

08/24/2025

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

### Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

*Victory In Jesus (Christ Won The Victory)*

*He Is Exalted*

### Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-11

*In Christ Alone*

### Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

Ephesians 1:1-14

### Hymn of Proclamation

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

### Message

Praise God for Election

Ephesians 1:4

### Song of Response

*New Doxology*

### Benediction

**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 Brian Nottingham in the foyer)

### Evening meetings will resume in September

## Announcements

### Membership Class - August 24

For those who signed up for the membership class today, August 24, 2025, class will start immediately after the morning worship in Conference Room 1.

### 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.

### Building Access

Due to recent security concerns regarding our church facilities, new procedures are being implemented to maintain better management of building access and enhance overall safety for everyone. Starting September 9, 2025, to enter the building during office hours, you must use the ramp doors marked "Office". You will need to ring the doorbell, once you are buzzed in, go to the office and sign in. Upon leaving the building, you will need to sign out. For after-hours entry, new access codes to the ramp door will be limited to staff, ministry leaders, and custodial volunteers. Old codes will no longer work. Temporary code request for one time use can be made through the church office. Other than times the building is open for ministry activities, entry though the Fellowship Hall doors will not be available. If you have any questions, please see an elder.

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### Men's Breakfast

Our men's breakfast will resume in September. Please note that the regular third Saturday breakfast will not fall on the third Saturday in September and October. In November we will return to our regular schedule. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Men of all ages are encouraged to come. Dates for September and October: September 6, 2025 - October 11, 2025

### 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!

### 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>

## Nursery Workers

### Today

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

### Next Week

**9:00 a.m.**  
Cathy Wilhelm; Katy Lookabaugh

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

**10:30 a.m.**  
Emilie Marion; Hannah Furhry

## Children's Church Helpers

### Today

Brian Nottingham: Tricia Nottingham  
Elsie Kennedy

### Next Week

Elle Evans; Katy Lookabaugh  
Charlotte Simkanin

Lesson - You Are Special

Lesson - The Lightlings

## This Week's Calendar

**August 24 - August 30**

### Thursday

7:00 PM - Elders' Meeting

Conference Room 1

## 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  
\$ 10.00 - August 17

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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.

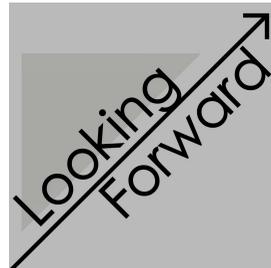
Also, recently they had an Ultimate Training Camp for the athletes they are ministering to and growing in Christ. **See the newsletter on the mission table** for testimonials from a few of the athletes who attended the camp.

### 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 28 Elders' Meeting**  
**August 30 Ari McIntyre Baby Shower**  
**August 31 Labor Day Picnic**

<https://calendar.planningcenteronline.com>

# GRACE CHURCH OF ROOTSTOWN

## Praise God for Election

**Ephesians 1:4**

**August 24, 2025**

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