

# The Grapevine



## Romans 15:13

***May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

When a Christian begins to lose hope, it should concern us in the same way a check engine light concerns a driver. That warning light tells us something is not functioning properly beneath the surface. In the same way, a loss of hope can be a sign that something in our spiritual life needs attention. Like a good mechanic opening the hood of a car, we should examine our hearts and draw near to God.

Our Scripture reminds us that God is the God of hope. When you spend time with a hopeful person, your own spirit is often lifted. No one is more full of hope than God Himself. If we find ourselves discouraged and hopeless, it may be an indication that we need to spend more time in His presence.

In 1948 A.W. Tozer wrote these words that are as true today as when he wrote them. **“Within this hour of all-but-universal darkness one cheering gleam appears...there are to be found increasing numbers of persons whose religious lives are marked by a growing hunger after God Himself. They are eager for spiritual realities...They are athirst for God and will not be satisfied until they have drunk deep at the fountain of Living Water.”** Troubling times have always reminded the Church to turn wholeheartedly to the God of hope.



Romans 15:13 also tells us that God fills us with joy and peace as we trust in Him. In other words, when joy and peace are absent from our hearts, it may reveal that somewhere along the way we have placed our trust in some thing other than God. The more we trust in the Lord, the more joy and peace will fill our lives.

Finally, this verse says that God desires for us to “overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” When something overflows, it has more than enough. God does not want us to merely possess hope for ourselves; He wants us to have such an abundance of hope that it spills over into the lives of others.

What a wonderful opportunity we have in troubled times to point people to the only true and lasting source of hope: Jesus Christ.

Faithfully, Pastor Greg

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

## 8th Grade Promotion:

Haley Gearhardt  
Will Robbins

## High School: Emma Hershberger

## College: Megan Gilliland, Reagan Howell, Kendal Staley & Emma Sutherly



## Joys and Concerns

### JOYS

- *Jeannie Unger is doing much better & was back to church*
- *Darla York is doing much better & was back to church*
- *Marilyn Rowe's brother Marty is doing well with his chemotherapy*

### CONCERNS

- *Judy Taynor - surgery recovery*
- *Judy Hess - heart cath recovery*
- *The Family of Linda Newman upon her passing*
- *Babs Young - hospitalized*
- *Smoke Shoup - broken hip*
- *Donna Owens' aunt Joyce-radiation*
- *Gage Thompson -(8<sup>th</sup> grader) chemotherapy*
- *Lee & Debbie's daughter Ellie - has high blood pressure with her pregnancy*

John Jess	Evelyn Siebring
Suzan Suber	Lucas Shellhaas
Patty Taynor	Mark Adams
Helen Allen	Kathy Shellhaas

## Happy Birthday

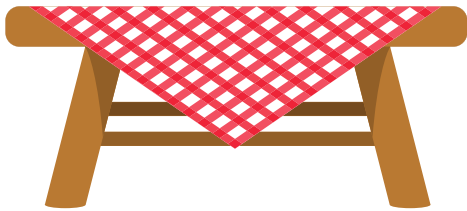
Jackie Drees-Burch, Patty Taynor  
 Maizey Knife, Jill Demmitt  
 Colton Sprankle, Brian Bowman  
 Carly Willis, Zachery Willis  
 Grant Garber, Ethan Roeser  
 Lucas Gilliland, Carol Sutherly  
 Emma Bowman, Colin Tackett  
 Bob Owens, Dick Sutherly  
 Josh Hershberger, Haley Gearhardt  
 Lillian Manning, Nick Miller  
 Mark Bair, Elizabeth Bair  
 Alysha Green, Benham Uhlenhake  
 Libby Douthit, Sam Jackson, Molly Shane

## HAPPY Anniversary

Dan & Mary Knife, Doug & Jackie Burch  
 Jay & Jill Benham, Sam & Trelissa Jackson  
 John & Kate Fulton, Brian & Jenny Petrick  
 Bob & Donna Owens, Gary & Jane Worthington  
 Josh & Jennie Gearhardt, Tom & Dawn Wallace  
 Carol & Bob Zimmerman, Randy & Sarah Walters  
 Eric & Jill Wright, Paul & Ronda Hershberger  
 Jeff & Angie Uhlenhake, Ian & Michelle Robbins  
 Isaac & Alisha Green, Jake & Alicia Hershberger

# Picnic July 12

for Pastor Greg  
Amy & Graham



## UPDATE:

*Pastor Greg's last Sunday with us  
will be July 12.*

We will have a carry-in  
picnic after church on his last day.  
We hope that everyone can come!

God has blessed Cove Spring Church  
with Pastor Greg, Amy, and Graham  
and we are extremely thankful for the  
Morrow Family and what they mean to us.

## BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School  
July 13-16, 10am-Noon

**SCUBA diving into friendship with God!**

Children Age 4 to just finishing 5th grade.

Please register your child by July 1st.

Volunteers are needed.

If you would like to help please reach  
out to Michelle Robbins

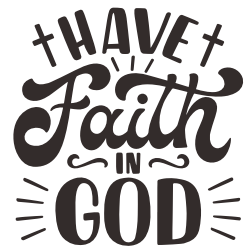
We are in need of: group leaders, station  
leaders, set up and clean up crews.



## PASTOR SEARCH

The Pulpit Committee  
has been meeting  
regularly, as well as looking through  
many applications & sermons. Our next  
meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

We are exploring many ways to get our  
job posting out to the best places. Dean  
Vincent used his drone and his A/V  
talents to make an amazing video to  
promote the job. You can watch that by  
going to our website or Facebook page.



## WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, if you are looking for a way to help stay in The Word, please consider joining us  
on Wednesdays at 12:30, in the Pastor's Office. Having just completed a study of

"Acts", the next study is ""Pray - Cultivating a Passionate Practice of Prayer" -

especially appropriate for this season. Summers (AND LIFE) are crazy for all of us.

Please know there is no condemnation if you can't be there! Even if our group is small,  
we try hard to gather. If for some reason we have to cancel one day, we stay connected  
through text so everyone knows. The summer plan is to meet through July, then break  
for August before resuming after Labor Day.

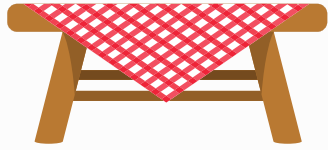
For questions, please call Jill 937-266-4456. If you would like to join us, please let Jill  
know so your name can be added to the text thread.



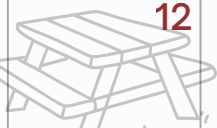
# JUNE

# 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>Deacon Bd. Mtg</b> 7pm	2	3 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	4	5	6
7	8	9 <b>Pulpit Committee Mtg.</b> 6:30pm	10 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	11	12 <i>Church reserved for WEDDING</i>	13
14 <i>Cove Spring Kids</i>	15	16	17 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	18	19	20
21 <b>Father's Day</b>	22	23	24 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 12:30p	25	26	27
28	29	30				



# JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30p</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30p</i>	9	10	11
12  <i>Communion</i> <i>General Fund Offering</i> <i>Picnic after church</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Bible School 10am to 12 pm, July 13-16</b>						
19 <i>Basement Reserved, 4pm</i>	20	21	22 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30p</i>	23	24 <i>Church Reserved WEDDING</i>	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Women's Bible Study 12:30p</i>	30	31	

# **Youth Director Position**

We are seeking a part-time Youth Director to minister to the youth and children of Cove Spring Church and the surrounding community. We currently have around 15 children (preschool – 5th grade) kids and 15 youth (6th –12th).

We are expecting this individual to invest 5 to 15 hours a week at a starting salary of \$12,000 – 15,000. We see this as a growing position in the church. As the youth and children's programs grow and more hours are needed there will be an increase in salary.

## **Youth Director's Responsibilities**

The leadership of Cove Spring is looking for a self-starter who will take full-ownership of the youth ministry using effective strategies and ministry methods for discipling our youth and reaching out to youth in the community. We welcome learning about ministry methods and approaches we may not have thought of. We envision ourselves supporting the vision of the youth director and he/she prayerfully leads effective youth and children's programs. With that in mind some guidelines for the youth director's responsibilities are below.

- Have one Youth Group meeting or activity per month for 6–12th age youth
- Have one family ministry activity per year for youth 6–12th and their parents
- Build positive relationships with Cove Spring Youth. Schedule permitting, attend one game or activity a year that the youth are involved in outside of church to support youth.
- Have one Cove Spring Kids meeting or activity per month for preschool–5th grade children.
- Recruit adult and High School age volunteers to work with the children's group.
- Either lead and organize or recruit a volunteer to lead and organize one special activity every quarter for the children's ministry; Easter Egg Hunt, Bible School, Harvest Party and Children's Christmas program.
- Attend the quarterly Church Business meetings to give a report of what the Youth Group and Cove Spring Kids have been doing.

## **Qualifications**

The Youth Director must evidence a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Must have a strong spiritual life including prayer and Bible reading. Must have a lifestyle that demonstrates a commitment to Biblical teaching. Ministry education through College coursework, Bible School, or ministry certification is preferred but not required. Must have good organizational skills. Able to set clear boundaries while fostering a supportive and respectful environment.

\*Typically, the Youth Group and Cove Spring Kids do not meet in August.

Please email [covespringchurch@gmail.com](mailto:covespringchurch@gmail.com) to apply or if you have any questions about the position.



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**2026 BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
*age 4 - going into 6th grade*  
**DUE BY JULY 1**

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Child's first name

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Child's first name

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Child's last name

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Child's last name

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**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_