

**Sunday Worship**  
 9:00am Sunday School  
 9:40 Fellowship Time  
 10:00am Morning Worship

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**Sunday Night Activities**  
 Refuge Youth Sunday 5pm—7pm

**Wednesday Night Activities**  
 Will resume in August when school starts.

**Robertsdale Grace Community Church**

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 Director of Children    Jessica McKinney  
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# The Proclaimer

Robertsdale Grace Community Church



Vol. 1 No.1      ...Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation...” Mark 16:15 NRSV    June 2023

Know (God)      Grow (InFaith)      Go (Serve Others)



Greetings in the name of the Lord! This is my first opportunity to address you, Grace Community Church, in this format as your pastor. First, I want to extend my most sincere gratitude to you for the way in which you have accepted, encouraged, and supported me as the pastor of our church thus far. As I have said, my family and I moved here over five years ago so that I could become the church’s Youth & Family Pastor, and that’s all I ever intended to be here. I love working with youth and never imagined working at this church in another capacity, let alone leading it as senior pastor. Over the last couple of years, however, God has nudged me in the direction of being open to a new season of life and ministry, often using many of you who have encouraged me in my giftings and seen more in me than I see in myself. Over the course of our church’s discernment, disaffiliation, and all that comes with it, I prayed that God would bring revival to our church, that people would come to know him through our ministry, and that we would experience growth together. Most of all I prayed for direction: for me, for you, and for us, that God would show us how to proceed and provide a path forward for us as a church. Some of those prayers have been answered in a mighty way. Others are waiting to be answered, as we continue to do our part to respond to the Lord in obedience.

Already, we have seen Grace Community Church experience some encouraging things together. Our Sonshiners put on a wonderful program during a Sunday morning worship service, we had an incredibly successful Mother’s Day Mission Project, worship attendance has been steadily increasing, with both the nursery and J.A.M. room packed, we honored our graduates and scouts, Jessica McKinney shared a powerful testimony, our Wednesday night Bible Study went well, our preschool graduated its first class of soon to be Kindergarteners as Grace Community Preschool, and we have successfully completed the disaffiliation process with the UMC. AND.... this is all just in the last month! God is moving among us. Many of you have commented that you can sense it, that worship in our sanctuary just feels different, or that you’re more excited about the future of our church than you have been in some time. I agree on all accounts! The future is bright for our church, as we pray, reason, grow, and are obedient to the Lord’s leading together.

I want you to know that as long as I am pastor here, you will have a pastor that genuinely loves this church and will work hard on its behalf. If someone is hospitalized or having surgery, let me know, I want to visit them, check on them, and pray for them! You will have a pastor that knows you and understands Robertsdale, and that prays for you specifically and regularly. I will not be shy about setting ministry goals together and lovingly pushing you to do more, believe more, and commit more to reach them. I will do my best to ensure that we are not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners, that we are regularly on mission, that we keep making disciples at the center of all we do, and that everything is bathed in prayer. I can do none of this without you, but I will do my part as well! I am so thankful for you and for the way you love and encourage my family. I look forward to continuing to grow alongside you, and see what God accomplishes in the life of our reimagined church. Grace Community Church is a GREAT place to be. People can know God, grow in faith, and go in service, here. We are a family. I am thrilled to be your pastor and am thoroughly enjoying getting to do ministry with and in service to you all! Blessings!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Wes

# Youth News

## Refuge Youth

The students of Refuge Youth have had a busy and productive school year full of challenges, blessings, and growth. During the Christmas season they sponsored a successful Toys for Tots drive at our church that benefited many local children and families. They also hosted a "Free Shopping Day" in the Fellowship Hall, providing groceries, baby items, household goods, and fresh fruits and vegetables for approximately eighty people, free of charge. Recently, we had the pleasure of celebrating ten graduating seniors who we are exceptionally proud of and who will be difference makers for the Kingdom of God wherever they go, and now as we turn our attention toward the summer, we are excitedly anticipating all that God will do among our group as we travel to Panama City, FL in a couple of weeks for our summer camp BigStuf. Our youth would also like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who served on our meal teams for Youth Group on Sunday nights this school year! The food was delicious, and the company was even better. By providing meals, being present, and doing so with a servants' hearts, you have made a difference. You are greatly appreciated, and we thank you!

## JAM!

Summer has arrived at last. We have several wonderful events going on this summer for **Terrific Tuesday**. We have bowling, a pool party, and even a Blue Wahoos baseball game planned for our outings. The kids are excited to continue to grow in friendship and their love for the Lord together. These events are the highlight of summer for many of us.

**VBS** this year is being held June 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12. We still need a few more backdrops completed and a few more volunteers for the market. If you feel led to help with the ministry, please reach out to me. I thank all of you that have already taken the time to let me know you can help and I believe this is going to be a fun and very successful event.

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Yard Sale**. At this time it is tentatively set for August 5<sup>th</sup>. I will need volunteers to help with set up and take down. No clothing or large items will be taken for this sale. I have to be able to carry it all myself should no volunteers arrive and I can't do that with large items. I appreciate you understanding.

I also have a new email address for the children's ministry. You can contact me at [children@robertsdalechurch.org](mailto:children@robertsdalechurch.org) or my cell as usual.

Love & Grace,

Jessica McKinney

## Preschool

Our preschool has enjoyed an abundance of blessings as we held our graduation/moving up program on Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>. We had in attendance a full house of preschool families as well as a handful of our church leadership members. Much appreciation extended to Clennie Thead and Joann Clements for serving and hosting during our reception.

It was a wonderful time celebrating our K4 graduates (the first graduating class of Grace Community Preschool 2023!) preparing to move on to kindergarten, as well as our 2 and 3 year olds who have also achieved many milestones throughout the year.

Truly, God continues to bless our preschool ministry using teachers who are not shy about pouring themselves and the love of Jesus into every child in their classroom. During the course of our school year, students are taught basic preschool concepts encompassing skills such as colors, shapes, number and letter recognition, large and small motor skill development, art and music, Bible lessons daily in every class, monthly scripture memorization, positive character attributes, and so much more. If you would like to know more about us, follow us on our Facebook page at Grace Community Preschool, or visit our link on the church website.

Blessings, Amanda Coggins

- ◆ Sunday Service
- ◆ 9am Sunday School
- ◆ 9:40 Fellowship
- ◆ 10am Worship

# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	◆ 10-12 Food Partry	◆ 8:30-10:30 Come & Go ◆ JAM Bowling for Terrific Tuesday			◆ 10-12 Daylight Dominos	◆ Walter Penny Celebration of Life 2pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	◆ 10-12 Food Partry	◆ 8:30-10:30 Come & Go				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	◆ 10-12 Food Partry ◆ VBS 9-12	◆ 8:30-10:30 Come & Go ◆ VBS 9-12	◆ VBS 9-12	◆ VBS 9-12	◆ VBS 9-12	

**BUDGET**

This Information will begin starting next month

**Birthdays**

- Robin Wrenn 6/4
- Elsie Norgard 6/9
- Jimmie Lou Ramey 6/9
- Paul McKinney 6/12
- Isabella Cosby 6/16
- Wilkie Tedder 6/22

**Anniversaries**

- Milton & Donna Head 6/19
- Rickey & Debbie Jones 6/25
- Mike & Barbara Johnson 6/26
- Wes & Charsy Anderson 6/29
- Don & BJ Newberry 6/30

**Grace Notes (Music)**

- ◆ Chancel Choir meets on Wednesday nights at 6:00. We will take a break during the month of July and resume in August.
- ◆ Sonshiners (children's choir) will start in August on WEDNESDAYS.
- ◆ Watch for handbell plans as the schedule firms up.
- ◆ Ukulele class will meet between Sonshiners and Wednesday night suppers.
- ◆ **Volunteers needed in all areas.** Example: preparing and/or serving snacks on Wednesday afternoons; singers of all ages; handbell ringers (no experience required).



*Altar Flowers*

Just a reminder,

If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, contact Glennie Thead.

Flowers left after Sunday Worship are delivered to shut-ins of our congregation.

**Ministry of the Month**

**DAYLIGHT DOMINOS**



Meets Every other Friday in the Joy Class at 10:00—12 Noon

**USHERS AND GREETERS**

The names of the Ushers and Greeters will be listed here sstarting next month

**From the office**

We have decided to restart the Proclaimer with our New Beginning as Grace Community Church. Each month I will try to have it available on the first Sunday of the month. If anyone has any articles or information they would like to add or share please drop it off at the office or email it no later then the 3rd Monday of each month. We have a "Congregational Corner" for anything you would like to share. I would love to get your birthdays in here also if you could email or drop those to me that would be great.

And please note our "little church mouse" is alive and well and will be sharing tidbits with you each month.

On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for the understanding and patience you have shown me, as I stepped into my position here at the church.

**Through the eyes of our Church Mouse**

We hear there is a mouse stirring about the church...

We heard from our little mouse ...

Josh was spotted with a new haircut and was about to pass as a new visitor...

AND

Have you heard Teresa Stidham give her testimony and what a great job she has done .. **WAY TO GO TERESA!!!**



**Refreshments**

June 4—Donna Boswell and Joanna Clements

June 11—Tony & Alina Smith

June 18—June Salac

June 25 Brenda Pierce and Jo Novotny



Month/Day	May	May	May	May
Sunday School	120	76	57	66
Worship	120	96	107	88

**NEXT ISSUE**

Budget offering

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FAITH HEAL SALVATION  
 FORGIVE LOVE TEACHER  
 GRACE MERCY TRUST  
 GUIDE PATIENCE WISDOM

Find and circle words from the list above. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

This months word search Created by Alina Smith



# Ministries

- Sanctuary Flowers
- Bereavement Meals
- Daylight Dominos
- Hospitality
- Media
- Children
- Youth
- Come & Go Coffee
- Food Pantry
- Sunday Morn. Refreshments
- Education Co-Ordinator
- Men of the Church
- Women of the Church
- Prayer Shawl
- Scouts
- Music
- Sonshiners

# acolyte

ministry

## June

- 4th—Izzy Luker & Danielle Godwin
- 11th—Kenneth Bailey & Laila Anderson
- 18th—Emma Jefferson & Kaitlyne Cantrell
- 25th—Tatyana Mattingly & Charleigh Dixon

### RGCC MEN'S CLUB

We cordially invite all interested men

To join us in supportive, Christian fellowship as we seek to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and come to know His will for our lives.



### *Flowers for June*

- 4—Mr. & Mrs. David Lazzari
- 11—Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Wrenn
- 18—Mr. & Mrs. Mike Johnson
- 25—Carolyn Beverly



### Congregational Corner

This area is for any information or articles that come from the congregation will be posted here. Please submit your information to the office by the 3rd Monday of the month to be posted in the next months is

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**JOIN US !!!!**

**Come and Go Coffee**  
**Tuesday Mornings at 8:30am**  
**Everyone is invited.**

### *Women Of The Church*

*If you are mission minded and would like to fellowship with other ladies, we invite you to join us every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am.*

