

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

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

**Midweek at Grace**  
 Sonshiners 3:00-4:30  
 Fellowship Dinner 5:15  
 Bible Study 6:00      Choir 6:00

**Robertsdale Grace Community Church**  
 Pastor      Wes (Wesley) Anderson  
 Youth Minister  
 Director of Children    Jessica McKinney  
 Preschool Director    Amanda Coggins  
 Housekeeping        Heather Feller  
 Choir Director        BJ Newberry  
 Pianist                Kim Sanderson/ Barbara McKinney  
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Vol. 1 No.3      ...Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation..." Mark 16:15 NRSV      August 2023

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



Sonshiners, Wednesday night dinners, and Bible Study begin again on August 16<sup>th</sup>. If you were able to be at church this past Sunday, you may recall my saying so during our announcements. We're calling our Wednesday night gatherings "Midweek at Grace". While it's true that we don't have to call it anything, I believe in setting goals and being explicit in our expectations. I decided to give our time together on Wednesdays such a title because I'm setting the goal of having a total of forty folks present and involved, and because the expectation is that it will be a fruitful time of fellowship and growth for our church family as we hit the mid point of each week.

This Sunday, there will be sign-up sheets for both studies being offered during our first session on Wednesday nights in both Connection Cove and in the back of the sanctuary. Robert Luker will be leading a small group that will be watching and discussing "The Case for Christ" a video series based on a book written by former investigative journalist Lee Strobel, an avowed atheist who set out to investigate the evidence for Jesus' existence, divinity, and resurrection before deciding to put his faith in Christ. If you have questions about the veracity of scriptures' claims about Jesus or his place in history, or just want to learn more about why we can put our whole trust in what we believe, this will be a great study to be a part of! I will be leading a group studying the Tough Sayings of Jesus, in which we'll look at several passages of scripture in which Jesus says something difficult for his listeners to hear. Together we'll examine the historical and theological context of each saying in an effort to better understand what it is that Jesus was getting at and how it might apply to our lives today.

The rhythm of Midweek at Grace will be that we offer two six-week studies being taught simultaneously, followed by a night of Testimonies and Table Talk, and an All-Together night, in which all generations of our church gather after dinner for a night of fun and fellowship before a new session of study begins. My goal is to build toward having forty people involved: eight in each of our studies, eight in our children's ministry, eight youth, and eight in our nursery. This would mean that a third of our worshipping congregation was also participating in further discipleship together, and that we are continuing to grow, get healthy, and take seriously our call to make disciples. While I don't expect we'll accomplish this on our first Wednesday night back together, I think it's a worthy target for us to aim for and is something we can accomplish together!

I am thrilled that our numbers for Sunday morning worship are picking up. Our attendance has just about tripled over the last four months, and we are seeing new faces weekly. Even better, we are worshipping in spirit and truth, experiencing God together, and enjoying an atmosphere that is thick with the presence of the Holy Spirit. We have seen prayers answered in miraculous ways and have come so far so quickly. God is certainly moving among us, no doubt, and it's been incredible to see!

Even so, I want to encourage each of you to consider committing yourself to more than just a Sunday morning worship service. No matter our station in life or how long we've followed Jesus, we all have more to learn, and we all have knowledge that needs to be passed on. What makes Grace Community Church a good place to be is the relationships we share with one another. Committing to coming to dinner on Wednesday nights and joining a Bible Study for six weeks not only allows these relationships to deepen but allows us to grow in our relationship with God together. Moving toward the goal of having a larger percentage of our worshipping congregation gathering to grow in faith together outside of just Sunday mornings is of vital importance to our continued growth as a church, and will help make it possible for us to be and ensure that we are becoming the church that God is calling us to be in Robertsdale. As your pastor, I'm setting this big goal and humbly asking you prayerfully consider helping accomplish it. I'm so proud to be serving you and look forward to seeing what God has in store for our church moving forward.

Grace and Peace,  
 Wes

# Youth News

## JAM!

Our Terrific Tuesday pool party at BJ and Don Newberry's was an awesome day. The kids had a great time. We are so appreciative. The kiddos got to hang out for over 3 hours of fun. Our next outing is to the Pensacola Wahoo's baseball game. We had purchased 50 seats and they have all been accounted for. We are looking forward to this night for sure.

After that we will be going to Brodie's Cream and Bean in Silverhill on August 8th at 2:30 for an ice cream social and prayer over our students as they return to school the next day.

Our annual yard sale will be two days this year, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 1pm. Volunteer sign up sheets are in Connection Cove if you wish to help on either date. I will be up at the church on Monday through Wednesday from 9 am to noon each day preparing and arranging the items for the sale if you wish to help on those days as well. 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 your understanding. If you still wish to drop off items and can during these morning hours when I will be there, that would be great! I appreciate each of you.

Other fabulous news! We are SOOOOOO close to purchasing the playground that has been years in the making. We are in talks over the installation costs but we have finally fully funded the actual equipment. We are so thankful to those who have effortlessly helped with every fundraiser and made private donations to this behalf. With prayer, we are hoping to have it here, delivered, and set up in October. There are still a few more mountains to climb but we believe the Lord is making a way.

Thank you to the men that put together our new table for our JAM classroom. We had run out of room. We have been running around 20 kids on Sunday mornings and we just had a new family join in to make our total close to 26 children. We are growing and we are ever thankful.

Love & Grace,  
Jessica McKinney



## Preschool

RGCC Preschoolers will return on Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> for the new school year! Our enrollment is full and we are maintaining a wait list in some classes.

We have a wonderful preschool team that is excited to teach little ones about the love God has for them. Of course, we'll learn about shapes, colors, letters and numbers, and so much more through our school year, but children who know the love of Jesus will have a great advantage when they leave from us going into elementary school. Their self-confidence will soar, they will be capable of discerning good choices from bad choices, they will know how to be a kind friend, they will interact with empathy and compassion. They will be leaders that our future needs. Thank you, church family, for the many ways you encourage our preschool. If you have not already, like and follow us on Facebook at Grace Community Preschool. We post lots of pictures of adorable children and many of the activities that we enjoy here at preschool.

Our team would like to give a thankful shoutout to our trustees, Mr. Bill Dwelle and Mr. Burr Wallace, along with several from RGCC Men's group, for installing our new metal cabinets in the classrooms.

Amanda Coggins



Sunday Service

◆ 9am Sunday School

◆ 9:40 Fellowship

◆ 10am Worship

# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Terrific Tues Blue Wahoons 6:00 pm (JAM)	2	3	4 Yard Sale 8-1 Daylight Dominos 10-12	5 Yard sale 8-1
6	7 Food Pantry 10-12	8 Terrific Tuesday—Ice Cream Social (JAM)	9	10	11	12 Mens Breakfast 8 am
13	14 Food Pantry 10-12	15	16 • Sonshiners 3:00-4:30 • Midweek at Grace (see Below for details)	17	18 Daylight Dominos 10-12	19
20	21 Food Pantry 10-12	22	23 • Sonshiners 3:00-4:30 • Midweek at Grace (see Below for details)	24	25	26 WOTC 9:30-11
27	28 Food Pantry 10-12	29	30 • Sonshiners 3:00-4:30 • Midweek at Grace (see Below for details)	31		

*Midweek at Grace : Dinner 5:15, Bible Study for all ages 6:00,  
and Choir Practice 6:00*

INCOME & EXPENSES ( Operating Acct)
CONTRIBUTIONS
OTHER INCOME
TOTAL
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**From the Office**

**Birthdays**

Eddie Wrenn 8/1  
Mike Johnson 8/2  
Mickey Wiley 8/5  
Ruthie Campbell 8/7  
Wynona Shaddix 8/8  
Cullen McKinney 8/18  
Lori Thompson 8/20  
Elmer McDaniel 8/24  
Joan Kral 8/29  
Lee Thompson 8/30

**Anniversaries**

Ron & Janey Raven 8/12  
Burr & Melinda Wallace 8/16

**CONGREGATION CORNER**

**We recently received a thank you letter from the Adult and Teen Challenge of Alabama for our donation collected of 227.00. The thank you note is one the board in Connection Cove.**



*Altar Flowers*

Just a reminder,  
If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, contact Clennie Thead. 251-504-7583  
Flowers left after Sunday Worship are delivered to shut-ins of our congregation.

Ministry Of The Month  
Preschool

Thank you Amanda Coggins and our teachers:  
June Salac, Amy Freeman, Katherine Harris,  
Tressa Watson and Anna Bird fo all you do for our children.

Month/Day	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Sunday School	61	61	66	59	56
Worship	131	96	122	116	96

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

**Through the eye of our Church Mouse**

\*\*We hear there is going to be an addition in the McKinney family. Wonder who ?????

\*\*There is a beautiful voice among the congregation., would love to hear that voice on Sunday mornings with the Choir.

\*\*The early bird gets the worm, we have someone that must get the worm everytime .. Could it be Clennie!

**Sunday Refreshments**

August 2 Clennie Thead & Irene Langston  
August 13 Lisa Lazzari & Lori Thompson  
August 20 Mike & Barbara Johnson  
August 27 June Salac

How many words (3 letters or more) can you create from.. HAVE FUN !!!

# GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Just a note: There are at least 4000 possibilities.

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## Grace Notes



Summer break is almost over so get ready!

Sonshiners will begin on **Wednesday**, August 16. We will meet from 3:00 (or after school) until 4:30. We will be working on a Christmas musical. There will be opportunities for Handbells as well as ukulele. We need volunteers to serve light refreshments, supervise on the playground, and/or help in the choir room. Please, please, please be ready to volunteer.

Choir will start rehearsing on Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00. We need you! "All God's Children Have a Place in the Choir" is not just a song!

Adult handbells will begin soon. There will be several positions available. Having had music lessons in your past (piano, band, etc.) can be helpful but is NOT required.

# acolyte ministry

## August

6 Izzy Luker

Danielle Godwin

13 Charleigh Dixon

Addison Pratt

20 Kenneth Bailey

Grady McDaniel

27 Tabetha Mattingly

Haven Cartrell



# Ministries

Sanctuary Flowers	Clennie Thead
Bereavement Meals	Nancy Blackmon
Daylight Dominos	Clennie Thead
Hospitality	
Media	Ken Sanderson
Children	Jessica McKinney
Youth	
Come & Go Coffee	Andy Koier
Food Pantry	Anthony Cooper
Sunday Morn. Refreshments	Lisa Sazzari
Education Co-Ordinator	Donna Boswell
Men of the Church	Dan Koier
Women of the Church	June Salac
Prayer Shawl	Susan Niclas
Scouts	
Music	BJ Newberry
Sonshiners	BJ Newberry

We invite you to serve as you are called.  
Volunteers are always appreciated and much needed.

## 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 August

August 6 Mr. & Mrs. Wingo Jr.

August 13 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Sanderson

August 20 Mr. & Mrs. Don Newberry

Mr. & Mrs. Paul McKinney

August 27 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Barnhill

## Women Of The Church

If you are mission minded and would like to fellowship with other ladies, we invite you to join us every 4th Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am.

