

Backyard Bible Club

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Backyard Bible Club

2 ways TO GET involved

By Lead Children's Ministry Coordinator Natasha Miller

1. REGISTER

Registration is open for all Backyard Bible Club sites; hopefully, you can find one in your neighborhood! We encourage everyone to invite neighbors who do not attend Grace, as this is a great way to share the gospel with your community. Click on the sites below to access the registration forms, and please share the link with anyone you wish. All sites start at 6:30pm and end at 8pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Lockmoor cir, NORTH LIBERTY

MONDAY, JULY 8 – THURSDAY, JULY 11

quail ridge park, NORTH LIBERTY

SUNDAY, JULY 28 – WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

GOLDFINCH DR, Tiffin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Deerfield park, NORTH LIBERTY

2. VOLUNTEER

BBC can't happen without many wonderful volunteers. If you would like to be part of one of the BBC sites, [please fill out the volunteer form here](#) and we will get you plugged in. 🌿



baptism *class*

Our two-part baptism class is for anyone who wants to learn about baptism and/or pursue being baptized at Grace.

This class is a requirement to be baptized at Grace.

Register at graceb3.org/baptism or on the app.

June 9 & 16
8:30am

[Sign up for baptism class here](#)

SERVING THE CHURCH

By Student Ministry Director Brian Hagedorn

OVER THE YEARS, ONE OF THE CORE VALUES WE HAVE IMPRESSED UPON OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES is the importance of serving and using the gifts and abilities God has given them to bless others, build up the church, and glorify God.

Serving is not just for the “qualified” individual, but is an aspect of being and making disciples. What a joy it has been to watch students jump in and serve in various roles around our church, both in visible roles and in behind-the-scenes ways. In fact, you may have seen some students on your way into Sunday services, helping with the Children’s Ministry classes or handing out coffee!

Even with all those great things happening, my favorite has been watching students and families serve together. Sometimes it's the parents who sign up their family, other times the student has signed up to serve and asked their family to join them. Either way, I have heard countless stories from these students and families about the joy and memories they have made serving together.

I encourage you to consider finding some way to serve together and use the gifts and talents of each family member to build up the body of Christ. 🌿

WAYS TO SERVE THE CHURCH

There are many ways to serve at Grace, nearly any skill can be used to connect and bring glory to God. We have volunteer positions in the following areas:

- Children's Ministry
- Music
- Connections
- Facilities
- Men's Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Student Ministry
- Production
- Short-Term Mission Trips

Not sure what area needs your help?

Fill out this form and we'll help you find a spot where you can shine.



family sit-together

5.26 – 9.1

All children kindergarten and up will join their parents for the worship service beginning May 26 until Sept 1.

Classes will remain available for the nursery and 2-year-old rooms.

Questions?

**Contact Natasha at
natasham@graceb3.org**

SUMMER UPDATES

*By Student Ministry Director
Brian Hagedorn*

IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY YEAR EVERYONE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO, waiting with anticipation, and bursting with excitement for our Student Ministry summer updates! Okay, well, maybe they are just waiting excitedly for summer itself... but whatever the case, I'm going to tell you about what we have planned for this summer in Grace Student Ministry (GSM). We are excited about it, and we hope the things we planned will bless, challenge, and encourage our students and all who participate.

First, like last year, we will **pause our Wednesday night gatherings for the summer**; instead, we will meet with junior high and senior high at different times. This change



allows us to acknowledge the change in rhythms for students, families, and leaders in the summer. It also allows our volunteers flexibility to rest or go on vacation with their families without leaving an unmanageably large group on Wednesdays for a few staff and volunteers.

SUMMER GROUP MEETINGS



JUNIOR HIGH
TUES 9:30-11AM
STARTING 6/11
TAP FOR DETAILS

SENIOR HIGH
THURS 6:30-8PM
STARTING 6/13
TAP FOR DETAILS

This year, we are excited to study through the curriculum “Visual Theology: A Guide to Christianity.” Here are a few prayer requests for our summer meetings:

- They will produce many valuable conversations as we discuss various aspects of our faith

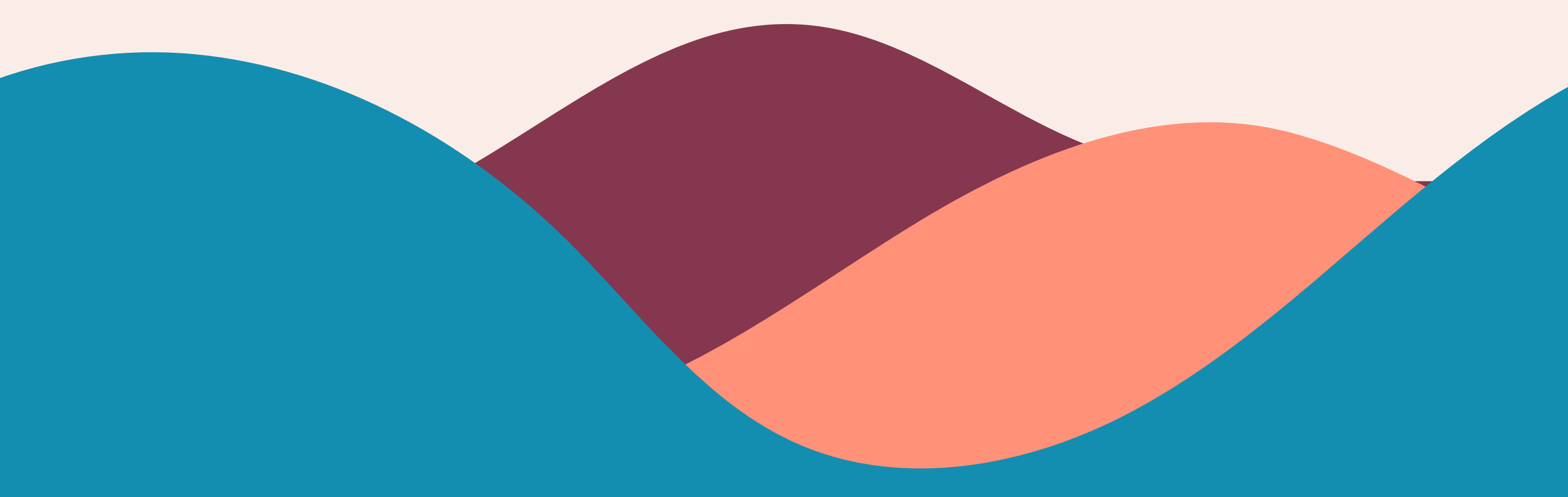
- Our theology and understanding of God will deepen
- We will truly change our thinking and processing of the world and our decisions, i.e., relationships, work/school, etc.

SUMMER CAMPS

One of the most anticipated parts of summer is, of course, summer camps. Many of our students attend **Hidden Acres Camps**, and several of them will even work there! A week at summer camp can offer students an opportunity to get out of their comfort zones, step away from their normal day-to-day routines, and be removed from many of life's distractions. They will hear the gospel proclaimed, be challenged to study God's word for themselves, and get to know others.

SUMMER HANGOUTS

In addition to the junior and senior high groups and summer camp opportunities, we will offer some events where the main goal is for students to spend time getting to know their peers and leaders better, or possibly for the first time, and be able to invite friends



they know from school or work in a way that feels accessible to them. These include **a trip to Lost Island**, a gathering at **Penn Meadows Park for games, ice cream** and, of course, a lot of fun and laughter, and in a final salute to summer, our **Back to School Bash** at the North Liberty Rec Center.

For all the details, registration information, and ways to connect, visit graceb3.org/events, stop by the office, or email me at brianh@graceb3.org.

We would love to hear from you and share about Grace Student Ministry! 🌿

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register at graceb3.org/events

Deerfield Park August 4 - 7

Quail Ridge July 8 - 11

Tiffin July 28 - 31

Lockmoor Circle June 23 - 26



Ministry Update

GRANDPARENTING MATTERS

By Elder Tom Widmer

"I've worked hard to reach retirement, served my church for years, and put others' needs ahead of my own. And I've raised my children. Now is the time to enjoy my grandchildren on my terms – sugar them up, spoil them, and send them back home. They are so cute and fun for a few days, but 'thank you, Jesus, that I'm not raising kids today!' I pray for them, give them things I didn't give their parents, and hopefully they will turn out okay. I just want to disconnect a bit, relax, and enjoy life."

Does this sound familiar to you? It's a normal attitude for grandparents in our culture. Not just within the secular world, it's prevalent amongst the more than 30 million grandparents in the U.S. who identify as Christian. It also described my thinking about retirement until God opened my eyes to what Scripture says:

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.” Deuteronomy 4:9

That is just one verse among many in the Bible directed toward grandparents.

You might think, *“Isn’t it my children’s responsibility to raise their own kids?”* Yet the Bible says as much about grandparenting as it does about parenting, if not more. As followers of Jesus, let’s take our direction from Scripture, not culture.

While parents have primary responsibility and influence, **Scripture calls grandparents to support, supplement, and encourage our grandchildren.** God directs us to intentionally train and interact with our grandchildren, regardless of circumstances, barriers, or their ages. Ask God to show you how best to love and relate to your children and grandchildren.

Do you really believe that your life on earth will be over in a few decades at most? Do you trust the commands and promises of Scripture? Do you love your children and grandchildren more than pleasure? Do you

want to leave a legacy that influences your family beyond this generation? I want to see my grandchildren and great-grandchildren living for Jesus. I know you do too!

The Grace Grandparenting Ministry is a way to find tools and resources to help you in this journey and connect with other grandparents. **Join our next quarterly gathering on August 4 at 6 pm or take the six-week “Grandparenting Matters” class during the second service beginning September 22.**

Visit graceb3.org/grand-parents to learn more about joining others like you who want to leave a godly legacy by being intentional Christian grandparents. 🌿

**JOIN THE GRANDPARENTING
MATTERS MAILING LIST HERE**

Summer Picnic

SEASONED SISTERS

Saturday June 22nd 10am - noon
Kent Park • Deer Run Shelter
Join us for a time of food and fellowship!

Seasoned sisters are invited to welcome summer with a park gathering! We will get together at a reserved shelter at Kent Park for encouragement, Bible study, fun, and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. You don't need to bring anything.
Invite a friend!

Seasoned sisters are women 50+ who typically have adult children, are grandmothers, empty-nesters, or retired.

Saturday June 22 10am* - 12pm
Deer Run Shelter at Kent Park
(2048 Hwy 6 NW, Oxford)

Event is free to attend

*** If you would like to carpool, meet at Grace North Liberty by 9:30am.**