

Some Good News



Community Cares bag packing



Faith, Fun, and Fellowship

Thank you to all who have participated and have been in prayer for the "Handful of Rice" program. We were in awe of the generosity of this community of believers. In just three weeks time, our bible studies were able to gather up 280 cans of food, and gave over \$300 to helping those in need. Community Cares met in mid-August to pack and distribute 60 bags full of food to students in need. The next Community Cares food packing will take place in the fall.

Grace Ministries USA continues to offer life coaching and marriage counseling with a biblical approach. We meet one on one to discuss biblical principles as they apply to our life in the season we are in. Proverbs 11:14 states, "For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors." We are not meant to navigate through this life alone. Grace Ministries is committed to helping others through every stage of life that may come with its own

challenges. Through prayer, God's word, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are able to give insights and wisdom to help walk through these moments. If you are in need of counseling, please contact Pastor Bert Woodburn at gmsabert@gmail.com

Due to inclement weather, the National Night Out originally scheduled for August at Faith Baptist in Youngsville was postponed until September 5th from 6-8 pm. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Bert Woodburn at (919)495-5749.

We are excited to announce our Annual Sporting Clay Fundraiser event will be happening on October 25th from 9:30 am to 2 pm at the Rose Hill Plantation in Nashville, NC. Come out and test your luck on the sporting clay range which has been featured on ESPN while supporting a good cause. Single registrants are \$80 and a team of 4 are \$300. Sign up at graceministriesusa.org

This year Grace Ministries will be participating in the 20th Annual Youngsville Fall Festival and Car Show on October 11th from 9 am to 3 pm at Faith Baptist in Youngsville. We are excited about the opportunity for community outreach and letting others know who God is and what He is doing in and through Grace Ministries. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact Doug Murray at wolffpackdoug12@gmail.com

Mark your calendar for a pickleball fellowship event on November 8th from 9 am to 2 pm at Luddy Park in Youngsville. This will be a potluck style gathering. So, bring your best dish, family, and friends. A good time is sure to be had by all no matter your skill level.

Upcoming Events

- 9/5 National Night Out
- 9/18 Golf Tournament
- 10/11 Youngsville Fall Festival
- 10/25 Sporting Clay
- 11/8 Pickleball Fellowship



Scott and his beautiful wife, Nell



Scott's baptism

Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer is Scott Yates. He has served continuously on the board and is one of the founding members of Grace Ministries USA. He is currently serving as chairman of the board and teaches a Bible study at the Franklin Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation Center each week where his wife, Nell resides. Scott also leads the Wednesday morning online Bible study.

Scott met Nell while they were both newspaper reporters at the Fayetteville Observer. "It was a newsroom romance that blossomed," as Scott so beautifully said. They have been married for 33 years, have one son, and one grandson. Scott met Bert Woodburn about 12 years ago where they began having deep theological conversations about what being a Christ follower truly means. Scott dedicated his life solely to Christ 10 years ago and followed through with believers' baptism at his current church.

Nell was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2016. Scott used his talents to write a book based on his Alzheimer's caregiver journey. Scott said, "Blinding storms of worry with waves of fear and sorrow drown caregivers who believe burdens are ours alone. Writing this book between nursing home visits, my plan was to care for Nell at home. Drained of all strength as her abilities rapidly vanished, pleading prayers led me to know that the nursing home was His answer. Blessed to learn it is not our strength that carries us through the storm. We surrender in love. Jesus invites us to share the burden. Blessings guide each day with divine strength and peace."

Scott now teaches a Bible study at the nursing home with Nell right by his side. He begins and ends each study with music, bringing joy and peace to the residents as they listen. He reads and teaches scripture, and has even provided Bibles to those in need of one. He also leads a Men's Bible study on Wednesday mornings on zoom. If you are interested in joining that Bible study, please contact us at gmusa@graceministriesusa.org

Scott's book, "Everything is Going to be All Right" should be published in the coming months. We will provide a link on our website, graceministriesusa.org when it is available for purchase. We are thankful for Scott's commitment to our Savior and his many years of service to Grace Ministries.