

## **Welcome Guests**

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

## **Today**

### **9:00 AM – Classes**

Children (3 yrs. – 5th Grade)  
~ Children's Wing (lower level)

Student Ministries - Gospel of John  
(6th-12th Grade)  
~ Youth Room (lower level)

Adults – Book of Revelation  
~ Fellowship Hall (upper level)

Young Adults – Survey of Minor Prophets  
~ Room 6 (lower level)

**10:05 AM – Fellowship Time**

**10:30 AM - Worship Service**

**Evening Meetings - We will have a Summer Break from our Bible Studies and AWANA. They will resume in September.**

For additional class and ministry descriptions, visit our website – [GraceChurchRootstown.com](http://GraceChurchRootstown.com)

## **Announcements**

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

**Nursery** is available during the 9:00 AM classes and the 10:30 AM worship service.

**Jr. Church** – We will be having a summer break from Jr. Church. All children should stay with their parents during the church service. Crayons and activity pages are available at the Welcome Center.

**Our Annual Labor Day Picnic** will be at the Jackson's on September 3 from noon until 4. All are invited. Burgers, fries and drinks are provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

**Men's Personal and Family Leadership Class** – This is a new class designed to help men with personal Bible study to cultivate spiritual growth through the understanding of God's word. This study will begin on September 21 at 7:00 PM, meeting the first and third Thursday of each month. This class will be led by Pastor Paulding. **For planning purposes, please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in attending this study.** For additional information, see Pastor Tim Paulding.

**AWANA** – Anyone interested in helping this year please sign up at the Welcome Center. We will have a meeting after the worship service on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies Bible Study** - There is a sign-up list at the Welcome Center for the Ladies Bible Study that will begin the week of September 10. We will be doing a study on the book of Titus to learn how to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.

Please consider contributing \$5 to offset the printing of the study. If you have questions about the ladies' Bible study, contact Hope Paulding.

**Membership Classes** – Two Membership Classes will be offered through the end of the year: Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, November 12 at 12:30 PM in the Conference Room. If you desire to become a member of Grace Church, please contact the church office. 330-325-7174 or [office@GraceChurchRootstown.com](mailto:office@GraceChurchRootstown.com)

**Choir** – Choir rehearsals will resume **Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM.** We are currently seeking new voices, and if you are a member and desire to use your voice in leading worship, please see Scott Burdett. [SBurdett@GraceChurchRootstown.com](mailto:SBurdett@GraceChurchRootstown.com) High school aged singers will be considered as long as certain criteria is met.

**Greeters Wanted** – If you would be willing to greet all who are attending our Sunday morning worship service and, in particular, help visitors get acclimated, please let John Fergis know that you are willing to serve as a greeter. We would plan on each greeter serving about once every sixth Sunday from 10:05 to 10:35. Please consider helping to be the face of and for our family of families.

**Shepherd Groups** - The elders have divided the congregation (church members and regular attendees) into 4 groups with an elder assigned to each group. The purpose of this is so the elders can assist and shepherd the entire congregation through small groups. In addition, each Shepherd Group will meet periodically for social gatherings.

Group listings are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. If your name is not listed in one of the Shepherd Groups, please contact the office so you can be added to a group.

\*\*The Sunday Night Bible Studies will be meeting together on Sunday, September 10 at 6:00 PM to welcome our missionaries HC Stephen and Chingboi. They have a special update on what has been happening to the Christians in the area of India where they serve. Everyone is welcome to come and hear this presentation.

*Today's Nursery Workers*

9:00 AM – Mike Pritt  
Candi Howes

10:15 AM – Debbie Cross  
Janet Draa

*July 2023 Financials*

**General Budget**

July Giving: \$22,342.82  
Monthly Budget: \$23,000.00  
Giving YTD: \$140,274.99  
Budget YTD: \$161,000.00

**Capital Improvements**

July Giving: \$300.00  
Fund Total: \$10,568.20

There are three ways to give to Grace Church:

- By mailing a check to Grace Church at 4808 Tallmadge Road, Rootstown, PO Box 208, Rootstown, OH 44272
- By giving online at the church website; or
- By placing your gift at the Welcome Center.

*This Week's Calendar*  
[gcor.churchcenter.com/calendar](http://gcor.churchcenter.com/calendar)

**August 21 - 26**

Wednesday – Worship Team Practice

Tuesday – Sunday ~ Randolph Fair

*Upcoming Events*

August 31 ~ Elders' Meeting

September 3 ~ Labor Day Picnic

September 10 ~ Ladies' Luncheon  
~AWANA begins

~Missionary presentation for the Bible Studies by HC Stephen

September 12 ~ Tues. Ladies' Study

September 14 ~ Thurs. Ladies' Study

September 16 ~ Men's Breakfast

September 17 ~ Sun Night Studies begin at 6:00 PM

September 21 ~ Senior Luncheon

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**Announcements continued....**

**Facility Improvements** – Beginning in September, efforts will begin to improve the youth and AWANA areas in the basement. Fresh paint, new lighting and flooring, and updated furniture will be part of the improvements. Estimated cost will be around \$18,000.

Currently, there is \$10,500 in the Capital Improvement fund. If you desire to give toward this project, you can do so online by selecting "Capital Improvement" or by writing a check indicating "Capital Improvement" in the memo line.



**Whose Child Are You?**

Sermon Passage: John 8:31-47

Tim Paulding

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