

# GRACE MINISTRIES NEWS

## FROM THE DESK OF BERT WOODBURN

We live in a sinful, fallen world in need of a savior. It may seem that darkness is overwhelming at times. Yet Jesus always offers us hope. "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you." John 15:18

How can we sinners make a difference? We can share His Word with others. We can feed His sheep. We can lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Grace Ministries was founded to reach others to share hope and His grace. We equip our brothers and sisters in Christ to be light in the darkness. We know that God is in control. Goodness and light will prevail. As Paul wrote in Romans 12: 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Grace Ministries continues to foster Biblical stewardship of God's resources throughout the year, We ask for your continued prayers and financial support of our ministry. Continue to pray for us to reach the lost and equip the saints through our events, mission programs, and many open group Bible studies held throughout the week.

God bless you, and may God continue to bless Grace Ministries USA to make disciples by reaching the lost and equipping believers to seek the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,  
*Bert Woodburn*



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## Baptism

We are saved by the grace of God through our faith (or belief) in Christ Jesus who died for us (Ephesians 2:1-10). We enter that special relationship with him by turning away from our life of sin and being baptized. Baptism is an act in which a Christian is immersed in water to symbolize the end of an old way of living and a new start. When you get baptized it is a testimony to God and people that you, by faith, will live a new life as a believer in Christ.

On July 10, 2022, Ryan Carr was baptized, at a local lake, by Pastor Bert Woodburn, President of Grace Ministries. Ryan has been disciplined by Pastor Bert for a year and during that time he gave his life to Christ. "Ryan is on fire for the Lord and has and is faithfully studying God's word while attending a Grace Ministry Bible study." Remarked Pastor Bert. Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



## Thanksgiving Blessings

With grocery prices up from a year ago, the cost of buying a Thanksgiving meal is hitting families a lot harder this year. Despite inflation and rising food costs, Grace Ministries was able to provide over 50 turkeys or chickens and all the fixings for a Thanksgiving dinner. These meals

were distributed to families in need through a church in Wake Forest, NC, a local high school food ministry, and a church in Louisburg, NC.

"God is amazing. For Grace Ministries was able to purchase and provide Thanksgiving dinners to those that otherwise would not have had one and then to do it all in two weeks," stated Pastor Bert Woodburn, President of Grace Ministries. One individual who attends a Grace Ministries Bible study donated a \$100 grocery gift card to buy turkeys. This then challenged others who attend the numerous Grace Ministry Bible studies along with ministry board members to match and/or add to that donation. "This is just a beginning for we hope next year to triple the number of meals we can donate," commented Woodburn.



## Legacy Soccer Jamboree

Grace Ministries sponsored the Legacy Men's Soccer Jamboree that was held at Franklinton High School, Franklinton, NC this past August. The Jamboree is a men's soccer tournament held in honor of 5 local high school soccer alumni who have passed away. There were 15 teams from around the state of North Carolina participating in the jamboree.

This is an all-day event that gives athletes the ability to compete on a state level while

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experiencing life-changing fellowship and encouragement in their walk with God.

Throughout the day member(s) of Grace Ministries gave their testimony and information on driving safety. It also provided a platform for student-athletes to come together and connect over the game of soccer and build new relationships.

## The Gift of Marital Counseling

Grace Ministries provides marital and pre-marital counseling. Couples receive a Biblical perspective while exploring their goals, defining responsibilities within the relationship, how to grow together spiritually and how to work through major life changes and challenges. Grace Ministries has written a Biblical-based couple's study called, "10-10-10 Cultivating Your Marriage: A Biblical Perspective on Marriage". This is just one tool used by our ministry in marital and pre-marital counseling.



*Mr. and Mrs. Germano on their wedding day.*

In the past few months, there have been several couples that have gone through our pre-marital counseling. Our marriages need to be Biblical and God-honoring. God's word says in Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

## Helping Girls Get Badge

This past September Grace Ministries held an outdoor gun safety class for American Heritage Girls Troop NC 4673. The event was hosted by Grace Ministries board member Sue Meehan and her husband Mike Meehan at their North Carolina farm. There were 40 participants, middle to high-school-age girls and their parents. The girls were earning a gun safety badge as part of their American Heritage Girls program. American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.



*American Heritage Girls having Bible Study*

Pastor Bert Woodburn started the day with prayer, Biblical study, and personal testimonies of faith by some of the leaders. The girls then received gun safety instructions, which entailed how to properly store, handle, use and transport a firearm.

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They also had shooting practice and target qualifying shooting. This was all followed by a great lunch, fellowship, and time enjoying the farm. "It was an informative day for all our young ladies.

All the girls left happy and inspired, and all the leaders and parents left grateful and impressed," stated Kim Hugent, Troop Leader.



*Gun safety instruction*

"The girls did an amazing job. They were attentive listeners and had great enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to teach the young ladies about Biblical principles and gun safety," remarked Pastor Bert Woodburn, President of Grace Ministries. Grace Ministries would like to thank Sue and Mike Meehan for the use of their farm and for providing a great lunch and for the volunteers, who gave of their time. Grace Ministries is committed to our youth, and this is just one way of being intentional about showing the love of Christ.

## Fall Festival and Car Show

Participation in community events is an excellent way to show the love of Christ to others. Grace Ministries was able to do this by partnering with the Youngsville Kiwanis's club

with their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Youngsville Fall Festival and Car Show. The event was held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Faith Baptist Church, Youngsville, North Carolina, and over 1,000 people were in attendance. There was an indoor craft show, free bouncy houses, games for the children, and numerous food trucks on site. In addition, there was a car show that brought classic car enthusiasts from all over the state of North Carolina.



*One of the many cars at the 17th Annual Youngsville Fall Festival and Car Show.*

Grace Ministries helped with the set-up and breakdown of the event, staffing of the children's games, bouncy houses, and trash pick-up. Through the Grace Ministries sports ministry team, players from a local high school soccer team helped in staffing the bouncy houses, and children's game, and giving out game prizes to the children. "It was great to come alongside and partner with the Youngsville Kiwanis Club, for it gave us the opportunity to glorify God by reaching people with the Gospel and building disciples. Participating in community events like this one is a way to build relationships and build disciples for the kingdom of Christ," stated Pastor Bert Woodburn, President of Grace Ministries.

# JOIN OUR MINISTRY



## Who is Grace Ministries USA?

The graphic above shows the many areas of ministry supported by Grace Ministries USA. We are a growing ministry and are always looking into our vision of ministry so that all we do for our Lord Jesus’ behalf is to bring Him glory, build up His church, and reach out to His world. We desire to be a ministry that points out that God wants to be prominent in all our lives. Our ultimate example of ministry is Jesus Christ Himself.

## Our Mission

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. Because we believe that lost and sinful man must be saved, and that man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we are devoted to

helping all of us live the teachings of The Great Commission in our communities. The Great Commission at the end of the Book of Matthew is our guiding instruction to “make disciples of all nations.” We prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to help us actively and



compassionately share God's love. A foundation of our ministry is creating welcoming small-group meetings for believers in Christ to bring their families and friends.

## The Great Commission

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. --  
**Matthew 28:19-20**

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*Grace Ministry's QR code*

## Bible Study

The SOAP Method stands for **S**cripture, **O**bservation, **A**pplication, and **P**rayer.



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The SOAP form we use can be downloaded from our website. Below is a sample of what the form looks like.

Proverbs

Self-Examination

A. Scripture Highlight

B. Observation

QUESTION: What observations have you made about this passage of scriptures?

C. Application

QUESTION: How can I apply this scripture to my life?

D. Prayer

QUESTION: How should I pray to God, my Father, after reading this passage of scripture?