

# GRAY ROCK CHURCH

Independent Methodist \* Ministry and Missions

## Letter from Pastor Brandon Hendricks



Greetings Gray Rock Church Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as we enter September!

This month, our church family will continue journeying together through our sermon series, “Praying like Jesus.” Prayer is one of the most familiar practices of the Christian life, but it is also one of the easiest to allow to become routine. Jesus shows us something deeper. His prayers reveal dependence on the Father, surrender to His will, compassion for others, and confidence that heaven hears. As we study the prayers of Jesus, my hope is that we will not simply learn more about prayer, but actually become people who pray more faithfully.

The disciples once came to Jesus with a simple request: “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). That same prayer should remain on our lips today. Prayer is not reserved for moments of crisis or for those who feel especially spiritual. It is the daily posture of disciples who recognize that our strength, wisdom, and direction come from God. I encourage you this month to press beyond simply hearing these messages on Sunday and put them into practice throughout the week—making intentional room to seek the Lord, listen for His voice, and bring the needs of others before Him.

We will also be gathering this month for a special Harvest Day on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, which will take the place of our traditional annual Homecoming celebration. Harvest has long provided the people of God with a beautiful picture of gratitude—recognizing that while we may plant and labor, it is ultimately God who gives growth and provides the increase. This day will give us an opportunity to worship together, give thanks for the Lord’s faithfulness, and celebrate the fruit He continues to produce within our church family.

Following worship, we will gather for lunch and fellowship, along with festive activities and games for the children. I encourage you to make plans to attend, invite family and friends, and enjoy this time of fellowship together. These moments matter. The church is not only a place where we worship beside one another; it is a family where relationships are formed, burdens are shared, and joy is multiplied.

As Paul reminds us, “I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow” (1 Corinthians 3:6). That is true of the harvest in the field, and it is equally true of the spiritual harvest taking place in our lives. We pray, we serve, we encourage, and we remain faithful—but God is the One who brings transformation.

May September be a month where we pray more deeply, trust more completely, and celebrate more gratefully. Let us ask the Lord to teach us to pray like Jesus and then watch with expectation for the harvest He produces through a church surrendered to Him.

Blessings and peace,  
Pastor Brandon Hendricks

## WHAT'S THE SCHEDULE ???

| NURSERY & CHILDREN'S<br>CHURCH                                                                                                         | DEVOTION                                                                                          | SANCTUARY CLEANING                                                                                                  |
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| <b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b><br>6 ELEANOR, TERA, SARAH<br>13 SONDRA, BETTY, SYDNEY<br>20 OLLIE, ELIZABETH, SARAH<br>27 DAWNEE, KELLY, ADDISON | <b>SEPTEMBER 2026</b><br>6 JARVIS<br>13 PAT<br>20 JOHN<br>27 <b>HARVEST DAY</b><br>NO SUN. SCHOOL | <b>CLEANING 2026</b><br><br>SEPT - MELISSA<br>OCT - MELINDA & KYLE<br>NOV - PAM<br>DEC - MELISSA                    |
| <b>OCTOBER 2026</b><br>4 MELINDA, PAM, CINDY<br>11 STACY, ASHLEY, SYDNEY<br>18 ELEANOR, TERA, SARAH<br>25 SONDRA, BETTY, SYDNEY        | <b>OCTOBER 2026</b><br>4 TREVOR<br>11 STACY<br>18 SYDNEY<br>25 RILEY                              | <b>HARVEST DAY</b><br>Food, Fellowship,<br>Children's Activities<br>Invite Your Friends !!!!<br><b>September 27</b> |
| <b>AUGUST CHOIR PRACTICE</b>                                                                                                           | <b>GRASS MOWING 2026</b>                                                                          | <b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>                                                                                              |
| 3 - THURSDAY - 7:00 pm<br>10 - THURSDAY - 7:00 pm<br>16 - WEDNESDAY - 7:00 pm<br>24 - THURSDAY - 7:00 pm<br>30 - WEDNESDAY - 7:00 pm   | SEPT - JASON, TREVOR, RILEY<br>OCT - KYLE & CURTIS                                                | Save the Date !!!<br>Trunk or Treat<br>October 25                                                                   |





**IRON SHARPENS IRON**

*"Discipleship, Fellowship,  
Spiritual Development"*

**1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAYS  
OF THE MONTH  
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

...in the fellowship hall

Contact: Joe, Mike, or Kathy

**Tuesday**

**KOINONIA**

**Bible Study & Fellowship**

**12:30pm @  
Fellowship Hall**

**7:00pm @  
The Parsonage**

✓ Snacks Provided!



## OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

**Koinonia** | every Tues. | 12:30pm @ Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm @ Hockaday's  
**Nursing Home Choir** | every Tues. | 10:30 A.M.  
**Youth Group** | every Sun. | 6:30 P.M.  
**Finance Meeting** | Sun, Sep 13th @ 7:00 P .M.  
**Men's Fellowship Event** | Mon, Sep 14th @ TBD  
**Women's Fellowship Event** | Thu, Sep 17th @ 6:00 P.M.  
**Worship Committee Meeting** | Sun, Sep 20th @ 7:00 P.M.  
**Nominations Committee Meeting** | Sun, Sep 20th @ 6:00 P.M.  
**Iron Sharpens Iron** | Wed, Sep 23rd @ 6:00 P.M.  
**Harvest Day – Worship Service & Lunch** | Sun, Sep 27th @ 11:00 A.M.  
**Mission Team Golf Tournament** | Fri, Oct 2nd @ 8:00 A.M.  
**Stew Fundraiser** | Sat, Oct 24th @ TBD  
**Trunk or Treat** | Sun, Oct 25th @ 5:30 P.M.  
**Women's Conference** | Sat, Nov 14th @ TBD



### Children's Ministry

We can't wait for **Harvest Day on Sunday, September 27th at 11:00 am!** To make the day extra special, we're adding fun activities for kids during our church luncheon and fellowship time after the service. Bring the whole family!

Also save the date for our October Children's Ministry activity -Trunk or Treat on **Oct. 25th** at 5:30pm!! 🎃



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## MYF NEWS

The youth met on August 2nd enjoying time in the Word and fellowship time together too. We also enjoyed the church functions going on during a busy August. We are currently working on new plans for our youth group this Fall and will give updates soon. For now these are current upcoming plans for

### September:

Sept. 6th - no youth - Labor Day weekend

Sept. 13th - ACIM 6:30pm

Sept. 20th - TBD

Sept. 27th - Harvest Day at church



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## Mission Team News

Our Mission Team is working on our Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. It will be Oct. 2nd at South Granville Country Club. If you're interested in signing up to play, contact Jason. We are currently looking for business sponsors as hole sponsors and other donations for prizes. If you know any businesses that might be willing to help, please let us know.

The mission team will not be doing the Mum sale this year since we don't have the Wilton Fall Festival to set up at. Instead please still support our local Bullock's Nursery by going there to get your mums or ordering mums from Lily Shaeffer for her FFA group.

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## Food Ministries

**Mothers Love, INC.** - Gray Rock participates with Mothers Love, INC. to help feed homeless people in Granville County. Every Tuesday **two** volunteers from Gray Rock, provide a meal for 10 to 15 people and take the fellowship hall. Pam plates these meals and delivers them to Mother's Love, who then delivers them to the homeless in our community. If you want to help with this ministry **in any way**, please **contact Pam**.

**Backpack Buddies** - School has begun and so has our participation in the Backpack Buddy Program. We are now helping kids in need at Youngsville Elementary School. Items needed include: individual snack items such as peanut butter crackers, granola bars, goldfish packs, fruit gummy snacks, etc. Thanks for your support of Backpack Buddies!

**ACIM** - ACIM, always needs our monthly food donations. September's donation food is pasta items (spaghetti and sauce, canned pasta, etc.) but any food donations are appreciated. Place them in the fellowship hall, in the marked basket. The youth group volunteers monthly at ACIM, restocking shelves and preparing food boxes but **we need more volunteers with us, not just youth**. **We typically volunteer on the 2nd Sunday of each month so this month will be September 13th.** Thanks for your support of ACIM!!



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### REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR :

Gary Shelton, high school students deaths, Lexi & family, Charlotte Fonvielle, Kathy's sister, Cobb family, Levon Branch & family, Dennis Whitton, Len Priode, family of Kristen Hicks, Kathy's mom, Pat Newton, Wallace family, Sandra McLagan, Woodcock family, Riley's coworker & family, Carver family, Overby family, Warren family, U.S. personnel on ships, Kayla Thrower, Jeff Brummitt, students & staff returning to school, Judy Priode, family of Bryan Stovall, family of Greg Cheatham, family of Tommy Jenkins, Georgia's friend, Trayson, Rachel Jones, Margaret McLain, Bruce Dement, Janice Satterwhite, family of Danny Autry, Brooke's friend, John Keefer, family of Harold Puckett, family of Charles Daniel, armed service members deployed to middle east, Carolyn Houk, Barry Hatcher, Callie, Colorado wildfires, Venezuela earthquake victims, Kentucky flood victims, Len Priode, Christine Martin, family of Whitaker Hicks, family of Isaac Edward, Jay Cox, Thomas Albrighten, Jaxon Valdes, Addie Daniel, Sonya Carver & family, Johnny Emory, Taylor Driscoll, Joanna, Jeremy's dad, Joan Sinkonich, Gina Nelson, Madison, Carlos Valdes, Ken's family, Tommy Rebant, family of Chris Parish, Johnny Medford, John Montague, Pastor Brandon & family, village area Christians in India, Kaden Miller, Nick Houk, Dorothy Munn, Michael Hayes, Kat's grandma, Lorelei & Kent Hendrickson, Aaron & young man, Eddie Wright, Pam's cousin, Ainslee Kidd, Megan Adcock, and Josh's grandma.

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**Tithes and Offerings :** These can be given in person on Sunday's. If you prefer, you may also set up online giving by scanning the QR code below and following the prompts on the Church Center app.



# September

2026

August

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| SUNDAY                                                                     | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY                                                          | WEDNESDAY                    | THURSDAY                                                   | FRIDAY                     | SATURDAY |
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| 6                                                                          | 7                                 | 8                                                                | 9                            | 10                                                         | 11                         | 12       |
| NO YG - HOLIDAY                                                            |                                   | BD - Elissa<br>NH Choir - 10:30 am<br>KON - 12:30 & 7 pm         |                              | BD - Mike S.<br>Choir Practice - 7:00pm                    |                            |          |
| 13                                                                         | 14                                | 15                                                               | 16                           | 17                                                         | 18                         | 19       |
| Finance Meeting - 7:00pm<br>YG - ACIM 6:30PM                               | Men's Fellowship Event - Time TBD | ANV - Curtis & Gina<br>NH Choir - 10:30 am<br>KON - 12:30 & 7 pm | Choir Practice - 7:00 om     | ANV - Jerry & Elissa<br>Women's Fellowship Event - 6:00 pm |                            |          |
| 20                                                                         | 21                                | 22                                                               | 23                           | 24                                                         | 25                         | 26       |
| Nominations Cmte. Mtg. - 6:00 pm<br>Worship Cmte. Mtg. 7:00 pm<br>YG - TBD |                                   | NH Choir - 10:30<br>KON - 12:30 & 7pm                            | Iron Sharpens Iron - 6:00 pm | Choir Practice - 7:00pm                                    | ANV - Joe & Bridget        |          |
| 27                                                                         | 28                                | 29                                                               | 30                           | 1                                                          | 2                          | 3        |
| HARVEST DAY - 11:00 am<br>BD - Lucille S.<br>YG - HARVEST DAY              |                                   | NH Choir - 10:30 am<br>KON - 12:30 & 7pm                         | Choir Practice - 7:00pm      |                                                            | STEW FUNDRAISER - OCT. 2ND |          |
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YG - Youth Group    KON - Koinonia    NH - Nursing Home Choir

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Samuel

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