

SOME GOOD NEWS



Hannah's baptism

Bible Studies

We invite you to get plugged into one of our Grace Ministries USA Bible studies. There are multiple options available in person or online. Check out the list of current studies at graceministriesusa.org/events

Celebrating Faith, Fellowship, and Service

June was a busy and exciting month for Grace Ministries USA as we celebrated spiritual growth, meaningful fellowship, and the opportunity to serve our community.

One of our Young Pros members, Hannah, recently took an important step in her faith journey by publicly professing her faith through baptism. Hannah was baptized by Lead Pastor Bert Woodburn while surrounded by friends, family, and fellow Bible study members who gathered to celebrate this special occasion.

Reflecting on her decision, Hannah shared, "God's been working on my heart the last few months, especially through Bible study, to help me learn more about who God is and what it means to be a true

follower of Christ. I see God's great work throughout my life, and am overwhelmed by His perfect love for us. I want to live for God, and God alone!"

We rejoice with Hannah as she continues to grow in her relationship with Christ and are thankful for the ways God is moving in the lives of those within our ministry.

June also brought a wonderful opportunity for fun and fellowship during our Pickleball Fellowship event. Several Grace Ministries USA members came out to enjoy friendly competition on the courts while spending valuable time connecting with one another. The event provided a unique opportunity for individuals from different Bible studies to build

relationships and strengthen the bonds within our ministry family.



Photos from Pickleball fellowship

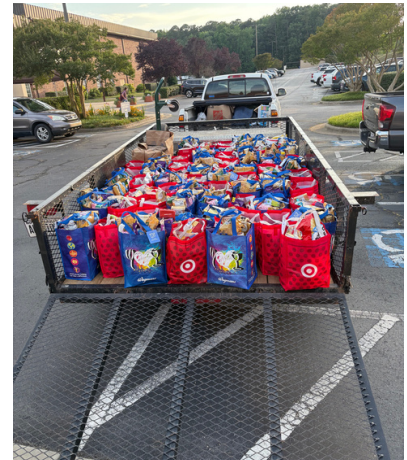
Grace Cares was also hard at work serving children throughout Franklin County who are facing food instability due to homelessness. This outreach truly became a community effort, with individuals across Franklin County and Wake County coming together to show the love of Christ to these children and their families.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who made this outreach possible. Because of your support, more than 140 bags of food were distributed to families during a season when resources can become scarce as school lets out for the summer.

As Scripture reminds us in 1 John 3:18, "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." This verse beautifully reflects the heart of our ministry as we seek to share Christ's love through both our words and our actions.

Would you please join us in praying for these families and for the children we serve? Pray that God would continue to provide for their needs and that He would enable Grace Cares to faithfully meet those needs in the months ahead. We are encouraged by the words of Jesus in Matthew 10:29-31: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from

your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Just as our Heavenly Father cares for the sparrows, we know that He sees and cares for each child and family we serve.



Bags for the children and families

Adopt a Child

As mentioned above, we had the privilege of providing food bags to homeless children throughout Franklin County, NC. This ministry opportunity was made possible through the generosity and faithful support of our community. We praise God for a body of believers who sacrificially give and share Christ's love with those in need.

During the summer months, many children who rely on school meal programs have limited access to food while school is out of session. At Grace Cares, we seek to bridge that gap by providing food support twice during the summer, along with additional assistance as needs arise.

Our first summer food distribution was a tremendous success! Because of your generosity, many children received much needed meals and encouragement. Our next distribution is scheduled for the end of July, and with such a quick turnaround, we need your help once again.

Would you prayerfully consider adopting a child to feed this summer?

On average, it costs Grace Cares approximately \$150 to provide 30 meals for one child. Your financial support can make a lasting impact in the life of a child facing food insecurity.

For those who would prefer to shop for a child, a list of needed food items is provided below. Please remember that all canned goods should be pop-top cans, as some children do not have access to can openers.

As always, Handful of Rice remains a weekly staple for Grace Cares, and we are deeply grateful for your year-round support of this ministry.

Bag contents: 19 cans of proteins (ravioli, spaghetti o's, etc), 8 cans of vegetables, 12 cans of fruit, 8 pudding cups, 1 box of oatmeal, 1 box of cereal bars, 1 box granola bars, 1 jar of peanut butter, and 1 box of 8 count crackers (nabs)