

08/17/2025

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 57

**Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

*Come Praise And Glorify*

*Rejoice The Lord Is King*

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 23

*Psalm 62*

**Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer**

Ephesians 1:1-14

**Hymn of Proclamation**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Message**

Bless the Blesser for His Blessings

Ephesians 1:1-3

**Song of Response**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

**Benediction**

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**Welcome Guests** - We are glad you joined us this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a visitor's packet.

**Mother's Room** - Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Conference Room 2 (located at the top of the ramp) is available for nursing babies or mothers to tend to children during the service. Livestream is available.

**Nursery** - Our nursery is for newborns - 2 years old and is available during the 9:00 a.m. classes and 10:30 a.m. worship service.

**Closed Caption** is available during the sermon on your mobile device. Visit the Welcome Center for instructions or scan the QR code here or at an entrance into the Worship Center.



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**Today with Grace Church**

**9:00 a.m. - Classes**

Children (3 yrs-6th Grade)

Children's Wing (Lower Level)

Student Ministries (6th-12th Grade)

Room 101 (Lower Level)

Adult Class

Fellowship Hall

Young Adult Class

Room 6 (Lower Level)

**10:30 a.m. - Worship Service**

Worship Center

Children's Church (Children are dismissed at the beginning of the sermon to meet Julie Draa in the foyer)

**Evening meetings will resume in September**

**Announcements**

**Membership Class - August 24**

If you are interested in receiving more information about the values and philosophy of Grace Church, or if you have been thinking about joining this body of believers, a membership class will be offered Sunday, August 24, immediately following the morning worship service, in Conference Room 1. Attending does not necessitate membership, but anyone desiring to become a member of Grace Church needs to go through one of these classes. If you have not contacted the church office of your interest in this class, please do so; we will make sure you receive the necessary material to review prior to this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Lorie, [lfronk@gracechurchrootstown.com](mailto:lfronk@gracechurchrootstown.com).

**Annual Labor Day Church Picnic**

Join us Sunday, August 31, 2025, for our Annual Labor Day All Church Picnic at the Jackson's (103 Oak Hill Circle, Rootstown, OH 44272), from 12:00 - 3:00 P.M. Burgers and fries will be provided and there will be games! Please bring a salad, dessert, or side dish. Sign-up sheet is at the Sign-Up Center.

**AWANA Volunteers**

If you would like to help with AWANA this year and are a member of Grace Church, the volunteer sign-up sheet is located at the Sign-Up Center. There will be a meeting for all volunteers on August 24, immediately following service. Contact John Fergis with any questions.

**AWANA Secretary**

We are in need of an AWANA secretary. The secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate records and inventory, as well as other administrative-type duties for the different AWANA clubs. If you are a member of Grace Church and have a desire to serve in this area, please contact John Fergis at [john@blashing.com](mailto:john@blashing.com).

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**AWANA**

Registration is open! The AWANA 2025-26 season begins on Sunday, September 7, 2025! An AWANA evening consist of game time, handbook time, and council time. AWANA runs September through May, Sunday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. For more information and registration visit <https://gcor.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

**Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study will meet at the Lookabaugh's (7101 St. Rt. 44, Ravenna, 44266) August 20, @ 6:00 p.m. Contact John Lookabaugh with any questions.

**Men and Young Men's Bible Studies**

Men and Young Men's Bible Studies will resume Sunday evenings on September 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The Men's Study will continue the book of Acts, Young Men will be starting Pilgrims Progress.

**The Excellent Wife**

Are you married? Are you engaged? Join us for a book study of *The Excellent Wife* by Martha Peace. We will meet the first Sunday of each month at 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. We will begin Sunday, September 7, in Room 6. The sign-up sheet is at the Sign-Up Center. If you have any questions, please see Hope or Leanna.

**Respectable Sins**

Women, beginning the week of September 7, join us as we go through the Jerry Bridge's study, *Respectable Sins*. You can choose from Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday mornings at 10: a.m., or Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is at the Sign-Up Center. If you have any questions, please see Cathy Wilhelm, Hope Paulding, Katti Simkanin, LeAnna Burdett, or Shelli Fergis.

**Secret Sister Kickoff Luncheon**

Ladies of Grace Church from High School Seniors and up are invited to the Secret Sister Luncheon on September 7, 2025, to kick off our 25/26 season. The sign-up sheet for the luncheon and registration forms are at the Sign-Up Center.

**New Choir Members**

Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. If you are a Grace Church member and desire to sing, please contact Scott Burdett ([SBurdett@GraceChurchRootstown.com](mailto:SBurdett@GraceChurchRootstown.com)). There will be a brief orientation prior to the first rehearsal.

**Provisions From Grace**

We are once again collecting school supplies for the Rootstown school system to assist children who need help purchasing supplies. We have a list of the items needed (feel free to take one) and a basket by the Women's Center table for you to place your donated items. Your giving will bring smiles to the faces of many kids!

## Nursery Workers

### Today

**9:00 a.m.**  
Kathi Pritt; Melody Parkinson

**10:30 a.m.**  
Debbie Cross; Lorie Fronk

### Next Week

**9:00 a.m.**  
Heather Kennedy; Vicki Letts

**10:30 a.m.**  
Shelli Fergis; Kathi Pritt

## Children's Church Helpers

### Today

Julie Draa; Debbie Kaufman  
Abby Fergis

Lesson - Pilgrims Progress 10

### Next Week

Brian Nottingham; Tricia Nottingham  
Elise Kennedy

Lesson - You Are Special

## This Week's Calendar August 17 - August 23

## 2025 Financials

### General Budget

\$ 20,031.19 - July Giving  
\$ 25,370.00 - Monthly Budget  
\$180,107.87 - Giving YTD  
\$177,590.00 - Budget YTD

### Capital Improvement

\$135.00 - July Giving  
\$ 0.00 - August 3  
\$ 0.00 - August 10

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### Missionary Spotlight

#### August 2025: Grant Rost - Athletes in Action

Praise: Scarlett Mae Rost was born to Grant and Liza on May 31st, making them a family of 5! She has a full head of dark hair and bright blue eyes, and her 2 brothers love to smother her with kisses. (Pictures in the **newsletter** on the mission table)

Prayer request: they have been praying for wisdom and direction when it comes to Liza's future career and growing desire to be more present at home and available for ministry work. In trusting the Lord to provide direction and the path forward, they have embarked on a journey to double their current support goal in hopes of this becoming a reality. **Please see their most recent newsletter on the mission table** for contact information if you would like to help.

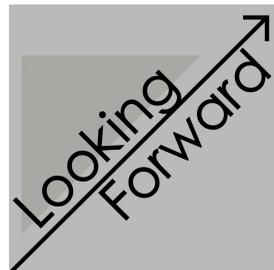
Also, recently they had an Ultimate Training Camp for the athletes they are ministering to and growing in Christ. **See the newsletter on the mission table** for testimonials from a few of the athletes who attended the camp.

### Youth Pancake Breakfast

Join us Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for a Pancake (Flap Jack) Breakfast to help raise funds for our Annual Youth/Young Adult Fall Camp. We will have pancakes, sausage, beverages, and all the fixings!

### Church Work Day

We are looking for 8-10 volunteers to help with a few projects at the church on Saturday, October 25, 2025, immediately following the Youth Pancake Breakfast (8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.). We will be doing some exterior repairs on the garage; painting, replacing some eaves/door, and some trim work. Our deacons will ensure volunteers know what they are doing. Please bring some water, snacks, and outdoor working clothes. If you have any questions, please see Dave Hartley or Connor Draa.



August 20 Men's Bible Study  
August 28 Elders' Meeting  
August 30 Ari McIntyre Baby Shower  
August 31 Labor Day Picnic

<https://calendar.planningcenteronline.com>

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## Bless the Blesser for His Blessings

Ephesians 1:1-3

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