



How Do I Connect?

At Grace, we believe in making healthy and whole disciples of Christ. Connecting with others is vital in the process. Peek inside for opportunities to help find your place at Grace.

Grace United Methodist Church

A blessed community of faith inviting people to be healthy and whole disciples of Jesus

Our Values



Radical Hospitality



Passionate Worship



Intentional Faith Development



Extravagant Generosity



Risk-Taking Mission and Service



Worship Opportunities

Sunday Services at Grace

8:30 and 11:00 AM - Worship

10:00 AM - Praise and Worship

To get involved with our Passionate Worship Team, pick up a volunteer card from the Connections Center or contact Marvin Cropsey at cropseym@yahoo.com.



Members are encouraged to choose one or more opportunity to Grow at Grace:

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

A more traditional type of community and discipleship group that meets every Sunday at the church. Groups also schedule social times and outings together.

LifeGroups

Doing Life Together. Small groups of adults who meet together twice per month in a member's home or in the community to build each other up and encourage each other as they grow spiritually.

Interest Groups

Groups of individuals who meet together and share special interests, studies or hobbies. This is a time of building community with common interests and beliefs.

Special Studies

A group of individuals who join together to study and learn. Studies range from topical bible study to Christian parenting, healthy living and financial planning. These studies are offered on a semester basis typically beginning each Fall and Spring.

To get involved with our Intentional Faith Development Team, pick up a volunteer card from the Connections Center or contact David Teel at david@graceumc.net.

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning
9:45 AM Adult Bible Study

Open Door Class

Room: Family Life Center Classroom (FLC building is located on southeast corner of Mt. Juliet Rd. N and Timber Oak Trail Drive, exit church by turning right onto Mt. Juliet Road, turn right into the 2nd drive on your right. The side door on the north side of this building is the primary entry for the Open Door Class.)

Led by: Theresa Wright

Contact: Judy Price, larryjudyprice@tds.net

Purpose: To study God's plan for us through Christian interaction, education, and discussion while enjoying fellowship and support. International Lesson Series is used regularly with Bible readings by pre-selected class members and commentary by class leader.

Demographic: Adults, "middle-age" and up. While most of our members are one-half of century and more, several are "39 and holding." We all "think-young". As our name implies, we are open to adults of all ages.

Bible Seekers Class

Room C1

Led by: David Devine

Contact: David Devine, 758-5477

Purpose: To welcome adults and provide in-depth Bible Study using the International Lesson Series which is a six-year study of the Old and New Testaments.

Demographic: Adults over 50, single and married.

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study Continued

Room A1

Genesis Class

Led by: Bobby Naylor and Various Class Members

Contact: Kathleen Lawrence, katonline@tds.net

Purpose: To minister through discussion-oriented study of the Bible and its relationship to current issues, beliefs, and the lives of our members. The format of the Genesis Class allows participants a true study of the bible, digging deeper into scripture and how it speaks to us today. The variety of ages of class-members allows for unique discussion each week. The Genesis Class participates in service oriented activities throughout the year and strives to provide members with an ongoing opportunity for spiritual growth and service.

Demographic: Mostly 35 to 60 but all ages, couples and singles, are welcome.

Room A2/A4

QAD (Questions and Discussion) Class

Led by: Rita Sowell and Various Class Members

Contact: Karen Cropsey, cropseyk@gmail.com

Purpose: To support each other through service, prayer, concern for others and the fellowship of social encounters. This class is discussion oriented **hence “Questions And Discussion” and focuses on contemporary** issues as they relate to scripture and our often varied opinions on topics of general interest (i.e. sports, work, family, achievements/failures, etc.). The purpose of each week's lesson is to take something back to be applied during the week in our lives.

Demographic: An eclectic group of young people, old people and everyone in between is invited.

9:45 AM Adult Bible Study Continued

Room A5

Crossroads Class

Led by: Tina Parson and Tara Jones

Contact: Tina Parson, tparson@manorhealthcare.net

Purpose: To provide a fun and relaxed atmosphere where faith, family and friendships grow using the Bible as well as various bible studies to deepen our knowledge and fellowship to expand our hearts.

Demographic: Mostly couples with children (infants to teens) but is not limited to married couples (singles and families with no children are also welcome).

Room A7/A9

Vineyard Class

Led by: David Wright and Various Class Members

Contact: Janie Smotherman, jsmo@tds.net

Purpose: This class emphasizes the study of Scripture, with a fresh "from the back side" approach. The format of the class is teacher-moderated discussion, with a healthy dose of humor and history. The class typically utilizes the Adult Bible Series for curriculum, but will also use other scripture-based bible studies by authors such as Ellsworth Kalas.

Demographic: All ages, married and single.

Room A6

NEW CLASS—Real Life Bible Study

Led by: Various Class Members

Contact: Stephanie Ofenheusle, 547-0947 or Amy Hill, 288-4330

We are real people with real challenges in a real world. Join other young families and young adults for a study of current events and how we respond to them as Christians. Come with an open mind and heart as we discuss Real Life and how our reactions to it as Christians effect our children, co-workers, family and friends beginning Sunday, October 17

Demographic: Single or married with young children and Young Adults

LifeGroups

LifeGroups—Doing Life Together.

A small group of adults in similar life stages who meet together regularly in a **member's home to build each other up and encourage each other to grow** spiritually. Groups will eat a meal together and discuss questions as they relate to life and recent sermon topics. Children are welcome, each group will **coordinate child care in the host's home.**

Groups are being launched in neighborhoods across our community and are made of up to 12 people that include trained facilitators willing to guide discussion. Hosts and group leaders are needed for this newly launched and quickly growing ministry!

Find out more information regarding LifeGroups at the Connections Center or contact David Teel at david@graceumc.net to find a small group that is close to home and fits your lifestyle and schedule.

Interest Groups

Groups of individuals who meet together and share special interests, studies, talents or hobbies. This is a time of building community with common interests and beliefs.

Young at Heart

3rd Monday of each month

Contact: Jodie Clemons, 289-4099

If you are 50 years young or more, consider joining our group for monthly outings. Watch the church calendar or bulletin for details of upcoming trips.

United Methodist Men

2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 am

At the Grace Family Life Center

All men of the church and community are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship and study.

Interest Groups Continued

United Methodist Women's Ruth Circle

2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 AM in member's homes

Contact: Harriet Cain, 758-3260

All women of the church and community are invited to join us for fellowship and study.

United Methodist Women's BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) Circle

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM

Room: A3

Contact: Jackie Cherry, 885-1299

All women of the church and community are invited to join us for fellowship and study.

Emmaus Reunion Groups

Various Times

Contact: Deb or Tim Dillard, momdill@comcast.net

The Walk to Emmaus is held each Fall and Spring and is an intense learning **opportunity to grow in one's faith.** Find out more about Emmaus at www.graceumc.net/emmaus

Music and Worship Arts Opportunities

Chancel Bells, Choir and Drama Team

Various Times

Contact: Katharine Ray, kat@graceumc.net

The Worship experience at Grace is blessed by our music and worship arts program. These groups not only enhance our worship experience but members also enjoy fellowship as they build community together.

Yoga at Grace

Mondays at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Room: Grace Family Life Center

Contact: Whitney Simpson, whitneyandtroy@gmail.com

Yoga at Grace is taught by Leighanne Buchanan, a Christian instructor who has been practicing yoga for over 20 years. Classes are \$20 per month or \$8 per class and are open to all ages. Find out more at www.graceumc.net/yoga.

Special Studies

Confirming Faith: 10 Things Followers of Jesus Must Know To Live Abundantly

What are the essentials, really? What is Christian faith and life really about in a nutshell? Do they have confirmation classes for grownups? If you've ever wanted to learn what is typically taught in a confirmation class, this group is for you! Join David Teel and Jeffrey Wills on Wednesday evenings this Fall for a look at faith as a verb, not just what we must know but how we must live if we want to follow Jesus and make his kingdom a reality in this world. Classes started August 18th and meet Wednesdays at 6:30 in Room A6.

Confirmation 2010-2011

Grace Confirmation classes will run through the Spring of 2011 with Confirmation Sunday on May 22, 2011. Confirmation will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in Room A10. We will have 15 weeks of classes in the Fall **and 15 weeks in the Spring. Parents will play a key role in this year's class.** Contact david@graceumc.net with any questions.

Disciple Bible Study

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible? Disciple Bible study may be for you! This 34 week experience emphasizes the study of scripture in a committed small group setting with 10-12 adults for two hours each week. A Tuesday evening group (6-8 PM) starting September 14 is forming now. Contact David Teel (david@graceumc.net) or Lisa Barr (LBARR@genesco.com; 288-4081) to find out more.

Young Adult Bible Study

Young Adult Bible Study is open to all high school graduates up to Age 30. Join us Tuesdays at the home of David and Becky Waynick: 602 Page Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. Join us at 6:00 PM for Bible Study led by Cheri Mason. Please note that childcare is not provided.

Women's Morning Study:

"Here and Now...There and Then"

All women are invited to join us on Monday mornings for an 11 week study of Beth Moore's "Here and Now . . . There and Then," a study of the book of Revelation, beginning on Monday, September 13 at 9:00 a.m. To reserve a book or if you have questions, please contact Connie Wright at mjcwright@comcast.net or 754-4311. Or, you may purchase a book on your own or at Lifeway Bookstore.

Women's Evening Study:

"Here and Now...There and Then"

All women are invited to join us on Thursday evenings for an 11 week study of Beth Moore's "Here and Now . . . There and Then," a study of the book of Revelation, beginning on Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. Please purchase your book online or at Lifeway Bookstore. For questions, contact Lois Knox at 889-2534.

The Quest for Authentic Manhood

Dr. Ron Brown will be leading the first session in the Men's Fraternity series, "The Quest for Authentic Manhood", on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM in room A6. Contact Ron to find out more at ron@graceumc.net. Consider joining us as we begin this journey on Wednesday, September 15th. Men of all ages are welcomed.

Authentic Manhood, Winning at Work and Home

Men's Fraternity returns to the Grace Sanctuary on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:00 AM. No pre-requisite is required as this class stands on its own. Join us for a short introduction followed by a video from Dr. Robert Lewis. The goal of this program is to help men win at work and home. Men of all ages are welcomed. Join us for this sixteen week program facilitated by Luther Clemons.

Grace Kids

www.graceumc.net/children

NEW Sunday Programming

Children are invited to the front of the sanctuary during 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship for a brief devotion during ABC Club then dismissed for Playful Praise and Children's Church (there is no Children's Church on the first Sunday of each month, Communion Sunday).

Playful Praise (ages three through pre-K) - Room C11

Join us for new interactive, pre-school based curriculum

Children's Church (ages k through 5th grade) - Room A7

Join us for new praise and worship music, memorable lessons and activities, and discussion starter DVD segments.

The R.O.C.K.

Beginning September 12, The R.O.C.K. replaces Children's Sunday School. Kids will gather in the sanctuary at 9:45 with group leaders for fun songs before heading to a time of games, snacks, crafts and a Bible Story.

Parents and other adults remaining in the sanctuary for the 10:00 service will encounter a brief, powerful message from the word of God from the same scripture passage our children are studying. Want to get involved in this exciting new ministry? Email amy@graceumc.net or mindyoldham@tds.net.



Wednesday Programming

5:15 - 6:30 PM - 5th Grade Bible Study (Room C5)

6:00 - 6:30 PM - Pizza With A Purpose (Room C12)

6:30 - 7:00 PM - Cherub Choir (Room C1)

6:30 - 7:30 PM - **Children's Choir (Sanctuary)**

Your child has a place at Grace! Our SHEEP (Shepherding, Helping, Encouraging, Empowering, Providing) Program assists children with special needs so they can attend Grace Children's programming. Volunteer shepherds are paired with children to assist them in church activities so that they can be with their peers and fully experience Grace. Training is available for Shepherds. If you desire to become part of this growing ministry, e-mail Sharon Lyttle at shalyt@comcast.net.

Visit www.graceumc.net/children for details on each of these ministry opportunities. For more information contact 615.754.6034 or email amy@graceumc.net

Grace Youth
www.graceumc.net/youth

Sunday Programming

9:45 AM

Youth Bible Study

7th Grade Confirmation Class

(Adult Wing at Grace)

6:30—8:00 PM

Youth, The Center Small Groups (Main Building)

NEW Wednesday Programming

4:30 - 5:45 PM

Acts of Grace, Black Light and Drama Ministry (FLC)

6:00 - 6:30 PM

Youth Dinner (FLC)

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Youth, The Gathering (FLC)

6th Grade Bible Study (FLC)

Stay Up To Date!

Monthly Parent Meetings:

Last Sunday of each month from 8:00—8:30 PM (Main Building, A7)

Adult Leadership Team Meetings:

2nd Sunday at 1 PM (FLC)

Youth Leadership Team Meetings:

2nd Sunday at 8 PM (Main Building, A7)

The Family Life Center (FLC) building is located on southeast corner of Mt. Juliet Rd. N and Timber Oak Trail Drive, exit church by turning right onto Mt. Juliet Road, turn right into the 2nd drive on your right.

Visit www.graceumc.net/youth for upcoming events and details. For more information contact 615.525.8199 or email ashlee@graceumc.net



Secure online giving is now available on our website:
www.graceumc.net/giving

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." - 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Our online giving tool allows you to use your Debit/Check Card (or credit card) and is secured with 128-bit encryption; your information is completely safe and confidential. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about online giving. You can also contact the church office at 615-754-6034 to sign up for Direct Debit and have your account automatically drafted once or twice per month.

To get involved with our Extravagant Generosity Team, pick up a volunteer card from the Connections Center or contact Tim Dillard at tdillard@travelers.com.



From local missions opportunities to projects around the **world, Grace is answering God's call to Go into our** community and the world.

Grace is active in our community and the world as our Risk-Taking Missions and Service Team supports local and global efforts that make a difference in our and community and beyond.

At Grace we have multiple opportunities for you to “go” and be Christ’s hands and feet. Volunteers are needed for many ministry opportunities including the Disaster Relief Team, Room in the Inn, Backpack Food Program, Sweet Dreams Pajama Ministry, Gifts of Grace Fish Fry, Heart to Heart Transportation Ministry, Stephen Ministry, Charis Health Center , Mt. Juliet Help Center and others.

For ongoing updates and the most recent needs from our Missions Team visit www.graceumc.net/go or www.graceumc.net/news.

To get involved with our Risk Taking Mission and Service Team, pick up a volunteer card from the Connections Center or contact Ric Rios at rickrios@deloitte.com.



We want to Greet you by name and make our guests feel welcomed!

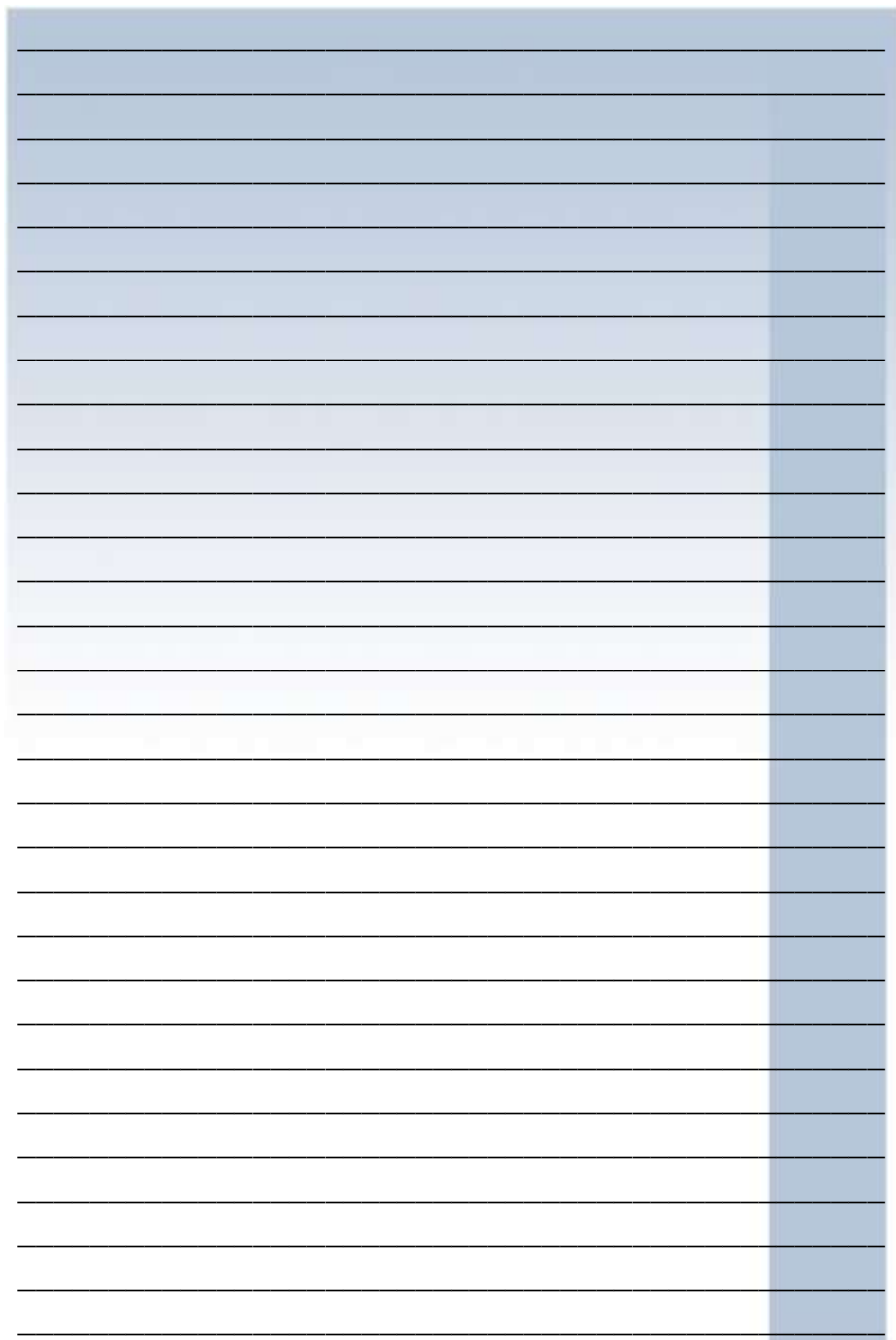
Please help make Grace a welcoming place for our members and visitors by wearing a nametag regularly!! If you would like to have a nametag (or if you need a new one), please complete and return a request form at the Connections Center or Church Office.

Need More Info?

The information in this booklet is a general overview of current opportunities at Grace. If you have questions about additional ways you can connect at Grace Church, please schedule a time to visit with our staff or lay ministry leaders or stop by the NEW Connections Center in the East Entry before or after worship.

You may also visit www.graceumc.net any time for links to additional opportunities at Grace.

To get involved with our Radical Hospitality Team, pick up a volunteer card from the Connections Center or contact Brett Karstens at brett_karstens@ahm.honda.com



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Nursery care is provided on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for children, ages newborn through 2 years of age that have parents actively volunteering in a church-related function, participating in a Grace class, or involved in bells or choir practice. For questions, contact terri@graceumc.net.



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