

FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

Greenville Free Methodist Church
Week of Sunday, September 7, 2025

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY

Message from Pastor Steve Pichaske: I love this word from the Prophet (God-spokesman) Isaiah, "We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts. Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds remain *steadfast*, because they trust in you" (Isaiah 26:1b-3. Italics added). Our Healthy Habits of the Heart series comes to an end with a final "S" word: Steadfast. Sometimes, it's hard to see what God is up to...but the habits of Self-Examination, Simplicity, Slowing, and Seeking...with a Steadfast faith and trust in the Lord allow God to reveal His presence and His good plans for our lives. Join us on Sunday as we bring our brokenness into the presence of a good and living God.

Growth Classes meet 9:45-10:45am

- **Early Childhood** 2-3 year-olds meet in the Fruit of the Spirit Room (A112); 4-5 year-olds meet in the Preschool Room (B111)
- **Kids' Church** (Grades 1-5) meets in The LOFT at 9:45
- **Growth Class for Grades 1-5 is during the second half of second service.** Kids attend church with parents and are dismissed prior to the sermon. (Kids stay with parents on the first Sunday of each month for communion.)
- **Junior High** and **FMY Growth Classes** meet in A107.
- **Adult Growth Class in C101/103** – Led by Lucia Delamarter
- **Bible Basics Growth Class for August** in C107, led by Ray Myers. The theme for discussions is "*Call to Holiness: Dynamic Life from Spiritual Disciplines*," specifically looking at various Books of the Bible.
- **Growth Class beginning September 7** and continuing for 3 weeks: **Sacred Spaces, Holy Encounters**. Church architecture, design, and liturgy have intentional meaning. We will explore the symbolism and how worship in our spaces and our liturgy help us encounter God. Facilitated by Sarah Littlefield in C104 (FMY Room).

PrayCHURCH! Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm in the Prayer Room (A103)

Wednesday Night Programming:

- **The VOICES IN PRAISE CHOIR**, 6:00pm in the Fine Arts Room.
- **Children Birth-5th Grade:** 6:45-8:00pm, in The Loft. Kids may be dropped off as early as 6:30.
- **Young Teen and Senior Teens:** 6:45-8:00pm. Young Teens meet in The Young Teen Room (C102), and Senior Teens meet in the FMY Room (C104) in the CE Annex.
- **TRANSFORM Men's Group: Authentic Manhood, A Man and His Story**, in the Multi-Purpose Room at 6:45pm.
- **Prayer Gathering** meets at 7:00pm in the Prayer Room (A105)

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 5:30pm in the FMY Room. Dinner is provided for everyone at 5:30pm, large group and worship time is at 6:00pm and small group time is at 7:00pm. Free childcare is provided the entire evening. Anyone is welcome!

Local College Students are invited to participate in GRAFTED: The Gathering on Sunday nights 6:30-8:00pm in the Greenville University Upper Union for food (Taco bar and homemade cookies), community, and spiritual formation. This week, September 7, Isaac Barber, Asst. Vice President of Student Development, will be the speaker.



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COMING EVENTS

Weekend of Prayer: *The One Thing* is happening Thursday, September 4, 6:00pm through Sunday, September 7, 6:00pm. It's not too late to sign up [here](#) to pray at the church—alone, with a friend, or as a family. There are quiet spaces and interactive experiences for all ages, as well as self-serve communion. On Sunday night, September 7, 6:00pm, we will conclude with a time of worship and testimony at Durley Camp. All are welcome.

The **Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study** will begin meeting again on September 10, at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. They are continuing a study of the book, 'Behold the man,' a study of the Gospel of John by J.D. Walt. Newcomers are welcome. Books may be purchased through [Seedbed](#). Questions? Contact Dieadre Schaufelberger, 618-267-4166.

If you, or someone you know, needs help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you are invited to attend the free 13-week **Grief Share Support Group** at Greenville Free Methodist Church on Thursday evenings beginning **September 18, 6:00pm, in room C103 in the CE Annex**. Facilitators are John and Gini Dawdy and Barbara Vaughan.

September 21-28 is the next Women's Ministries Come-to-the-Table series. This is our bi-annual week of small group fellowship gatherings throughout the Greenville area. You choose where you go! Register at the back of the sanctuary or at greenvillefmc.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: GFMC has many areas where the congregation can serve within the church. Below you will find some of our current needs.

The **Audio Visual Team** is looking for people to help run the **sound board, operate cameras, and run power point slides**. Contact Eric Watterson at rikkr@yahoo.com.

Jesus loves the little children and so do we! We need a **2's & 3's teacher during the second service twice a month!** Curriculum is provided. Call Lisa Barber at 618-623-8364 to volunteer! You will be blessed by these littles.

The **Hospitality Team** needs friendly faces for the upcoming ministry year beginning in **September**. Team members serve **one Sunday a month from 8:00AM to 12:00PM**, helping to create a welcoming and friendly environment for everyone who walks through our doors. Whether you're holding a door, offering a smile, answering a question, or handing someone a bulletin, your presence will help make GFMC a place where people feel at home. **Sign up at www.greenvillefmc.org/serve. Or contact Rachel Tungate at rachel.tungate@greenvillefmc.org.**

The **Building and Grounds Team** is looking for people willing to invest in the life of the church through **landscape and/or maintenance care**. Contact Lolly Shaw at 618-664-2584 to express your interest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

- August Offerings: \$25,286; \$26,264 ; \$21,039; 14,899; \$11,042 Total: \$98,529
- Total Offerings Received to Date: \$692,865
- Total Budgeted Need to Date: \$752,252
- Budget deficit Year-to-Date: -\$59,387
- Benevolence Assistance Fund: Our current balance is \$543
- **Click [HERE](#) to give online.** Thank you for your continued and generous giving to the ministries of Greenville Free Methodist Church!

Greenville University invites you to join us for the **9th Annual Andrews Lecture** at Greenville University Whitlock Music Center, hosted by the Theology Department on Monday, September 22, at 7:00pm. This year's lecture will feature renowned theologian and author **Dr. Justo L. González**, speaking on the timely and important topic: ***Is Christian Unity Really Achievable?*** Admission is free and open to the public.

