



GRACE MINISTRIES NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF BERT WOODBURN

There is no question that, so far, 2024 has been a year of political turmoil. There are several decisions we will have to make when voting in November. You will not only be voting for our next president but also for key House and Senate seats. These positions are important because they likely determine which party controls congress, enabling or obstructing the future president’s policy goals. Some state voters will be voting for governors and lieutenant governors as well as policies that will have direct impact on their communities. As followers of Christ how do we cast our vote? or do we just avoid voting altogether? I would like to share with you my Christian perspective on voting this November.

First and foremost, it is important to seek God’s word to answer the question should you even vote? Some people use Romans 12:2 that says, *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will-his good, pleasing and perfect will,”* as a reason not to vote. I think Paul is telling us to abandon our desires for possessions, pleasures, and power-to stop living a life of worldly ways and is urging us to be transformed from the inside out. Dr. Jeff Meyers, President of Summit Ministries, states, *“Do not conform...”* doesn’t mean we should disengage ourselves from the political system. Because the kind of government we have (in the United States) is a constitutional republic. And in a constitutional republic, the people are the rulers.”

As a Christian voting allows us to exercise our freedom to influence and contribute to the wellbeing of our country, with our total faithfulness to God. 1 Peter 2:13-17 says, *“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.”*

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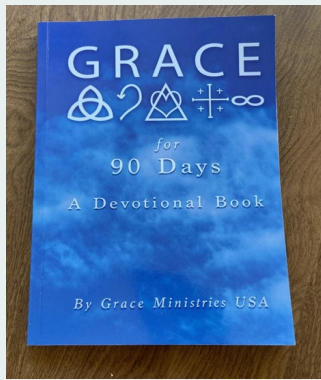


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90 Day Devotional

“GRACE FOR 90 DAYS A DEVOTIONAL BOOK”

Grace Ministries USA devotional book is for sale on Amazon and is titled, “Grace for 90 Days: From Grace Ministries USA. It \$12.99 in paperback and #19.99 in hardcover. When you purchase the book, you receive Kindle reward points through Amazon.

The devotional is a compilation of 90 devotionals that includes writing prompts using the SOAP method. The SOAP method helps you organize your thoughts into four helpful topics-Scripture, Observations, Applications and Prayer.

Using a devotional, along with your Bible everyday helps in your spiritual growth, gives you peace and practical guidance, is inspirational and creates a habit of prayer and reflection.

It is our hope that we can get this book in the hands of both non-believers and believers. It is an excellent way to spread the Gospel of Christ, to disciple new believer and to grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord.”

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So, when we vote, we should consider the principles and values of our faith, seeking to support candidates and policies that align with biblical teachings. Our votes have the potential to make a difference and create a positive impact on our communities, promoting justice, compassion, and righteousness.

How do we vote as Christians? It is crucial to pray and seek Gods word for direction. Voting does come down to party, republican or democrat. Educate yourself on the stance each party takes on the issues facing our society and use Gods word as your litmus test. There are issues that I feel are more substantial than others. Here are the issues that I see as a priority as follower of Christ: Following God’s definition of a traditional family, the sanctity of life is of the utmost importance, absolute religious freedom, gender transitioning is not for children, God created individuals as male and female, and morals issues based on Biblical view and not world view. In addition, I think it is important to seek wise counsel and

guidance when making decisions, Proverbs 11:14 says, “*For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.*”

When it comes to voting, we should seek input from trusted sources, such as fellow believers, Christian community leaders, and reputable organizations. Our collective prayer and wisdom can help us make choices that align with God’s will and promote the well-being of our nation.

Proverbs 29:2 “*When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.*”

As Christians, we have a responsibility to vote and support candidates who will govern with righteousness and wisdom, promoting justice and well-being for all. We will never get everything we want in an earthly political leader. We can be the best steward possible by selecting people who will be faithful in keeping the values revealed in the Bible and rejecting those who don’t. As faithful stewards it is our Christian responsibility.

YOUNGSVILLE EASTER EGG HUNT



Members of Young Pro Ministry

The Youngville Community Easter Egg Hunt took place on March 23, 2024, at Luddy Park in Youngville. The event featured an egg hunt organized by age groups ranging from toddlers to 4th graders. Over 9,000 eggs filled with candy and prizes were distributed, with nearly all of them being handed out. Attendees enjoyed food, games, prizes, and bouncy houses.

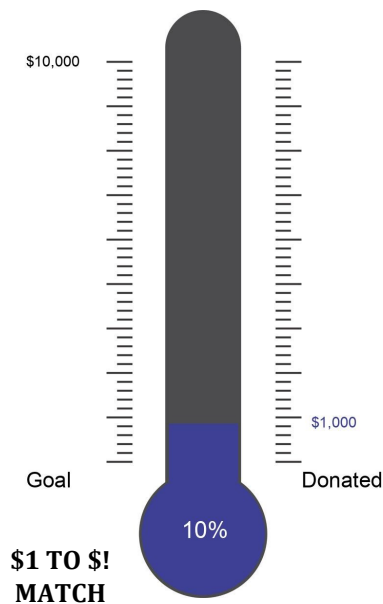
Volunteers from Grace Young Pro’s ministry dedicated their time to assist with the setup and breakdown of the event. They also staffed the Grace Ministry table and distributed bracelets that share the Gospel of Christ. “We have been involved in the Easter Egg Hunt for over six years, and it always brings me immense joy to see everyone having a great time,” said Bert Woodburn, Teaching Pastor for Grace Ministries. “We handed out over 100 bracelets and used them to present the Gospel,” Woodburn added.

Grace Ministry provided financial support for the event and collaborated with the Town of Youngville, Faith Baptist Church, Covenant Hope Church, Friends of the Youngville Library, and Youngville Kiwanis. We look forward to participating next year.

\$1 TO \$1 FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Do Twice As Good With One Donation! We've been blessed by an anonymous donor offering a \$1-to-\$1 match, up to \$10,000. Every dollar you give will be doubled, multiplying your impact. For example, if you, your company, family and/or church donate \$50 our anonymous donor will match that amount! That's right your \$50 will be matched!

These funds empower Grace Ministries to continue providing food, clothing, disaster relief, crisis intervention, spiritual counseling, one-on-one Bible studies and support Grace's other ministries. Join us in this extraordinary opportunity to make a profound difference in our community and help us transform lives!



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

The core of Grace Ministries USA is making disciples and equipping them as Matthew 28:19-20 states, "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." What ever journey you are on in your relationship with Christ, or just a seeker, we offer a safe place and common ground for discovering God through the study of His word.

Grace Ministries Bible studies are held weekly, throughout the year at area restaurants and homes. We also have a virtual study on the zoom

platform that is held on Tuesday mornings. Our Bible studies encourage individual study, create discussion, has effective teaching, knowledgeable commentary and a caring community. We use basic principles of God's word through discussion and the use of the SOAP method (scripture, observation, application, and prayer).

Hebrews 4:14 tells us "the word of God is living and active", so God's work in teaching us through his word is never complete. If you are interested in attending one of our Bible Studies or starting one Please contact Reverend Bert Woodburn at gmusa-bert@gmail.com



POWER OF PRAYER

There are over 650 prayers in the Bible, and Scripture records 25 prayers of Jesus. The number of times "prayer" is mentioned in the Bible varies by version, but the important thing is that prayer is an essential part of the Christian life. Prayer is our way of showing our gratitude and dependence on God, as well to connect us with other Christians.

Since the start of Grace Ministries, we have had a prayer ministry. We take seriously the call to Scripture to "pray for one another". There are individuals in the ministry that the Holy Spirit has laid on their hearts to pray for others. These individuals are assigned to pray one day a week for those on Grace Ministries prayer list.

If you have a prayer request you can email us at gmusa-prayer@gmail.com or contact us on our website www.graceministriesusa.org. All prayer requests are private and only first names are used. If you would like to be a member of the prayer ministry contact Bert Woodburn at gmusabert@gmail.com

Ephesians 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, with this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (NIV)

(Continued 5th Annual Clay Shoot)

God has always been the priority in Doc's life and that of his families. Studying medicine in different countries opened his eyes to the needs of others which God led him to mission work. Doc and his family served as missionaries in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, and Nicaragua. They assisted in building houses, schools, churches, and an orphanage in Central and South America. Doc is still doing mission work but in a unique way. He is actively leading Bible studies for Grace Ministries where he shares the gospel of Christ and disciple's fellow believers.

The day ended with the drawing for the winners of the Grace Ministries raffle and silent auction. We are thankful for the anonymous raffle donations of a seventy-five inch television, Solo pizza grill, twenty-two revolver, prize package of gift cards, chainsaw, a Solo fire-place., and other silent auction items. Grace Ministries thanks all the participants, families and friends that attended the event. The funds from the clay shoot assist Grace Ministries in their partnerships with the homeless and food ministry and community care meals for children over the summer. Again, thank you to everyone that made this event a success *"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,"* 1 Thessalonians 1:2

5th ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY EVENT

Grace Ministries held their 5th Annual Sporting Clay Classic on June 22, 2024, at Rose Hill Plantation and Hunting Preserve in Nashville, North Carolina. Rose Hill Plantation is a historic country estate with an 18th century manor house and an 830-acre cattle farm. The sporting clay range has been featured on ESPN Outdoors and is home of the Rose Hill Sporting Clay Challenge, one of the country's most elite clay tournaments. The clay shoot range has automated skeet and trap for the novice as well as the experienced sports shooter. In addition, Rose Hill is a quail preserve and offers guided and unguided hunts for quail and pheasant.



Dr. Ron Intini & Bert Woodburn

"I cannot believe this is our fifth year hosting this event. Each year, the event not only improves but also sees a rise in friendly competition, with participants eagerly vying for annual bragging rights," stated Bert Woodburn, Teaching Pastor for Grace Ministries. The day starts off with introductions, prayer, and a safety overview. There were forty participants, which created ten teams of four. Each team shot at eight different stations. Once all stations were completed by the teams, scores were tallied individually and shared among the participants. After the shoot, the participants are treated to a wonderful lunch served under a 100-year-old pecan tree.

The highlight of the event was the testimony of guest speaker, Dr. Ron Intini who is a board certified and residency trained family practice physician. He recently retired after forty years of serving two rural communities. He is known by his nickname "Doc" given to him by the men in his Grace Bible studies. Doc has an unending relationship with Christ and has led in-depth Bible studies for more than fifty years here and abroad. Grace Ministries is blessed to have him as a leader and an active participant in several Grace Bible studies.

Doc knew he wanted to be a doctor since the age of fourteen. "My journey to become a family practice doctor started with a one-year stint working at nursing homes and by caring for the patients God taught me compassion," stated Doc. "It was through that experience that I knew being a doctor was how God wanted me to serve him." Doc shared that "by having faith in the Lord, he let him take the lead in his life which led to medical school." Little did he know that he would study medicine in four different countries on four different continents and learn to speak three foreign languages. "Being a doctor was not easy, but I know I was called to the profession. I learned to perseverer through obstacles that came my way. Putting God first in my life, anchored in scripture and continual prayer got me through," remarked Doc.

"Medical school was incredibly intense, with countless hours of studying. Yet, God placed it on my heart to share and teach His word to others, as if I were not busy enough," stated Doc. "While I was in medical school in Chicago, I posted a notice in the school of nursing about hosting a Bible study. God had even bigger plans for me than just becoming a doctor. Through this Bible study group, I met my wife, Janet. We were both in medical school at the time, and we got married. We have now been happily married for over 43 years and have three children".

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YOUNG PRO'S MINISTRY

Grace Ministry USA has started a Young Pro's (Professional) Ministry for college students and working professionals between the ages of 18-25. This ministry helps college students and young adults navigate life's challenges through support and guidance rooted in Scripture. This a community created specifically to walk them through the transition into adulthood, by encouragement and Biblical teaching that equips them to thrive and live out their faith.

"Our Young Pro's is a place for young adults to share their hearts and lives through fun experiences, praying for one another, asking questions, study God's written word and bearing each other's burdens," said Bert Woodburn, Teaching Pastor for Grace Ministries. On Friday evenings ,we gather at the home of a Grace Ministries member. We often eat a meal together and en-



**Bert Woodburn with Connor,
at a NC State football game**

joy a time of fellowship. Then we are opening our Bibles together, reading it, talking about God's word, praying together, encouraging one another," commented Woodburn. The group is using the SOAP method (scripture, objective, application, and prayer) to study God's word.

Another aspect of the Young Pro's Ministry is to build relationships



**Members of the Young Pro's Ministry
enjoy a game of golf**

through various activities, mission work and events. In the past year members of the group have attended college football and soccer games, Winter Jam, played golf, served in the clothing and food ministry, volunteered at the Easter Egg Hunt and Car show. "My role is to help foster the Young Pro's to be healthy, successful and have fun! No one wants to go to a group that is not life-giving and life-changing," commented Woodburn. "I have seen God do amazing things with this group. "We started with eight members and have grown to fifteen. In addition, two have given their life to Christ and where baptized."

"Our Young Pro's Ministry is a safe and trusted community that strives to love and serve one another – meeting each other's needs, encouraging growth, and helping one another thrive. We try to create environments where young professionals can open their Bibles and open their lives together," said Woodburn. "I hope that our young pro's will come to know what their purpose is and that God can help them find peace through the storms and tribulations of life".

If you or someone you know who would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Bert Woodburn at gmusabert@gmail.com

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Unloading supplies

The area needed “boots on the ground” meaning firsthand volunteers. Brad reported “their was an immediate need for people to assist with supply and distribution at the Ashe County airport and anyone who can use a chainsaw.” Ministry Board Member, Ryan Cox and Bert Woodburn gathered the supplies requested along with additional necessities and went to Ashe County. Ryan spent his days cutting trees off roadways while Bert served at the Ashe County Airport.

With countless roadways into Western North Carolina, closed the fastest way to deliver supplies was by airplane. Ashe County Airport served as one of the hubs for receiving and delivering supplies. All flights were conducted by volunteer pilots from Operation Air Drop, a nonprofit organization comprised of private aircraft owners who deliver critical supplies to disaster-stricken areas. The airport donated the use of a airplane hangar for storage and residents coordinated the receiving and distribution of supplies.

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HOPE IN THE HIGHLANDS: AID FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Late in the evening Thursday, September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall in the Big Bend area of the Florida Gulf coast as a category four storm. It’s near-record-breaking size, storm surge, winds and rainfall together turned Helene into an almost unimaginable disaster that stretched five hundred miles inland impacting Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. Helene’s largest impact was across the southern Appalachians with the North Carolina mountains being the hardest hit. Hurricane Helene destroyed homes, businesses, farms, and other structures in its path. Twenty-five counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina were declared disaster zones by the federal government.



Devastation in Asheville, NC



Loaded up supplies

Helene left a trail of devastation in its wake. Homes were damaged, communities were torn apart, and the sheer force of the storm disrupted lives in unthinkable ways. There were 1,170 roads (N.C. DOT) washed out, leaving many isolated and cut off from essential supplies. Things we take for granted like fresh drinking water, flushing our toilets, electricity, cell phones, all destroyed. The emotional and physical toll on the residents is immense, as they face the daunting task of rebuilding their lives amidst the wreckage. Despite the hardships, the spirit of resilience and community support shines through, as neighbors come together to help one another recover from this disaster.

The stories and images of those affected in Western North Carolina are profoundly moving. As of Friday, October 19, 2024, there have been ninety-five fatalities and eighty-one people are still missing. Amidst the tragedy, a glimmer of hope emerges as people come together to support each other. There is an old saying that “we are all in this together” and it has never been more obvious than through the disaster of Hurricane Helene. Across the United State, spontaneous relief efforts have united hundreds of individuals, organizations, businesses, towns, and cities.

“Trust, Love, Serve” is our mission statement at Grace Ministries and we put it into action when we stepped up to assist those affected by Hurricane Helene. Brad Thayer is a member of Grace Ministries and lives in Ashe County, NC, one of the areas impacted by Helene. “When I called Brad to check on him after the storm it was a great relief to hear he was well and the damage he received was nothing compared to the surrounding areas. He did shared with me the urgent needs of the people in the area and ways Grace Ministries could assist,” said Bert Woodburn, Teaching Pastor, Grace Ministries.



Operation Airdrop 300 lb. load of supplies

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Grace Ministries, Helping Hands team has partnered with local churches and organizations in Franklin and Wake Counties to support those in need. We collected and distributed winter clothing, blankets, toiletries, and food for over 1000 homeless individuals and families. Deborah, a Helping Hands team member, stated, "There is no better way to show the love of Jesus Christ than serving others. God's word tells us in Matthew 5:16 *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*



Food for families

Grace Ministries also supplied area food pantries that feed more than 500 people yearly. During the summer months and on days when school was out, the Helping Hands team provided lunches to 30 families. These families also received holiday meals and food supplies for the festive season. "I volunteer with the food ministry because I had that need when I was a child. People go hungry every day, and I wanted to be the hands and feet like Jesus," stated Nicole with the Helping Hands team.

Thanks to the financial and in-kind contributions from our donors, we have been able to support those who are homeless, unemployed, and in need of food, helping them to become more self-sufficient. Through acts of service and sharing Christ's love, we've also had the opportunity to share the Gospel and invite individuals to welcome Christ into their lives.

With the holidays coming up the need for food and clothing will be even greater. Please pray for those who have less. If you would like to volunteer with the Helping Hands team, or support the ministry financially please email Bert Woodburn at gmsusabert@gmail.com

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Wake Forest Christian Leaders Prayer Fellowship, a part of Grace Ministries (formerly C3M), hosted the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2, 2024, in the town of Wake Forest and the Wake Forest Town Hall Centennial Plaza. The is a national observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for our nation, states and local communities. This year's theme was "Lift up the word-Light up the world."

The event started with multiple churches and individuals joining together at 11:15 a.m. at one of four starting points. The groups then set out for a 20-minute prayer walk around the town of Wake Forest. As they walked, they prayed for our communities, employees of local, state and national government, teachers, first responders and medical professionals. The groups all ended their walks at the Wake Forest Town Hall Centennial Plaza. Then at 12:00 noon Scott Graham, retired Wake Forest Police

officer led the National Day of Prayer service. Proclamations by President Biden, North Carolina Governor Copper and Wake Forest Mayor, Vivan Jones were read out loud by various attendees. Everyone then prayed for our American leaders and families.



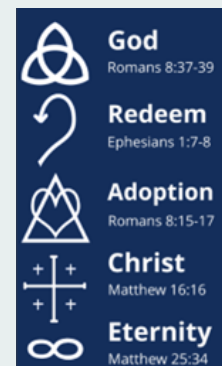
Prayer at Wake Forest Town

Pre-Martial Christian Counseling

Grace Ministries offers Biblical based pre-martial counseling for couples that are planning to marry. We believe that marriage is a sacred covenant between a man and a woman, and that God has a plan and a purpose for every marriage. The goal of pre-martial counseling is to help couples learn effective communication strategies, conflict management skills and problems solving skills. Grace Ministries created "Cultivating Your Marriage" which is a study the couple will work on together. It is about growing a marriage based on honoring God. We provide a safe and confidential environment for couples to receive guidance and support. If you would like more information please contact Bert Woodburn, Teaching Pastor for Grace Ministries, at gmsusabert@gmail.com.

The Gift that Keeps Giving

Share the Gospel of Christ by giving someone a Grace Ministries Finding Christ Bracelet. To get one email-Bert gmsusabert@gmail.com



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Some of the exhibits were police cars, fire trucks, and the National Guard patrol vehicle. The highlight of the evening was “dance with the cop” and the water balloon war. “There was nothing like an old-fashioned water balloon fight with your community neighbors and then to have it topped off with fire trucks adding extra water for everyone! The evening closed out with several siren blasts from one of the fire trucks,” commented Woodburn.

Thank you to the following exhibitors at the event: Franklin County Emergency Services, Creedmoor Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff's K9 unit, National Guard, Wake Forest Police Department, Target, Novozymes, Triangle Float Company, Sesquicentennial, Youngsville Gun Club and Range, Back the Blue, Girl Scouts, Scoops on Main, Safe Space, American Legion Post 52, NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization from the Department of Transportation and Grace Ministries. A special shout out to the Grace Ministries volunteers that made the children's games a big success. We have already started planning for next year's event.



National Night Out

KEVIN'S STORY: EMBRACING A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST



Kevin being baptized by Reverend Bert Woodburn

Grace Ministries Young Pro's Bible study started almost a year ago. Not only has it grown in numbers but one of the attendees, Kevin Gonzalez, accepted Christ and was baptized. Here is Kevin's Story. Bert has known Kevin for seven years. Bert and Kevin met through a young man named Victor who was a close friend of the Woodburn family. “I went a

few times to Grace Ministries Bible study with my cousin Victor a number of years ago. Life got busy, and I stopped going,” said Kevin. “A few months back, I bumped into Bert, and he invited me to the Young Pro's Bible study. Since then, I have been attending, diving into the Bible—a whole new and challenging experience for me—but I really enjoy learning about Jesus. I've made some great new friends.”

Kevin and Bert started meeting together and it was at one of those meetings that Kevin accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. This July Kevin was baptized by Bert with his family and friends there to rejoice with him. “My life is so different now. Before being saved I viewed life in a negative way. I now have a positive outlook on life and see the good in people. I am more talkative, helpful, and I have an eagerness for reading scripture” stated Kevin. One final note, “I now bring my sister to the young pro's Bible study, attend church regularly and take my family and cousin to church with me,” said Kevin.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out was held in Youngsville, NC on Friday, August 16. This event is a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring place to live. It enhances the relationship between neighbors, local law enforcement, members of various churches, and other community partners who are dedicated to building a united community. “I can't think of any other way to make our community safer than to meet your neighbors and our area first responders, than to have a fun “night out” together,” stated Bert Woodburn, Grace Ministries Teaching Pastor.

Grace Ministries helped plan and develop the National Night Out. During the event, we organized children's games, handed out prizes, and distributed Gospel bracelets. We also gave away over 600 hot dogs and 50 pizzas, which were generously donated. “Participating in this event was a fantastic opportunity to share the Gospel and build relationships,” remarked Woodburn. There were between 600 to 1000 attendees at the National Day Out.

The event started with a proclamation from the mayor of Youngsville, singing the national anthem and prayer. This was followed up with a siren blast to officially open the activities that included food, games, inflatables, exhibits, safety demonstrations, etc.

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HAIR UNDONE: TRANSFORMING LIVES, ONE STYLE AT A TIME

Hair Undone, a popular hair salon located in Wake Forest, NC has taken the initiative to support Grace Ministries by organizing a fundraiser. Mckenzie Taylor Godinez, owner of Hair Undone, attracts a wide range of clients. “It was a no brainer when Godinez approached us and offered to do a three-month fundraiser for Grace Ministries,” stated Bert Woodburn. The fundraising initiative drew a diverse crowd, offering them a chance to enjoy top-notch salon services while contributing to a worthy cause.



Receptionist at Hair Undone

It may seem odd to some people that a hair salon would do a fundraiser for a local ministry, but to Mrs. Godinez it made perfect sense. “I have been blessed to be in a position to support others than myself. Expanding the kingdom of God is a priority in my life. Grace Ministries embodies this mission by meeting the physical and spiritual needs of our local community,” said Godinez. Hair undone showcased information about Grace Ministries alongside a fundraiser thermometer. In addition, the stylist and staff shared details with their clients about Grace Ministries and its contributions to the community.



Hair Undone located in Wake Forest, NC

The response was overwhelming. Hair Undone and their clients raised enough money to fund food for five families for the next two weeks. Grace Ministries is so thankful to the clientele, stylists and staff at Hair Undone for their financial support. “This collective effort has not only raised essential funds for the ministry but also strengthened community bonds, showcasing the power of unity and shared purpose,” remarked Woodburn. Hair Undone has made it their mission to support non-profit organizations dedicated to providing essential services to the community.

“By offering discounted services and engaging activities, we aim to attract a wide range of clients and raise significant funds for nonprofits and their various programs,” commented Godinez. If you are interested in the services Hair Undone offers you can contact them at (919) 556-2592 or stop by the salon located at 3625 Rogers Road, #104, Wake Forest, NC. Their website is <https://www.hairundone.com> and they are also on Facebook and Instagram.

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“I was in awe of the sacrifice individuals had made to help. Area residents were spending their days loading supplies when they could have been taking care of their damaged homes. In addition, the pilots came from all over the United States. They did up to 100 flights a day bringing in and dropping off supplies. Some pilots did two to three drop offs in one day,” commented Woodburn.

“One of the hardest parts of serving at Operation Airdrop was seeing the devastation in the area and hearing heart breaking stories of survival and loss. I was overwhelmed by the generosity of Americans sending much needed supplies to the people of Western North Carolina. How amazing to see the immediate response of volunteers, helping one another. But the greatest part of my entire experience was seeing God hands in everything. 1 John 4:21 says, “*The one who loves God must also love his brother and sister, in both word and deed,*” I saw this scripture lived out by all who volunteered,” stated Woodburn.

We are dedicated to continuing our mission to support the people of Western North Carolina by partnering with several Christian charities for the near future. If you would like information on how you can help support our mission, please contact Bert Woodburn at gmusa-bert@gmail.com



“Your gift changes lives and helps us share God’s love with people every day.”

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“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 Ministries USA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to strengthening the faith of those who trust in Jesus Christ and to building relationships with those who are seeking to learn more about Christ, His teachings and His significance to our lives.

We are known for building meaningful relationships, one-on-one and through small groups. Small group approaches help us walk together through the Bible searching for answers to our lives—answers that provide meaning, purpose, fulfillment, peace and hope to our individual lives.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly, annual or one-time donation. We cannot enlarge our ministry reach without your financial support! Even if a monthly financial commitment is “small” in your eyes, all commitments are huge to us and add up to substantial, reliable support!

To support Grace Ministries USA go to the following link: <http://www.graceministriesusa.org/donate/> or mail your donation to: Grace Ministries USA, P.O. Box 595, Wake Forest, NC 27588

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