

| JULY | | | | | | |
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- 1 – Independence Day

2 – Jump Start Your Health: Rose Run

3 – Lake Day

4 – gsYOUTH Cedar Point Trip
- 5 – gsYOUTH High School Mission Trip

6 – Zoo Day

7 – gsYOUTH Middle School Movie Night

8 – Family Service

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- 1 – gsYOUTH High School Hang Out

2 – Jump Start Your Health: Shermanator Triathlon

3 – First Step Class
- 4 – gsKIDZ Volunteer Appreciation

5 – 5th/6th Grade Orientation

6 – End of Summer Glow Party

7 – Baptism

8 – Move Up Sunday

For details about these opportunities head to gracespringchurch.org/events

a prayer for being present

Gracious God,

Thank you for the gift of today and the opportunity to experience new mercies. Help me to be ever mindful that you meet me where I am. As you breathed life into Adam, let my every breath today be the sound of worship to you. I pray for your presence to settle deep in my bones. Break through the noise of today to quiet my mind and spirit towards unity with you in gratitude and joy. Grant me grace that I may be diligent and faithful to your will, for service to you is perfect freedom. Nourish my soul so that my heart may be attuned to the whisperings of your wisdom. I put my trust in you today, for the past is covered by the Cross and the future is filled with the hope of Resurrection. Now is the time for healing, for love, and for grace. Teach me to look deeply with the eyes of unshakeable faith at the life you have provided, for in you I find true life. May my living today continually demonstrate the invitation of the gentle, loving Savior.

Let this day give you praise for you are due all glory, all honor, and all worship, now and forever.

Amen

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

BOOKS

What Does God Want?
by Dr. Michael S. Heiser

How (Not) to Read the Bible...
by Dan Kimball

PODCASTS

Genesis Marks the Spot
(Carey Griffel)

“Raiding the ivory tower of biblical
theology without ransacking our faith”

Jonathan David & Melissa Helser



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Dear [gracespring](https://gracespring.org) Family,

As we now hit the second half of our summer, we begin a new fiscal year. We celebrate how the Lord's provision showed up through your obedience to Him through your generosity in how we finished the year financially.

We pray that the Summer on the Mount has been an impactful sermon series in encouraging your walk with the Lord. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the recommended resources found in your Growth Guides as we take on some more difficult subject matters that Jesus addresses. You will be hearing from Pastor Jim Mitchell, as well as one of our Elders, Scott McCloughan, as they open up the word of God while Tammy and I are on vacation, and then becoming grandparents.

A rested Pastor Kenneth will rejoin us in mid-July. He returns to see the gsLIFE Team that he oversees, expanding by welcoming in Eric Kuhn who will be providing attention and oversight to our Groups Ministry. We pray that not too long after that, Adam Wachtman will have his family transitioned from Ohio to begin his role as our Family Life Pastor. There is much to give thanks for!

We look forward to finishing our summer off with a Baptism at the Lake following services on August 20, promising to be a wonderful celebration with food and togetherness. Should you have taken a step into faith this past year, we would love to celebrate with you. Make sure to listen for the details as you will not want to miss this church family event!

In His Grip, Pastor Bryan

upcoming events

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04

The Rose Run

Do you like to move your body? Then join us as a church family as we participate in the 4th of July Rose Run (or walk).



We will meet up before and after these events to mingle and cheer each other on. T-shirts are provided. Kids are welcome with participating adult. Sign up for either run with Jump Start Your Health via the QR code!

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Lake Day

Join us at Robert Morris Park from 10AM - 3PM to enjoy a family lake day! There will be games, prizes and plenty of food. Make sure to invite your friends, or make some at the beach and invite them to join the fun!

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Zoo Day

Meet us at Binder Park Zoo at 10AM for a family zoo day! You are invited to bring your own lunch, and gracespring will provide dessert at 12:30PM. Make sure you invite your friends!

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Shermanator

Join us as a church family as we tackle the Shermanator Sprint Triathlon (Swim, Bike, and Run)!

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First Step Class

First Step is a class for people to learn about the mission and vision of gracespring and how to get plugged in. This class will meet for two hours starting at 10:15AM.

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End of Summer Glow Party

gsKIDZ, get ready to celebrate your summer at our Glow Party! We will be gathering from 6:00PM-8:00PM for games, music, and snacks. We can't wait to see you there!

IDEAS FOR HOW TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER

1. INVITE THEM TO JOIN YOU FOR A GRACESPRING FAMILY EVENT

Our hope for this summer is that we all take advantage of the opportunity to be in community together—and we hope you'll invite friends and family to join us! Our July 8 Lake Day and our July 28 Zoo Day are great opportunities to encourage people to get to know a new neighbor or a co-worker and their family.

2. SET UP A LEMONADE, POPSICLE, OR FLOWER STAND... FOR FREE!

Let's surprise our neighbors and passerby by being generous with whatever we may have at our disposal! Wildflowers from your yard, a batch of cookies, a big jug of lemonade—let's share the joy of Christ by brightening someone's day. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your kids to brainstorm with you, or gather some friends to join you!

3. PLAN A SATURDAY SERVE DAY

Even if it's not on a Saturday, grab your small group or a handful of friends and find a time to serve together. Amidst the fun and busyness of summer, let's keep the opportunity to love on our community in front of us as well! Check out our partners for opportunities like serving food at Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries or taking an afternoon to landscape for Alongside.



Support those on Missions

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR gsYOUTH ON MISSION

This summer gsYOUTH is continuing our partnership with LeaderTreks for our high school mission trip to Dayton, Ohio. One of the main ministries we will serve with is No Longer Strangers, who provide temporary housing, resources, after-school programs, and much more to families who are still putting down roots in Dayton. We will be able to partner with No Longer Strangers in ministering to these families through a VBS and some other much needed service projects in the refugee community. Please join us in praying for the hearts of the people we will be ministering to, unity amongst our team, and for boldness to proclaim the Gospel!

WHEN TO PRAY:

Leading up to and during the week of JULY 16th - 22nd

HOW TO PRAY:

- Write letters of encouragement to one or two people on the list below to send with them when they go.
- Circle a few names on the list and intentionally pray for those individuals daily.
- Write out 3-6 verses to pray over the team throughout their preparation and week of serving.

WHO IS GOING:

Students: Trey Kerschbaum, Brenna Temple, Millennium Walker, Emily Greehalgh, Skyler Canniff, Ben Vandervoort, Lydia Kruis, Mariska Sage, Alyssa DeVoll, Clara Heikka, JJ Heikka, Eli Elwell, Nathan Priest, Rylee Fraaza, Trent Mitchell, Jenielle DeBoer, Katrina Howe, Malin Sage, Jacob Reijonen, Allison Ramer, Eva Halley, Brynn DeKruyter, Kate DeKruyter, Josiah Fuller, Corbin Norton, Geremu Walker, Bella Crossley, Serenity Scott.

Leaders: Jacob Bates, Shelby Bates, Alyssa Trembly, Kim Walker, Mike Sage, Mike Reijonen, Ben Binkley, Kayla Matlock