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

The Young Adult & College Ministry at Grace exists for making mature disciples of Jesus Christ by equipping and encouraging God's people through His Word and prayer for the work of his ministry. We value God's gifts of fellowship, service, evangelism, and deep Christ-centered friendship and seek to incorporate these into everything we do. We are passionate about coming alongside young adults to be connected to one another, to the church, and to our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Contact: Pastor John Cherne at jcherne@gracepres.org and Cara Schuck at cschuck@gracepres.org

Small Groups

One way we seek to grow in discipleship is through joining a small group. Whether you are new to studying the Bible or have been doing it for years, we invite you to sign up for a small group where you can connect with other young adults to grow in your faith and pursuit of the Christian life.

Thursday Nights

Join us to play volleyball or fellowship. We play in the church gym (September through April) or out in the north field (May through August) on Thursday evenings, 6-8 p.m.

Young Adult Sunday School Classes

We have various classes for adults—College, Young adults (twenties) and Rooted (late twenties–early thirties).

Location: Room 008 (lower level)

Contact: Pastor John Cherne, jcherne@gracepres.org

College Sunday School Class

This class is open to all college students as we grow in our faith together.

Location: Room 015-1 (lower level)

Contact: Pastor John Cherne, jcherne@gracepres.org

Events

We do everything from social outings, service projects, to even weekend camping trips. To find out what we have coming up, check out the Young Adults page on the church website. www.gracepres.org/youngadults. If you are interested in more info. about the YAMS, contact Pastor John Cherne at jcherne@gracepres.org.

PRAYER MINISTRIES

Women's Monday Morning Prayer

All women are invited to attend a weekly time of prayer for our church, our nation, our missionaries, and our own personal requests. We begin each week with a devotional or a sharing time by a missionary, then we divide into groups and spend time in prayer.

Time: Monday mornings **Contact:** Mary Jane Crowell, crowellm@mtco.com or Pastor John Hopwood, jhopwood@gracepres.org

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a large part of our value of glorifying worship. We have several ways to accomplish frontline prayer, along with some familiar, classic channels that have ministered to many people over the years. We encourage everyone to submit a prayer request on the Connect Cards on Sundays or anytime via the church app. Please note that you can mark your request as “confidential” and only pastors will receive it. Requests that are not marked “confidential” are sent to the prayer team each Tuesday. **We welcome and pray for each submission; however, requests made on behalf of those outside one's immediate family will be edited to maintain privacy for the individual.** Please contact Allison Ritchie if you would like to join the Prayer team or have questions about the Weekly Prayer Ministry or if you have questions about or would like to join the monthly Watchman Ministry that includes monthly prayer requests from ministry directors.

Time: 24/7 dependent upon an hour that you choose

Contact: Allison Ritchie at aritchie@gracepres.org

Kidz Prayer Partners

Young families today are facing many challenges as they try to navigate a culture that is pulling them in all different directions, often away from God's truths. It's important for them to have godly Christians encouraging and praying for them to remain firm in their faith as they stand united as a family. Would you please consider joining a team of Grace Kidz Prayer Partners? You'll be randomly paired with with a Grace Kidz family to pray for and spur them on in their faith. You'd commit to connecting with them periodically, asking for prayer requests, and praying for them regularly.

Contact: Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Grace Band

The Grace Band plays a prominent part of our Sunday services. Their role is to play to the glory of God and the shepherding of His church. They play music from gospel to rock to pop and all over the genre map. Each musician plays an important role in the band and must have the skill to allow the band to play as a unit. Band positions are by audition only.

Time: Sunday morning rehearsals and services

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

Worship Vocal Team

The worship vocal team serves to lead the congregation in song and point the praise to Jesus. Their role is to love the church by the way they lead, displaying the mercy and might of God through their countenance and singing. They are worshipers who love Jesus and desire to serve His church. Each vocalist must be a skilled singer, capable of learning harmonies quickly, and being able to express the gospel through song. The vocal team is by audition only and serve on a rotation basis.

Time: Sunday morning services and rehearsals.

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

Grace Choir

The choir serves to be an integral part of the Sunday service, leading the congregation in worship through music. Be part of a community of artists who pray for each other, share with one another, and sing the truth of Scripture over one another. Be exposed to music from classical to contemporary, learn healthy vocal technique, and improve harmonization skills. Above all, take part in shepherding the church to hear the gospel through song and worship the Lord in response.

Time: Once per month, Wednesdays 6:30-8 and Sunday morning services

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

Grace Orchestra

The Grace Orchestra brings out the beauty of the gospel in musical form on Sunday mornings. Be a part of a group that plays pieces ranging from thrilling fanfares to lush ballads. Increase your musical skill and learn how to use that skill as a means of leading worship. The Grace Orchestra is inclusive of musicians from professional backgrounds as well as those who play for pleasure.

Time: Wednesday rehearsal (6-7 p.m.) once a month, and monthly Sunday services

Contact: Kevin King at kking@gracepres.org

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Midweek Grace

Join us on Wednesday evening for children's clubs, men's and women's groups, ESL, and a class taught by a pastor. Spring and Fall.

Time: Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact: Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Community Groups

At Grace, we call our small groups Community Groups. These groups consist of eight to twelve people and meet weekly at the church or in homes. There are groups of all ages and backgrounds, and we encourage everyone to get involved because God wants us all to connect with others. Our groups connect by sharing life together, studying and growing in God's Word, and partnering in prayer.

Time: Various times

Contact: Pastor Aaron Walters at awalters@gracepres.org

Wednesday Men's Connect Groups

Connect with other men in a comfortable, mid-sized group setting where we study God's Word together, have some fun, and build relationships for life.

Times: Wednesday mornings, 7-8:00 a.m. in the Front Porch Room

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 172 (Adult Special Ed. room)

Contact: Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Women's Ministries

Check out our web page for details of women's Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Friday morning studies and activities. www.gracepres.org/women

Contact: Brenda Garrison at bgarrison@gracepres.org

Quilting & More

Quilting & More is a close-"knit" group of ladies of all ages who meet for fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. Each morning we have a devotion and time of sharing followed by a project demonstration or work day. While quilting is the focus, there are ladies who knit, crochet, and craft. We find joy in doing community projects, taking field trips, and a yearly retreat to Shipshewana, Indiana. All are welcome!

Time: Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Contact: Pat Ivaska at pjivaska@gmail.com

Adult Membership Class “Discover Grace”

Adults and teens (7th grade and up) who have trusted in Jesus for forgiveness of sins and eternal life and desire to join the church may attend a 3 1/2-hour class about church membership. We will explain the benefits and responsibilities of church membership and the procedure for joining. We will also discuss baptism for the benefit of those who have not yet been baptized.

Time: Throughout the year

Contact: Pastor Greg Grindinger at ggrindinger@gracepres.org

Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship Ministry

This is a growing, organic movement among us. As God multiplies mature and equipped leaders through the process of life-on-life, the more people can be involved. Life-on-Life Missional Discipleship can be described as laboring in the lives of a few with the intention of imparting one’s life, God’s Word, and the gospel in a way to see them become mature and equipped followers of Christ, likewise committed to doing the same in the lives of others. Pray with us for the current Life-on-Life Groups and for patience as we trust God to grow this movement in depth and to stretch in our church and beyond. Visit www.gracepres.org/lifeonlife for more information.

Contact: Pastor Aaron Walters at awalters@gracepres.org

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Ongoing Adult Sunday School Classes

If you would like to join an adult Sunday School, contact Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org. The current class list is located at the Welcome Center and at www.gracepres.org/adults.

Adult Special Needs Ministries

The Adult Special Education Class meets every Sunday except holiday weekends from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Rm 172. Contact Russ Fahlberg at rtfandrfs@aol.com.

CARE MINISTRIES

55 & Beyond Fellowship

This is a lively group of members and friends of Grace who enjoy social activities for people 55 and older, including bus trips, luncheons, programs and activities. Their purpose is to demonstrate God’s love through fellowship with a mission in providing opportunities to perform lasting, solid friendships. Their main focus is to reach out to others in order to brighten their lives. Inviting neighbors and friends to this special group is greatly encouraged.

Time: Quarterly

Contact: Marty Layer at ml2564@gmail.com or Pastor John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Widows Care Ministry

As God proclaimed Himself to be the protector of widows, we uphold His proclamation through care and ministry to widows. We want God's glory to be displayed through caring for widows in need.

Contact: Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Heartbeat

This ministry of Grace seeks to care for vulnerable children through adoption and foster-care. It also resources other partners by educating families and the church, as well as empowering, embracing, and supporting those who wish to adopt or enter the foster care service.

Contact: Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Cancer Support Group

The Warrior Women of Grace Cancer Support Group meets monthly to provide spiritual and emotional support to women who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Pat Edwards at pjelcsw@comcast.net or Pastor John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Friends Visiting

The mission of Friends Visiting is to bring comfort and companionship to those who are shut-in, either at home or a care facility. It includes spending time together and sharing Scripture and prayer. Once a year, homemade cookies are distributed to the homebound.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Bev Wright at billnbevwright@att.net or Pastor John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

GriefShare

After the funeral, when the cards and flowers have stopped coming, most of the people around you return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone. If you are struggling with the loss of a parent, spouse, child or friend, please consider attending Grief Share classes held regularly at Grace Church.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Chris Norton at cnorton1@sbcglobal.net or Pastor John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Hospital Visitation

If you are facing a serious surgical procedure or you discover that you face various medical challenges, you will soon discover the importance of those who make hospital visits. At Grace we have a team who will support, encourage and pray with you no matter how long your hospitalization may last.

Time: Regularly

Contact: Pastor John Hopwood at jhopwood@gracepres.org

Weddings and Funerals

We want to minister to you during times of both joy and sorrow. To discuss weddings and funerals, contact Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Global Partnership (Missions) Committee

We want to share the message of God's great grace to those in our home town, across our country, and around the world. At Grace, we support dozens of global partners serving in both near and distant lands. The Missions Committee organizes our work, prays for global partners, and encourages them through letters and emails.

Contact: Glory Christian at gchristian@gracepres.org

Missions Conferences

These are our all-church missions conferences where we can meet global partners, hear about Grace's missions outreach, and enjoy training opportunities in missions involvement. Volunteers are needed in the planning, decorating, and organizing of meals to bless those attending the GIC.

Time: National Conference in the Spring; International Conference in the Fall

Contact: Glory Christian at gchristian@gracepres.org

English as a Second Language

We offer Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening classes in the levels of pre-beginner, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Training is available for those willing to serve as teachers and assistants.

Time: August - April

Contact: Mike Uno at mike@unos.net

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES

Greeter Team

Greeters welcome our members and guests at each of our different entrances with a warm smile before entering the building and worship center. Greeters also provide a caring and discerning eye watching for unique opportunities to serve those they encounter or that need assistance.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: hospitality@gracepres.org

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center serves both guests and members by providing information about Grace, whether answering a general inquiry regarding various ministries or groups or escorting individuals to specific areas of the church for an event, meeting, or class.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: hospitality@gracepres.org

Café Team

With over 30 gallons of coffee brewed each Sunday, the café is truly a ministry of the church not only as an opportunity to serve guests, but also adds to the atmosphere of fellowship it fosters. As a café team member, you'll assist with the brewing, distributing, and serving of coffee while helping to maintain an overall environment of hospitality.

Time: Sunday mornings, 8-9:30 or 9:30-11

Contact: hospitality@gracepres.org

Usher Team

Ushers create a welcome atmosphere within the worship center. Ushers hand out bulletins, assist with seating, and collect the offering. Ushers also have the opportunity to assist and interact with members and guests which helps further contribute to a home-like environment that helps hearts prepare for worship.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: hospitality@gracepres.org

Special Events Team

This fun-loving support team provides assistance for various special events throughout the year, including Grace Family Christmas and Global Impact Celebration.

Time: Year Round

Contact: hospitality@gracepres.org

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Grace Media Ministry

The Lord has provided for Grace to have a significant media presence through local radio and TV broadcasts, as well as through national and international programming available in over 900 cities and 80 nations. Volunteers at all levels of media recording and production are welcome.

Contact: Christopher Summers at csummers@gracepres.org

Church Library

Find great books, DVDs, Audio Books, and CDs available for you to check out. You can find fiction, non-fiction, reference books, and children's books for all ages. We are always looking for volunteers to serve in the library.

Contact: John Vanne at jvanne@gracepres.org

Mercy Ministry

Grace Church provides financial support and local leadership for a great variety of local and international mercy ministries including Peoria Rescue Mission, Southside Mission, Salvation Army, Right to Life, Samaritan's Purse.

Contact: Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Benevolence Ministry

Financial planning, counseling and advice for wise living and caring stewardship are available through Grace's Whole Life Stewardship Team, the Deacon's Fund, and the Benevolence Committee.

Contact: Pastor Kerry Frantz at kfrantz@gracepres.org

Decorations Team

Join a creative team of men and women who decorate the church for special occasions such as Grace Family Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, VBS, and other events. **Time:** Seasonal **Contact:** Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRIES

Parking Team

The parking team has a critical role as they are the first contact with people when they arrive here at Grace. A warm welcome and friendly hello is accompanied by a strategic plan to direct traffic flow and promote pedestrian safety.

Time: Sunday mornings, monthly rotation

Contact: Wayne Pullen at wepullen@hotmail.com

Monday Morning Men's Work Fellowship

Come and join the camaraderie of a team of faithful men who enjoy serving around the church by using their talents to help with various projects every Monday morning. Our time together also includes a mid-morning Bible study, snacks, and fellowship. **Time:** Monday mornings, 8:00am

SNORTS Ministry

Snow and ice removal teams provide a safe and welcoming entrance to the Grace facility on Sundays and weekly events. Scheduling is flexible and usually bi-monthly. **Time:** Sunday mornings and/or intermittent weekly needs

Contact: Brian Rumpf at brianr@pjhoerr.com

Safety Team Ministry

Men and women are needed to help assure a safe environment for everyone at Grace's special events, children's ministry, and Sunday services.

Time: Sunday mornings and/or intermittent weekly needs

Contact: Wayne Pullen at wepullen@hotmail.com

Lawn Care and Maintenance Ministry

Men and women use their love for the outdoors and "green thumbs" to maintain the lawns, flowers, prayer walk, and general maintenance while also enjoying fellowship together as they work. **Time:** Midweek mornings or afternoons

For all Buildings & Grounds ministries, Contact: Randy Whitman at rwhitman@gracepres.org

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We seek to be a church that depends on God's unlimited grace, inspiring all generations and peoples to follow Christ.

We believe God's grace provides faith in what He has done for us, freedom from what we have done, and fuel for what God calls us to do.



Love God.
Love Others.
Make Disciples.



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WBNH-FM 88.5 – 9 AM

Live Stream
Sundays
www.gracepres.org – 10:30 AM



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Sunday School 9:15 a.m. | Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

For a full list of events and information visit: www.gracepres.org

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