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To:

Vacation Bible School Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light

June 5 - 9

9am - 11:45am

Register online at grace.to/grace-kids/



Music Camp Instruments Around the World

June 12 - 15

9am - Noon

Register online at grace.to



Grace Notes

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

June/July 2023

Enjoy the Downtime

In the summer, a lot of folks travel. As you know, many come to Orlando. We locals know better than to head to the theme parks in the summer. It always puzzles me why so many suffer through the heat and humidity this time of year--and pay for the privilege!

TravelAge West, a travel industry website, said that Europe is popular this summer, especially London, Paris and Rome. Couples are planning Caribbean beach vacations. Even solo travel is on the upswing, with folks searching to fly solo to places as far as Iceland, Italy, and Japan.

Ellen and I are heading to Los Angeles in late June. We will

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Looking Forward

June

- 3 Buddy Break
- 4 Donut Decorating Breakfast
- 5 - 9 Vacation Bible School
- 10 - 17 Montreat, Sr. High School
- 12 - 15 Music Camp

July

- All month
Collection of socks and underwear size K-8 grades
- 4 Independence Day, Office Closed
- 23 - 27 The Great Escape, Jr. High School
- 30 Fifth Sunday Funday

August

- 6 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 20 Rally Day

See the church calendar online:
<https://www.grace.to/announcements/weekly-calendar/>

Thank You

I joined Grace Covenant in 1993. Although I can no longer attend, I keep up with the news in the newsletter and want to thank the deacons for their uplifting cards.

Shirley Bruce

The Discipleship Team would like to thank the members of the church for their rousing support for the Mother's Day tea.

We are grateful all went so smoothly. We had a large attendance of over 70 people, delicious food, tables nicely decorated with the finest china and marvelous entertainment.

We cannot thank the VOLUNTEERS enough for their hard work donating food, setting tables and all they do to make it so successful. We are so grateful to be part of the church.

Thank you,

Co-chairs, Carroll Frazier and Minnette Mullings.

New Contact Info

Ruth Combs

Ralph and Natalie Staschke

Carol Birmingham

Book Club

Panera Bread, S. Semoran

Tuesday, June 27, 7pm

Safely Home by Randy Alcorn

Tuesday July 25, 7pm

Yada Yada Prayer Group Book 1

by Neta Jackson

D.E.C.K 2.0

6pm -11pm Second Fridays

Craft with others for any amount of time. Questions: contact the church office.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will not meet in June, July and August and will return in September.

July

Happy Birthday

Happy Anniversary

Please contact the church office for a copy of this list.

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stay with friends who have been begging us to visit. Twist my arm! We will be there for 8 days, then back home for another week for more of a “staycation.” It will be the first time I’ve ever taken a 2-week vacation! I usually take a week here or there, but I think it’s important to model focused times of rest.

Many people say that despite the challenges that air travel presents these days, taking time off to explore the world is important. Broadening your horizon also broadens your perspective.

That being said, the ability to travel is also a privilege. Many folks simply cannot afford the time and/or money to explore the world. So I don’t take for granted the opportunity to enjoy downtime.

I hope that you are able to take a trip, whether this summer or some other time. If your world traveling days are behind you, look for places close to home to discover and enjoy. God created a big world and filled it with all sorts of interesting people and places. If you are able, go somewhere. Take lots of pictures. Enjoy every moment.

School Year Needs

The new school year is right around the corner and our community kids need more than just school supplies. The Outreach team will be collecting underwear and socks for our community schools during the month of July. Sizes range from K- 8th grade. Bring your donations to the Narthex or church office each Sunday in July. Thank you for continuing support of our neighborhood schools.

Ruth Circle

Ruth circle ended its spring session with a lovely potluck lunch at Conway Hall following our Bible study of Mary of Bethany.

We collected funds throughout the year and made a donation to the Scholarship Fund. We also allocated funds to Servant's Heart to cover the summer months when we are not actively meeting. This includes the monthly donation and supply of diapers to last over the summer.

Officers for the new year will be: Barbara Hart and Carroll Frazier co-chairs, Beverly Greer, secretary and Pat Teal, treasurer. Thank you to Winnie Rutherford for being our study leader. Next year, we will have rotation leader including Barbara Hart and Carol Ivey.

We look forward to meeting in September where we will continue our study of *Twelve Women of the Bible*.

Troop 23 Celebration

You're invited!
All past & present, scouts and scouters.



Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Interested? Email troop23square@gmail.com

ROOTED Youth Group

Sunday evenings
Middle school 4:15 - 6:00 pm
High school 5:00 - 7:15pm.
Watch for details on events and news on Facebook:
Grace Covenant PC Youth and Instagram: @rootedgpcpc
High school youth will go to Montreat June 11-17. Middle school youth will go to The Great Escape on July 23 - 27.

Grace Covenant Scholarship News

The Grace Covenant Scholarship Team is accepting applications for undergraduate college scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year.

Students must re-apply each year. Applications are available in the church office

- hard copy or digital - churchoffice@grace.to

Reminder: Deadline for scholarship applications is June 15, including a copy of the applicant's transcripts.

The Scholarship Fund is not a part of the church budget, but relies solely on contributions from the congregation. To contribute, please indicate "Scholarship Fund" on envelopes found in the back of the sanctuary or make your check payable to the church and indicate "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

Small Blessings Child Care

Small Blessings ends with another marvelous school year. Thanks to the leadership of Kimberly Cliett and her entire amazing staff. Like the busy bees and butterflies in the garden in front of Small Blessings, the children all have been extremely busy in growing and exploring God's wonderful world. Bible verses learned Psalm 149:9 "The Lord is good to all" and 1 Peter 5: 7 " Casting all your cares upon him for He cares for you". Grace Covenant gives blessings to all the children moving on to the next level. Small Blessings summer program begins June 5th with a petting farm, water day, a Human Hamster Wheel" and so much more! Grace Covenant is truly grateful for Small Blessings families and staff. God Bless this Ministry.